

Daily meditations

Sunday, Jun 26, 2022: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Respect your freedom.

The Statue of Liberty is the symbol of our nation's reverence for personal freedom. Yet too many of us lose our liberty to substance abuse and other addictive behaviors, including gambling, pornography, overeating, and compulsive consumerism. More subtle than these overt practices are patterns of thinking and feeling we may be losing control over: anxiety, depression, rage, racism. Today is the World Day Against Drug Abuse and Trafficking. Prayerfully reflect on behaviors or emotional states that make you feel less free, and take a step today toward liberty.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62 (99). "For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery."

Monday, Jun 27, 2022: MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH.

Everyone needs a mother's love.

Saint Cyril of Alexandria died on this day in 444. He is remembered for many things—admittedly not all of them good—as the archbishop of his city, which was at the height of its influence over the Mediterranean world during his time. One of his most enduring legacies was his hard-fought teaching on Mary as the "Mother of God," which created the basis for all other theology about Mary. Saints aren't perfect, and neither was Cyril—the man who helped connect us to a tender, loving mother in Mary also committed acts of violence and injustice. Perhaps his deep flaws illustrate just how much all of us—even saints who champion Mary—need her intercession.

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22 (377). "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

Tuesday, Jun 28, 2022: MEMORIAL OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR.

Come alive with faith.

For Irenaeus, the Incarnation says as much about the redeemed as it does our Redeemer. Yes, Christian doctrine teaches that Jesus Christ is both fully human and fully divine. And, yes, Irenaeus battled the heresy known as Gnosticism—which emphasized the divine nature of Jesus at the expense of his humanity. But for Irenaeus, the Incarnation also meant that the "glory of God is a human being fully alive." He believed that God became human so that humans might become divine. How will you choose to be "fully alive" today, in order to glorify God?

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27 (378). "The men were amazed and said, 'What sort of man is this?'"

Wednesday, Jun 29, 2022: SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES.

Rest in peace.

You might think that the two foundational giants of the Christian tradition who share a feast day would have been best buddies, but in fact Peter and Paul had their differences, especially around the question of whether people who weren't Jews needed to observe Jewish Law in order to become followers of Jesus. It is not entirely clear whether they fully reconciled their differences before they were both martyred in Rome (on the same day, tradition says), though it is clear that Paul's position carried the day over time. Perhaps there's a message for today's divided church—we can disagree with one another, even on

matters of great importance, and still rest together in the same great tradition.

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591). "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Thursday, Jun 30, 2022: MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH IN ROME.

Keep their memory alive.

It is a deeply human act to remember the dead, especially those who died as result of acts of violence. Today's memorial for the First Martyrs of the Church in Rome places the church squarely within this tradition of remembrance. We recall innumerable Christians who were put to death in gruesome ways by the emperor Nero, who blamed Christians for a devastating fire in Rome in the year 64. Nero did not crush the church, and neither has the memory of those early martyrs been erased. Your reading these words keeps alive their memory and their sacrifice.

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8 (380). "He then said to the paralytic, 'Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.'"

Friday, Jul 01, 2022: MEMORIAL OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, FRANCISCAN PRIEST.

Mixed legacies.

On April 1, 2022, Pope Francis offered an historic apology to Inuit, Métis, and First Nations delegations for the church's role in harming Canadian Indigenous Peoples in Catholic residential schools. This is no small thing to do—for the church or for us individually. It is difficult to admit that we, and members of the church we call our own, have at times harmed others. Yet it is essential to begin the journey of healing. With Pope Francis, let us commit to an honest reevaluation of the church's colonial-era missionary efforts, such as those of Junípero Serra in what is now California. Let us also be aware of our own shortcomings, seeking forgiveness with humility and making meaningful amends wherever possible.

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13 (381). "Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!"

Saturday, Jul 02, 2022: Woe is me.

The Pharisees get a bad rap in the gospels, typically portrayed as Jesus' antagonists, narrow-minded and legalistic, focused on outward ritual rather than inner renewal. And surely there are elements that ring true. At the same time, some of their beliefs were quite compatible with Christianity as it evolved, including the belief in life after death, the resurrection of the body, keeping the Sabbath holy (i.e., Sunday Mass obligation), and the priority to spread the faith. It's easy to see the blind spots and shortcomings of others. Harder to see our own. Are you aware of your own inner Pharisee?

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17 (382). "Why do we and the Pharisees fast much, but your disciples do not fast?"

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JUNE 26, 2022

Mission Statement

Our mission is to form Christian communities that will glorify God by our loving and serving one another, and to extend our love, support, and compassion to the needy.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 11:30 AM
Tuesday Rosary 8:30 AM
Tuesday 9:00 AM
Thursday 9:00 AM

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services
843-261-0430
Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister 843-856-0748

CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

**Saturdays: 4:15PM-5:00PM
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM**

PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



WELCOME: THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. FREDERICK AND ST. STEPHEN WELCOMES ALL

NEWCOMERS TO OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE FILL OUT A REGISTRATION CARD, WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND DROP IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.

Visitors: We ask our visitors to sign our Guest Book, so we may have a record of your attendance and remember you at the Church.

Food Bank: The Church of St. Frederick and St. Stephen is a member of the Edisto Food Bank. Please leave items for the food bank in the basket. Canned fruit in light syrup is often needed.

God's Tender Loving Care: (GTLC): If you know someone in the parish who has had a death or illness or needs some "TLC", please call Dolores Marcano (540)254-2555.

- Beautiful notecards with a picture of a rainbow over our church are now available for ten dollars for a package of eight cards. A parishioner will be outside immediately after Mass with cards for you to see.



PRAY FOR US: Rita Cullen, Dan Cutler Marlis, Egbers, Theresa Garrido, Conchi Gelner, Elizabeth Good, Nelson Hartrich, Tara Huck, Cubby Huffines, Vic Ketchum, Ding Kizer, Wilbur Kizer Ken Korpanty, Andrew Lee, Priscilla Martin, Tom

Mack, Mimi McCole, Lenore McDonald, Stephanie McDonald, Shannon Montgomery, Nirmala Mary Narichetti, Elizabeth Neustadt, Mott Parker, Bunny Perkins, Christy Petillo, Voyta Sailer, Patsy Sheahan, Bob Smith, Bill Smyer, Marge Suchman, Fran Taylor, Harriet Tindall, Bubba Unger, Dickie Unger, Layla Venegas, Brice Voorneveld, Susie Voorneveld, Samuel Wenthe, Samuel Wingate, All Parishioners of our Parish.

Record of Faithfulness

6/19/2022

Parishioners	1125.00	Maint. & Repair	685.00
Loose	600.00		
Votive			
Total 1 st	1725.00		
Total 1 st & 2 nd	2410.00	Building Fund	811.00
Saturday	59	Sunday	81
Total attendance	140.00		

**Second Collection this Sunday is for Parish Charity.
Second Collection next Sunday if for BAA.**

Fr. JP is requesting Eucharist Volunteers for Masses during the summer months. Sign-up sheets will be available after Mass.

Fr. JP is requesting volunteers to sweep up (with an electric sweeper) after Masses on Saturday night and Sunday. With the increase in attendance comes an increase in sand! Sign up sheets will be available after Mass.

DAILY MEDITATION: GALATIANS 5:1, 13-18.

Beware. (Galatians 5:15).

Trouble was brewing among the believers in Galatia. Many of them, influenced by outsiders, began to believe that Gentiles had to observe the whole Jewish law if they wanted to follow Jesus. They were turning away from Paul's teaching that faith, baptism, and the gift of the Spirit were the only requirements for entry into the body of Christ.

In response, Paul wrote a passionate letter. He gave voice to his heartbreak and grief over the way these brothers and sisters had begun to turn against each other—and against the gospel he had proclaimed to them.

Paul saw that the Galatians' acceptance of a false gospel was bringing about real-world results. Dissension, rivalry, selfishness, and envy were cropping up in place of the peace, the joy, and the love they had once known (Galatians 5:20-22). It had become so bad that Paul warned them that they risked "devouring one another" (5:15). All because they had stopped living by the Spirit, the One who unites God's people in love and humility (3:3-4).

This passage tells us something extremely important: the Holy Spirit matters! He is more than a sentence in our Creed and more than the Person we name when we touch our shoulders in the Sign of the Cross. He is the love of God poured into our hearts (Romans 5:5). He is the voice of God who convinces us that we are children of God (Galatians 4:6). He is the power of God who softens our hearts and teaches us to love one another (5:13).

So, follow Paul's advice and "beware" (Galatians 5:15). Don't fall into the trap of trying to live out your faith without the help and grace of the Holy Spirit. Invite the Spirit to be with you as you worship at Mass today. Listen for his voice throughout the day. Follow his promptings. Let him teach you how to live in love with the people around you.

"Holy Spirit, come and fill me!"