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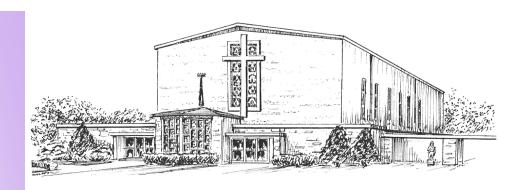
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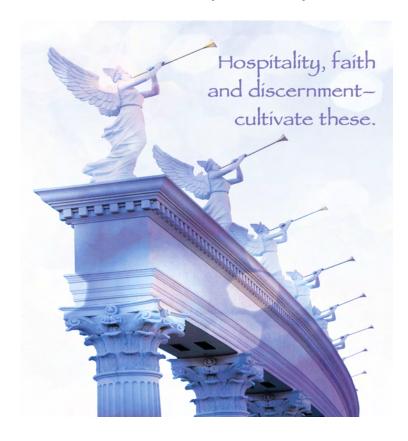
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### Mass Intentions for the Week of July 9 - July 15, 2012

Day	Time	Intentions		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Andrew J. Jaskierski, Vivian Pilarski		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Roger Vandriessche, Joseph Vieceli		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	John Hopp, Marie Garvey		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Thomas Kigin, Erik Geyer		
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	John Schafer Georgia Popp, Anna Pleszka, Maria Wiazak, Anita Madl		
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Mary Dybas Purgatorial Society Henry & James Meske, Stephanie Yakowicz, Stephen Paczolt Mary White Souls in Purgatory		

Please remember our sick in your prayers: Julius Kohl, Peter Ference, Joan Trauth, Mary Bartucci, Alice Frederick, Jennie Boerste, Rene Ouinones, Philip Hodak, Eddie Wisner, Frank Nash, Stacy Kwak, Harry Fisher, James McSweeney, John Karch, Gertrude Koenig-Gerdi Dorso, Loretta Stoiber, Pavlik, Bob Zimmerman, Breann Moddes, Betty Niwa, Joan Workman, Betty Zapf, Donald Cuttill, Idolina Montano, Sue Kremer, Kathryn Super-Wilson. Lydia Ciaglia, Maeva Bishop, Katie Meyer, Howard Pohlman, Evelyn Kilker, Jessica Gundling, Joe Saban, Jean Weekley, Marilyn Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for the sick and the dying.

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong

and Companions

Wednesday: St. Benedict Friday: St. Henry

Saturday: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha



Marina Lopez & Aaron Couch

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#### NO BAD NEWS

There are many times when we say, "Tell me what I want to hear, and don't confuse me with facts." And we don't take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to snuff out our expectations.

The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out on the truth or the facts, but that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the townspeople in today's Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents that can be good news for us.

Today's readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts and minds to the "stranger" among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or "strange" they may seem to be. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment—cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news.

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### NOTES FROM DEACON STUART...

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As I write this article, exactly one month after my ordination, I am reflecting upon the events of these 30 days and my many blessings.

At my Mass of thanksgiving on May 27, I offered a homily with the following message: "for those who have faith, "there are no coincidences"—it's God through the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit at work.

The following Friday, we left for some R & R in Alaska, cruising the inside passage from Vancouver to Whittier, and then over land by coach and train to Fairbanks. Those who have been to Alaska will understand the wonder of this particular creation of God's and its breathtaking magnificence. For those of you who have not, I can only hope you get the opportunity, because words and pictures really cannot do the spectacle justice.

We took a bus ride into Denali National Park, a protected park – our driver, Gary, was from the southern USA but he had made Alaska his summer home as a tour guide/driver. His knowledge of Alaska, Denali, its wildlife, and environment was both informative and entertaining; he also noted how he did research in order to add to our Alaska experience.

As the tour was concluding, Gary told us that when he'd applied for this role some seven years ago, he had been initially denied. He was very disappointed, but then some weeks later he received a phone call from the charter bus company who told him his ticket would expire in two weeks and he could start early May. To say he was delighted would be an understatement. But then the following Sunday in his local paper the HUGE headline in the travel section was "DESTINATION ALASKA." He was almost in tears as he recounted this story and his FAITH in a greater power and in speaking with him after he agreed that such is not serendipity.

We heard in today's Gospel that without faith God cannot work but with faith much is possible. Jesus' fellow Nazarenes saw God at work, but they didn't have sufficient faith—imagine—the Son of God in their midst and they didn't recognize Him!!

We all have 2,000 years of scripture and our church history to fortify our faith and make us believers and to, thus, accept God in our lives. This is important to remember at times when we are tested; God through the Holy Spirit is always with us. As God tells Paul in the second reading, "my grace is sufficient for you ...."

Faith can be defined as a belief in, devotion to, or trust in somebody or something, which is without logical (scientific) proof. For Christians, that somebody or something is the Holy Trinity, whose second member, Jesus, stressed that without faith, little can be achieved.

We also have the wonders of places like Alaska as permanent reminders of God's awesome power that validate our faith and give us the confidence to live our lives "in Christ"—never doubting a carpenter, the son of Mary, was, indeed, the son of God.

God's blessings to you all.

Deacon Stuart



I nvest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2012

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Share in the prophets

Prophets can be annoying, always harping about change, so it shouldn't be surprising that

Jesus' message—"Repent! Change your heart!"—was not popular. In our own day, we are bombarded by messages of all kinds by those who claim to have unique insights into what constitutes a good and successful life. As a member of a thinking and holy people, your responsibility is twofold: first, to have a healthy skepticism unafraid to challenge cultural assumptions; and second, to be open—you could be wrong! Most of all, pray about these messages in the quiet presence of the Holy Spirit who helps you to discern the true prophets of your time. They may not be the ones you expect.

Today's readings: Exekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a (101)

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet."

# MONDAY, JULY 9 FEAST OF AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS Sign on the bottom line

Augustine Zhao Rong was a soldier who accompanied Bishop John Taurin Dufresse from Chengdu to Beijing in China. Zhao Rong was so impressed by the bishop's patience during the trip that he asked to be baptized. Eventually Zhao Rong was ordained a priest but was later arrested, tortured, and martyred, along with 119 others, in 1815. We can never know how our actions affect those around us. Zhao Rong was moved by Bishop Dufresse's forbearance, which surely was an outward sign of the latter's complete faith in Jesus Christ. Today, take some time to consider what those closest to you would say is the outward sign of your faith.

Today's readings: Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26 (383)

"Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."

#### TUESDAY, JULY 10

#### Mirror, mirror on the wall

Many of us associate the prophet Hosea with the sweet-sounding song "Come Back to Me," beloved of penance services. His life, however, was anything but sugar-coated. He challenged the people of Israel, seduced by false gods, by allowing his own life to become the medium of his message. By God's instruction Hosea married a prostitute, and, though she abandoned him for other men, he kept loving her, sought her out, forgave her, and brought her back. He warned the leaders of his day to stop prostituting themselves and assured them of God's enduring mercy. He allowed his very life to mirror the mercy of God. In some real way the life of every Christian must reflect the one who commanded, "Love one another."

Today's readings: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38 (384) "The harpest is abundant but the laborers are few."

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 FEAST OF BENEDICT, ABBOT A guide to holy living

The main elements of Saint Benedict's famous monastic rule are sleep, prayer, and manual labor. Chapter 48 of the Rule states: "Idleness is the enemy of the soul. Therefore, the brothers should have specified periods for manual labor as well as for

prayerful reading. . . . They must not become distressed if local conditions or their poverty should force them to do the harvesting themselves. When they live by the labor of their hands, as our fathers and the apostles did, then they are really monks. Yet, all things are to be done with moderation on account of the fainthearted." Remember Benedict's concern for moderation. It is the key to all aspects of Christian piety.

Today's readings: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7 (385) "Sow for yourselves justice, reap the fruit of piety."

#### THURSDAY, JULY 12

#### Here are your discipleship marching orders

When Jesus sent out the apostles on mission, he gave them specific instructions. The message: Proclaim the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand. The work: As signs of that Kingdom, restore people to life and health. The means: utter dependence on God and the hospitality of others. All these things he told the apostles to do, he did himself—and he asks you to do today. What are the ways you can continue this mission?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Motthew 10:7-15 (386) "As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

## FRIDAY, JULY 13 FEAST OF HENRY The castaway saint

In addition to being named Holy Roman Emperor, Henry II (d. 1024) is also known by an even more exalted title: Saint Henry. He was a child of violent times and did his share of warring but somehow found his way to holiness. What made him different from your standard Dark Age despot? Perhaps his early experiences of living in exile had an impact. He knew what it was to be cast out, and this experience may have touched his heart in a way that drew him closer to Christ. All paths can lead to holiness if you keep your heart open. All you need to do is cast out fear!

Today's readings: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23 (387) "When they persecute you in one town, flee to another."

## SATURDAY, JULY 14 FEAST OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN Be a saint from the start

The young indigenous American woman the church remembers today took quite a chance in following the promptings of her heart and spirit by becoming a Christian. She was already different among her Mohawk tribe, not interested in the activities of her peers nor in finding a husband, and her conversion to the Catholic faith only accented her separateness. She tried to keep the whole thing quiet, but other members of her Mohawk community, who liked celebrations, turned out for her baptism on Easter Sunday in 1676. Eventually she did have to leave her people to live in a Christian mission, but her courage, faith, serenity, and sense of service, both as a Mohawk holy woman and a saintly Christian, shined through all the circumstances of her life. Those qualities can do the same in yours.

Today's readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33 (388) "Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known."

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# KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME waive



No one enjoys freedom more than a forgiven person. To be unburdened of a haunting past that we regret or to be released from earlier missteps that seemed to doom our future—that is a real sense of freedom that flows from forgiveness. Make no mistake about it, every

together we meet the God who forgives us in Jesus Christ, "This is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." At Mass, we know unmistakably and unforgettably that God forgives us.

The other side of forgiving belongs to us. Every Mass challenges us to forgive as we have been forgiven: "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24)

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1 catechist for grade 4 on Sunday.

1 catechist for grade 6 on Sunday.

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On Monday: 3catechists for grade 3.

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Please call (708) 352-2383 if you would like to help us in passing on the faith to the children of St. Cletus Parish. Thank you.

Paulette Bolton.

Director of Parish Catechesis/Formation

#### ST. CLETUS PARISH



Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption

by Laura Hillenbrand

We will meet to discuss it on

Tuesday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. (Room 102)

Questions? Email: loriashe@aol.com

### THE LIFE OF CHRIST: **MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY** THIRD SESSION JULY 9

On Monday, July 9, join CREDO and the Living Rosary group for the third installment of The Life of Christ: Mysteries of the Rosary. We will view a DVD presentation about the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. This event will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Room 99 of the Education Building.

The video was filmed in 1957 in Spain by Father Patrick Peyton. Father Peyton was famous for founding the prayer movement called the "Family Rosary Crusade" and for coining the slogan "The family that prays together stays together. A world at prayer is a world at peace." Come join us to view this classic presentation of the Glorious Mysteries.

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# social Concerns Ministry

#### ST. CLETUS JULY 14th RUMMAGE SALE



Reminder: Wednesday, July 11, is the last day to drop off your donations at Morrissey Hall (St. Cletus gym) for the Rummage Sale. Please also support the sale, which benefits the St. Vincent DePaul Society, by shopping Saturday, July 14, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Invite your relatives, friends and neighbors to champion this worthy cause. Don't forget to visit our special rooms filled with great deals, including "Treasures", "Home Décor, "Children's Ware",

and "Sporting Goods"... You can also purchase chances for "Mystery Raffle" prizes! Thank you for your continuing support of the Social Concerns Ministry and those we help.

#### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



Thank you for remembering that there is no summer vacation for our Food Pantry! We greatly appreciate your continuing support. There are still a few days to donate goods for our July 12 monthly distribution. Items most needed include boxed sides, canned fruit, cereal, pasta sauce, and extras such as juice, coffee, diapers (size 4,5, & 6) and soap (dish, bath, laundry, and household cleaning). Blessings to you all!

### Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

### "THE YEAR OF THE TEEN AND YOUNG ADULT" YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!

#### REGISTRATION FOR 2012-13 TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

We are looking forward to the second year of our new program! Many new teens are joining us! Registration materials are available online. Forms can be dropped off at the school or rectory. Contact (708) 215-5419 or kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com with any questions.



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The youth ministers from St. Francis Xavier, St. Cletus, and St. John of the Cross continue their collaboration to provide a very special retreat program for all teens in our community.

St. Francis is preparing to host the 11th Kairos retreat this summer. Kairos is a relaxing four-day retreat for teens, planned by teens, and presented by teens. Incoming juniors and seniors, as well as recent 2012 high school graduates are invited.

Kairos provides an opportunity to spend time with friends, as well as to make new ones. Retreatants get a chance to develop better relationships with the people in their lives and with their faith. Kairos will guide you to deepen your understanding of who you are and how you want to live. K11 will take place Thursday, August 9, at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday afternoon, August 12. Spots are limited and are filling fast. Brochures and application forms can found on the St. Cletus or St. Francis Xavier parish website, http://www.sfx-lg.org/parish/education-2/ kairos-retreat/. All retreatants from past Kairos retreats have called the Kairos weekend one of the best, if not the best, weekend of their lives. Sign up today!

If you have any questions, feel free to phone Terri Simeoni, (708) 352-0168 or email her at tsimoni@sfx-lg-org.

#### Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry

### DUE TO THE EARLY PRINTING OF THE CANTICLE THE SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR JULY 1 WILL BE PRINTED IN NEXT WEEKEND'S CANTICLE

	WEEK	AT A GLA	NCE
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, July 8	7:00 a.m.	CV/West	Welcome Sunday
Monday, July 9	7:00 p.m.	S-98	CREDO Series
Tuesday, July 10	7:00 p.m.	S-200	PreCana Class
Wednesday, July 11	7:30 p.m.	S-200	Baptism Prep Class
Thursday, July 12	6:30 p.m.	CV	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, July 13	7:00 p.m.	S-207	Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, July 14	9:00am-3:00 p.m.	MH + school	SVDP Rummage Sale
Sunday, July 15	8:00-2:00 p.m.	MH + school	SVDP Rummage Sale
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Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon. thru Sat. 8:00am

**Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm** 

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

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1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (708-352-6209).

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Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

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The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

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