

JULY 1 & 2, 2023
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again, our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

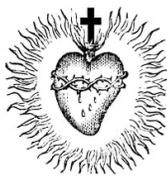
The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM, WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.



JUST A REMINDER THAT JULY 7TH IS FIRST FRIDAY AND WE HAVE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 11:00AM, FOLLOWED BY ENGLISH MASS AT 12:05PM. WE ALSO HAVE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 5:30PM, FOLLOWED BY SPANISH MASS AT 6:00PM.



Feast Day – July 3rd

Little is recorded of St. Thomas the Apostle. Thomas was probably born in Galilee to a humble family, but there is no indication that he was a fisherman. He was a Jew, but there is no account of how he became an apostle to Christ. Nevertheless, thanks to the fourth Gospel his personality is clearer to us than some of the other Twelve. Thomas' name occurs in Matthew (10:3), Mark (3:18), Luke (6) and Acts of the Apostles (1:13), but in the Gospel of John he plays a particularly distinctive part. Thomas is often condemned for his lack of belief, but Thomas was equally courageous, willing to stand by Jesus in dangerous times. He also relentlessly sought the Truth. Like an inquisitive child, he constantly asked questions. And, his wonderful profession, "My Lord and my God," is the clearest declaration of Jesus' divinity in Holy Scripture.

Thomas, Loyal Follower

When Jesus announced His intention of visiting the recently deceased Lazarus in Judea—a few miles from Jerusalem and dangerously close for someone as unpopular as He—Thomas said to his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). When the worried disciples wanted to keep Jesus from going for fear He would be stoned, Thomas, in a moment of bravery not often expressed by the Apostles before Pentecost, rallied the others to stay by their Master come what may.

Thomas, Inquisitive Student

Later, in John 14:1-5 it was St. Thomas who raised an objection prior to the Last Supper: "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

With the keenness typical of the Twelve, Thomas misunderstands Jesus' reference to His death and resurrection. Thomas' question provides Jesus an opportunity to teach one of the most profound and difficult truths of His ministry. Jesus said to Thomas: (John 14:6) "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

Thomas, Doubting Apostle

Lastly, and more famously, St. Thomas is remembered for being absent from the Upper Room the first time Jesus appeared to the disciples after His Resurrection. Thomas dismissed the accounts of the others by saying, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe" (Luke 20:25). Eight days later Thomas made his act of faith. He fell at the feet of Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God!" and Jesus replied, "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you believed. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet believe" (John 20:25-29). This incident gave rise to the expression "doubting Thomas."



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

CAN YOU HELP OUR CHURCH?

ON FRIDAY, JULY 7TH AT 9AM, A GROUP OF MEN FROM OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH WILL HELP TO PREPARE THE PLACE TO REMOVE SOME TREES THAT ARE IN THE BACK YARD OF THE CHURCH.

ON SATURDAY, JULY 8TH AT 9:30AM,

WE WILL NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR CLEAN UP. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DAVID SWENSEN 707-489-3028 OR THE PARISH OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

WE NEED DONATIONS OF CANS OF SODA AND BOTTLES OF WATER TO SELL FOR OUR MEXICAN FOOD SALE ON JULY 16TH. DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE RECTORY. THANK YOU!

Magnificat Days Donations Greatly Appreciated

Can you help donate snack items for our Magnificat Days summer program? Fresh fruit, granola bars, cheese sticks, chips, cookies and crackers are all needed. Donations can be dropped off on Wednesday at the school building starting at 8am or call Kathleen Kaspereson 707-513-5672.



Free Summer Sewing Classes for OLCG Youth

Space is still available.

Sign up now for free summer sewing classes! All ages of youth and children welcome.

Two dates are available for you to choose from.

July 25-28 or August 1-4

Time: 9:00am -11:00am

Place: OLCG School, Classroom #4

Please contact Kathleen Kaspereson at 707-513-5672 as soon as possible to reserve a spot for your child.

MEXICAN FOOD SALE

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

FROM 11AM – 5PM

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
255 SOUTH HAROLD STREET, FORT BRAGG, CA.
(CHURCH GROUNDS)

COME EAT, HAVE FUN AND HELP SUPPORT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (707) 964-0229.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JULY 4TH. FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY!

MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 1- 7, 2023

Saturday (01)	9:00am	César Salazar †
	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Mac, Dorothy, and Jean McGrath † Connie & Anna Schutze †
	6:30pm	Gabriel Yáñez † María Trinidad Medina † Cuauhtémoc Espinoza † Mauricio Escobedo † Victor Martin & Raquel Dzul † Ramiro & Lidia Soto † María Refugio Rodríguez † Silvia Durán † Martha Becerra (b-day) Cuco, Pedro & Manuel Rentería (birthday) Charlie Barajas (birthday) Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (02)	8:00am	Navi Scott (Mass of Thanksgiving)
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (03)	—	NO HAY MISA
Tuesday (04)	12:05pm	Natalia Sousa †
Wednesday (05)	12:05pm	Douglas McGrath †
Thursday (06)	12:05pm	Barbara Clark †
Friday (07)	12:05pm	Natalia Sousa †
	6:00pm	Raymond & Bonita Knudson †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

JUNE 24 & 25, 2023...\$1,965.00
ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL (AMA)...\$767.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
LIABILITY INSURANCE**

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
MAINTENANCE FUND**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ma. de Jesús Mendoza, Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

**LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



We need your generous financial help so Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides “ParishSOFT Giving,” an online giving software! *This is a convenient and secure way to make your one-time or recurring donations.*

Thanking and blessing you for your kindness.

To get started, you can visit our Parish’s new giving page at olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!

If you have any questions, please, contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.



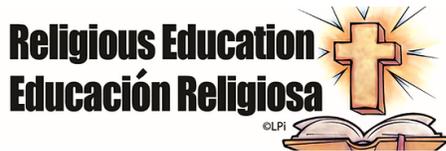
IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.

ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS

TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.



REGISTRATION FOR CATECHISM CLASSES 2023-2024 **OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH**

ENROLLMENT DATES:

FRIDAY, JULY 28TH @ 5:30pm - 7:00pm

SUNDAY, JULY 30TH 11:30am - 1:00pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH @ 5:30pm - 7:00pm

IF IT'S THE FIRST TIME REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR FIRST COMMUNION,
YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A COPY OF THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE.

CONFIRMATION:

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING COPIES OF BAPTISMAL AND FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY THE DAY OF REGISTRATION.
(COMPLETED AND WITH PAYMENT)

\$75/CHILD AND \$65 /SECOND CHILD

**FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH FROM 5:30PM – 6:30PM.**

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT VERONICA RENTERIA:
707-357-2890 OR THE PARISH OFFICE: 707-964-0229.