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JULY 7, 2024

14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Monday–Wednesday: 9am—8pm
Thursday & Friday: 9am—5pm
(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00pm)
Saturday: 1pm—3:45pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am
Monday: 11:00am
At Westpark Healthcare Campus
4387 W. 150th St.
Tuesday: 8:30am
Wednesday: 8:30am
Thursday: No Mass
Friday: 8:30am

RECONCILIATION

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT THIS TIME

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Blessed Trinity Parish is an open and welcoming Catholic community, centered in the Eucharist and celebrating God's gift of Diversity. We bring God's love to one another and support one another in responding to the challenge of living the Gospel. We strive to deepen participation and encourage all parishioners to take ownership for the everyday life of their church, especially Spiritual Growth, Community Life, the Building of a Just Society, and Service to All God's People.



Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing 68

Refrain

Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord;

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Fourteenth Sunday on Ordinary Time

In 2 Corinthians, Paul addressed a community he knew all too well. He loved them in spite of their petty competitiveness and pretensions to wisdom and holiness. When Paul wrote this passage, he had just finished a surprisingly brief description of his extraordinary experience of visions — what we would think of as mystical experiences.

In the next breath, he added that God kept him from being too complacent by sending an angel of Satan to give him a “thorn in the flesh.” People curious about the details of Paul’s life have speculated over and over about what he was talking about, but Paul didn’t get specific. If he had, readers in later centuries would have been less likely to get caught up in curiosity and have paid more attention to why Paul referred to this problem in the first place.

In talking about his weakness, whatever it was, Paul subtly taught about prayer and ministry. In regard to prayer he says, “I begged the Lord ... that it might leave me.” He tells us that when he begged Christ — three times being a way of saying “a whole lot” — the answer was “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So much for “Ask and you will receive!”

Paul is driving home the point that prayer opens us to God’s will. That leads us to conclude that genuine prayer is a path that always leads us beyond ourselves. When we think of it that way, we realize that prayer, as today’s psalm indicates so beautifully, is our lowly human way of addressing the God whose plans are so much bigger than ours that offering our desires is like our offering of bread and wine in the Eucharist — we bring what we have in order for it to be transformed. God dares us to believe that the raw ingredients of our lives contain the seeds of the kingdom of God.

That brings us to today’s Gospel story of Jesus’ unimpressive showing in his hometown. As had happened before, Jesus surprised the crowds with his teaching, but this time instead of addressing a crowd of strangers in Capernaum, he was doing the equivalent of preaching at a family reunion. His message about the nearness of the kingdom of God and the need to take on a new attitude got its

most skeptical reception among his own kindred. People who had known him since his swaddling clothes days knew better than to have outsized expectations about anything that could come from Nazareth.

The crux of the problem was the “scandal of the incarnation,” the shocking possibility that God could reveal self through ordinary people and events, through what the First Epistle of John speaks of as “what we have seen with our eyes ... and touched with our hands.” The scandal of the Incarnation frightens us because God comes so close that we must respond directly and personally, without the protection of rituals and philosophies. The people in the synagogue at Nazareth heard Jesus’ message but they chose familiar limitations over divine possibilities. It was easy enough to have faith in the God who spoke long ago to Abraham and Moses, but such happenings in their own time and place went beyond the limits of credulity — Jesus’ message did not fit inside their religious imagination.

Ultimately, the people of Nazareth were following the lead of their Israelite ancestors who begged Moses to tell God not to come too near lest they die of fright (Exodus 20:18-21). Jesus ended up amazed at their lack of faith, a condition that cut short his ability to perform mighty deeds among them. That rather astounding statement presents another dimension of the scandal of the incarnation: Mark is telling us that the all-powerful God can be limited by human disbelief.

Today’s Scriptures together remind us that God’s ways are not what we would expect, and that God offers us more than we are generally ready to accept. As Marty Haugen’s hymn “Here in This Place” celebrates, it’s “not in some heaven, light years away, but here in this place,” that God chooses to meet us.

Much to everyone’s discomfort, God sends prophets to their own people. Not only that, but God doesn’t outfit the prophets with superpowers that command belief. The message of God’s nearness comes packaged in what looks too familiar for us to take it seriously. Yet, that very familiarity frightens us because it demands that we recognize the incarnational potential of our own time and place. As Paul taught, God chooses to work with and through human weakness.



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*MAY THE LORD BLESS
Duane Abarca & Katie Beals
WHO WERE MARRIED ON
June 29th, 2024*



The Body of Christ grows through baptism.

*Blessed Trinity welcomes:
Charlotte Rae Curtin*

Please pray for all who are serving in the military, especially the men and women connected to our parish:

- * Brook Robinson (Navy), son of David & Michelle and grandson of Dolores Coleman
- * Kyle A. Riley (Air Force), nephew of Robert Hollowell
- * Greg Koch (Air Force), nephew of Nancy Koch
- * Francisco Cacho (Police), son of Medel Cacho and Stepson to Marianne Cacho.
- * Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie Schultz and nephew of Margie Pavone
- * James Andrews (Navy), nephew of Bob and Kathy Grega
- * A.J Butler (Army) Grandson of Nancy Butler



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**Advertiser of the Week:
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This Week at Blessed Trinity

Saturday, July 6 9:30am-10:00am	Ragamuffin Faith sharing Grp (R Liv Rm)
Sunday, July 7 10:00am-11:00am	Breaking Open The Word
Monday, July 8 9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary (Church)
Tuesday, July 9 8:00 am - 8:30 am 9:00am-11:00am 9:30 am - 12:00 pm 10:30am-12:00pm 6:30pm-8:00pm 7:00pm-8:30pm	Novena - Rosary (Church) IDCC (JcCLg) Bountiful Basement (BB) AA Meeting (RB) Centering Prayer Grp. (JC Lg) LGBTQ Faith Sharing Mtg. (R Liv Rm)
Wednesday, July 10 3:00pm-3:45pm 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm 5:00pm-6:45pm	Witness for Ukraine IDCC (JC Lg) Bountiful Basement (BB)
Thursday, July 11 11:00am-12:00pm	A..A Meeting (R B)
Friday, July 12 5:00pm-9:00pm	Bountiful Basement Foresters
Saturday, July 13	Have a Blessed day!!!
Sunday, July 14 10:00am-11:00am 12:00pm-1:00pm 1:00pm-5:00pm	Breaking Open The Word Community Meal (FH) 2nd Annual Blessed Trinity Classic Car Show

2nd Annual Blessed Trinity Classic Car Show. Come out and join us for our 2nd Annual car show on July 14th from 1-5 pm . Come enjoy music, nice cars, entertainment, and food. Free event all are welcome. Bring a non Perishable food item to support the Bountiful Basement.

COMMUNITY MEAL SUNDAY, July 14h, @ Noon—1 p.m., in Fogarty Hall. All are welcome. Come enjoy a free meal and wonderful hospitality!



WORSHIP

Saturday, July 6

4:00pm Anna Hvizdos (Family)

Sunday, July 7 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6a (101)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Katie Downie Gombach (Peggy & Chris)

Monday, July 8

11:00am @ Westpark Healthcare Center
4387 W 150th Street

Tuesday, July 9

8:30am Blessed Trinity

Wednesday, July 10

8:30am Blessed Trinity

Friday, July 12

8:30am Blessed Trinity

Saturday, July 13

4:00pm John & Ethel Mickler
(Ron & Kathy Mickler)

Sunday, July 14 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:7-13 (103)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Luis Garcia (Wife Carmela & Kids)

PSR ADULT HELP NEEDED for a combined age group of youth in grades 4-8. This group meets Sunday mornings in the rectory basement. Catechists work in teams of 2 adults. Clare Clark will be the lead catechist. The text is Pflaum Gospel Weeklies which will supply the lesson for the day. Sessions meet Sept. 22 – May 18. Are you available weekly as assistant ? Only once a month? Would you be willing to serve as a substitute? A substitute would always be working alongside one of the regular catechists. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to share your faith with a great group of youth. Contact Katie Corbett.

Mulberry Jam is being sold at \$7.00 a jar after Mass or in the Rectory. While supplies last.

We are desperate for plastic bags for the Bountiful Basement.

Bulletin News/note the change:

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