

# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 June 25, 2023  
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### Church Hours

Sunday Mass 9AM  
 Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM  
 Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

Parish Office Hours 9AM-2PM  
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Pastor, Gerald Kaggwa  
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Please call the office about arranging Baptisms, Marriages, the RCIA Program, Sacraments of Anointing, Reconciliation, Sick Calls, the schedule for Holy Days, and our Rosary Ministry.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

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### MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: This Day God Gives Me #639

Lord Have Mercy #913                      Glory To God #914

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel Acclamation: The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify.

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33                      Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: In Every Age #472

Holy: #917

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this bread, and drink this cup we proclaim your death O Lord until we meet again.

Lord's Prayer: page 26

Lamb of God: #922

Communion: Take and Eat #359

Mediation: Be Not Afraid #438

Recessional: Stand By Me #396



### July Birthdays

1st-Kim Rector & Yvelisse Cabocel, 2nd-Kathy Kauffman, 4th-Lisa Forte & Eileen Wagner, 5th-Leisa DeCollibus, 9th-John Charbeneau, 11th-Brendan O'Brien & John Clair, 12th-Annamarie Boanno, 13th-Bill Plunkert, 15th-John Weidner, 16th-Jim Brown, 17th-Sal Messina, 20th-Betty Hodge & Andrew Bury, 21st-Kathy Swinehart, 24th-Laurie Mears, 27th-Jo Brown & Ingrid Borden, 29th-Chris Tutak, 30th-Bill Harris.

If you would like to add your name to the Birthday/Anniversary list please contact the office.



### July Anniversaries

7th-Bill & Georgia Campbell, 16th-Tom & Bea Foley.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Today-12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (No pancake breakfast)  
 Farewell reception for Fr. Gerry from 4-6pm  
 June 29th-Parish Council Meeting 9:30am  
 July 1st-COV named a parish in 1983  
 "A Hearty Welcome to Father Koo" 1st Mass @COV  
 July 2nd-13th Sunday in Ordinary Time "Father Koo/Fr. Johnny"  
 July 5th & 6th-No Daily Mass and Adoration change.  
 July 9th-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Scholarship handouts  
 July 16th-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Community Leader

Bill Puttman

Altar Server

Ray Kostaskey

Lectors

Tom Shoemaker/Becky Nunn

Sacristan Noelle Harvey

### Extraordinary Minister for Holy Communion

Bread: Noelle Harvey/Kari Lee Donovan

Cup: T. Dorman/A. & E. Wolski

Music Cantor

Cindy Powers

Collection Counters

Harris/Gray

June 25, 2023

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION from June 11, 2023

Collection:	\$ 2,653
Second Collection: Catholic Virginian	\$ 377
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 124,637
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 119,804
Loan Balance	\$ 159,104

There is no Second Collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:  
 \$156 Printer Lease.

### LEGACY

Permanent endowments are gifts that keep on giving. If the endowment agreement states that the principal shall never be invaded and that income is paid out to support a designated cause through your church, then your gift is "forever."

Trusts allow you to make a gift to your church in the future. You may set up the trust now and keep the income for yourself or other beneficiaries as long as you choose, or for life. The church will receive the property after that. There are special tax benefits for these kinds of trusts.

Charitable Remainder Trusts allow you to make a gift to your church while retaining income from the gifted asset during your lifetime (and that of your spouse). If the trust is funded with appreciated property, capital gains taxes may be avoided. There will also be a significant current income tax deduction at the time the trust is created.



### ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the rosary every Sunday before Mass. We begin at 8:30 am in the new worship area & we welcome all to join in this beautiful devotional prayer.

No experience necessary! We have books and rosary beads available for use.  
 If you have any questions please see Cindy Jessee.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place the first Thursday of every month.

July 13, 2023 from 9:30am-10:30am.

You can come in any time during this hour and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Father Koo will give the Benediction at 10:30am.



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Because we scheduled a farewell reception for Father today we will not be having our regular scheduled pancake breakfast.

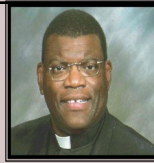


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FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of our pastor and friend, Fr. John Boddie, from whom flowed love and kindness to all who knew him. May his soul rest in peace. Money from these ads are used as scholarships given to the youth of our church. Please make your checks payable to THE FR. JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Checks and ads can be deposited in the church office. The charge per space is \$100. Thank you for your continued support. *The Scholarship Committee*



Website for scholarship application: [www.church-of-the-visitation.org](http://www.church-of-the-visitation.org)

Application deadline: *Early March 2023*

In memory of  
*Mollie McMurtrie*  
my long time friend.  
I will miss you.  
*JoAnn Nolte*

In loving memory of  
*Joseph H. Nolte Jr.*



Forever,  
*JoAnn*

Take Home Lesson for Sunday

June 25, 2023

The Reassurance of Faith

In last Sunday's Gospel Jesus gave the apostles special authority and began their instruction for their mission to the "lost sheep of the tribe of Israel." Jesus goes on to tell the apostles that he is sending them "like sheep in the midst of wolves" and they can expect to be persecuted by those who refuse to listen to them. Then, he tells them at the beginning of today's Gospel how they should respond to the expected persecutions: "Fear no one."

A recurring comment from the adult bible studies that we have conducted here at our parish is how often in scripture we hear the message, "Do not be afraid!" or "Fear not!"

It is the first thing Mary hears from Gabriel during The Annunciation. Joseph hears in his dream to not be afraid to take Mary into his home. In John's Gospel, when the disciples see Jesus walking on the sea, he says to them, "It is I. Do not be afraid."

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples two more times not to fear, including this command: "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." (Matthew 10:28a)

Scripture scholar Stephen Wilbricht comments: "The dire warning that death is a possible outcome of the apostle's mission is cause for fear, yet Jesus helps the disciples to shift their focus from fear of bodily harm and death to the importance of preserving one's soul in the face of the wicked. Because of their identity as followers of God, they are cared for by God. They must act in a manner that illustrates this, trusting in God and remaining in him."

Fear is overcome by trusting in God, remaining in God. Fear is overcome by faith.

The Catechism teaches that faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to man. We can lose this priceless gift, as Saint Paul indicted to Timothy: "Wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made shipwreck of their faith." (1Tim 1:18-19) To live, grow, and persevere in the faith until the end we must nourish it with the word of God; we must beg the Lord to increase our faith; it must be "working through charity," abounding in hope, and rooted in the faith of the Church. (CCC 162)

Just as the apostles are sent out on mission, we too are called to proclaim the kingdom of God and bring good news to those in need. At times, that mission may be inconvenient and may make us very uncomfortable or even worse. In thinking about those times, our Take Home Question this week is:

**When has your faith in Jesus been most seriously tested?**

ORDINARY TIME

We have now re-entered the period of the Liturgical Year entitled Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

Because of the term ordinary in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

The normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time for those days when there is no special feast is green. Green vestments of the priest and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.



DAILY CHAPEL NAMING

Last week Father Gerry named the Daily Mass Chapel "Jack Petralia Daily Chapel." He did so to recognize the countless contributions Jack made to the church from the moment he joined the church with wife Louise in 1995 until his death in 2022. His contributions to the parish truly embodied the three "T's" Time, Talent and Treasure. He gave his time to many projects, secular and non-secular; he gave his talent to planning and repairing things; and he gave his treasure to support the church in its financial endeavors. He was a daily Mass attendee, doing the readings, so it is only fitting and appropriate that the Daily Mass Chapel be named after him.



Bless you Jack.

*Words are inadequate to express my emotions and gratitude to Fr. Gerry for naming the Chapel for Jack. He represents the many who were his partners in bringing the expansion of the church from dream to reality and making COV such a special place.*

*Thank you all Louise.*

FATHER JOHNNY'S VISIT



Despite caring for three parishes while the Senior Priest is gone, Father Johnny slipped away for a quick visit Thursday two weeks ago, showing up to co-celebrate Daily Mass with Father Gerry. He toured our facility, met briefly with our office staff,

visited the rectory (beautiful, he said) and toured FdS before returning here for a quick lunch.

What did we learn? He's a gregarious and humorous person; he can be called Father Koo (pronounced Ko), a Ghanian name given to him at birth; looking forward to coming here; similar in appearance and stature to Father Gerry; speaks English understandably.

To help his transition, when he arrives here, we will prepare a briefing schedule for all ministries and councils to familiarize him with their functions and operations. We will publish it when a firm arrival date is established.

A PRAYER FOR OUR FATHER GERRY



Dear God,

I pray for our Father Gerry who is leaving our parish at the end of the month. He has been here long enough that we really have gotten to know and love him as he has been such an integral part of our lives. We are already missing him, and he hasn't even left yet. Bless him as he goes and help us welcome our new priest with care and love. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

I ask that you fill his heart and mind with good memories from his ministry here. I know you are guiding him, and his ministry and you are preparing us for a new person as well. May we all, together, give you praise and thanks for the many blessings you have given to him, and us, during his caring ministry amongst us.



I pray these things in the loving name of Jesus Christ, Amen



MARGE SAYS "THANKS"

Marge Dembeck sent her fondest thanks to us this week for sharing her 99th Birthday with her last Sunday and celebrating with a birthday cake at Social Sunday.



The Scripture readings for this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time challenge us to put all trust in the Lord. We must preach the Gospel of Christ through our words and lives without fear. He knows everything that is going on in our life, He loves us he will take care of all our needs.

The first reading tells us how the prophet Jeremiah trusted in the power of God while he faced opposition for his prophetic ministry. He was intimidated by attacks upon his character, but he was unafraid to speak out in the name of the Lord. This reading, from one of the sections of the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah referred to as the Confession of Jeremiah, relates how Jeremiah's enemies were looking for ways by which they could denounce him to the King, condemn him, even have him killed, because the King had confidence in Jeremiah. The people looked at him as one of the greatest prophets sent to them by God. But now, Jeremiah is tested. He decides to give witness to God although that meant persecution from the politically powerful men gathered around the King. He decides to fear God rather than be afraid of men.

Today's Gospel passage is taken from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as he sends them forth to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simple lives and to expect opposition and rejection. After having foretold future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages his disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged, "Fear no one!" "Do not fear!" "Do not be afraid!" Instead of shrinking from their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly, because they will be protected just as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection. Hence, Jesus commands his disciples not to fear their persecutors. He presents before them the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' trust and hope in God. The readings hint at the opposition we future Christians will encounter as we carry on the work of Jesus in the world, and they encourage us to persevere in doing the work of Jesus. They assure us that we will be successful, despite the opposition we encounter.

We need to be afraid of nothing and nobody because our life is in the hands of a loving God. Sometimes we are afraid that we will make a wrong decision. At other times, we are afraid of what others will think when we speak up for Jesus. We are afraid of what the future will bring to us, our children, our loved ones, and our friends in general. We are also afraid of growing old, of bad health. Every fear we have is grounded in the knowledge that we have something or someone to lose. I can lose my job, family, house, money, health and even life itself. We are afraid of being rejected by others, especially our friends. This fear of rejection leads some of us not to live according to our Christian values.

Because of fear we forget one thing which is important: that whatever trouble or crisis we face at that moment, God understands it and is far powerful that what we fear. Our Heavenly Father knows exactly what is happening. This is the good news: to know that God is always on our side; that our life is in the hands of a loving God! These days, it takes tremendous courage to be a witness of Christ, to show our faith in God. The trials of Jeremiah in the first reading are very present in our time. And yet like Jeremiah we are called to be prophets, to be Apostles of God's truth, of the Gospel of Christ to the World without fear.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V. F.

Please Remember in your Prayers



Mary Heeke, John O'Connor, Kenneth Anderson & Eugene Sidoli

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If you need to add to the prayer list please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box outside the office. Remember to put family or friend by their name.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FATHER GERRY

We have scheduled a farewell reception for Father Gerry for Sunday afternoon June 25th from 4-6pm.

It will be our last opportunity to say "Good-bye" and shed tears.

In response to questions we have received about a parting gift and since Father may have undetermined needs, we believe a cash gift would benefit him most. If you agree and desire to give him a gift, you can drop it off at the church or give it to Ray or Andrea at church. A note of sentiment is just as appropriate, and we are certain that he would appreciate that as well.

FR. JOHN BODDIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Scholarship Committee met last week, and among other things to finalize plans for the solicitation of donations for this coming fiscal year.

We plan to hand out donation request letters to parishioners at Mass shortly and solicit by mail all other potential donors. Be on the lookout for the solicitation request.

The Committee also reviewed the application forms with a view to simplifying them. Peggy Williams provided many recommendations to accomplish this and the committee approved them.



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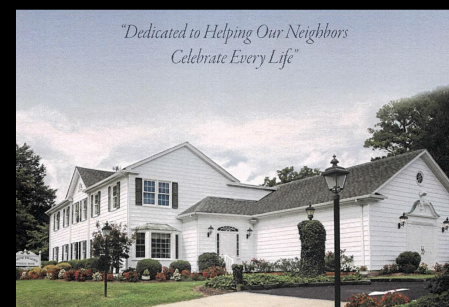
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SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA'S "ANYWAY PRAYER"

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build it anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

Breathe in Love, Exhale Peace.



In Loving Memory Of David E. Brinkley

In Loving Memory of "Vincent Recupido" Dolores

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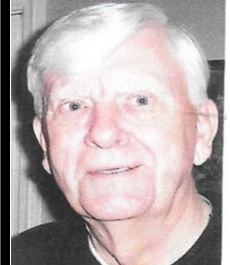


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