

July 4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ez 2:2-5

2 Cor 12:7-10

Mk 6:1-6a



Jesus said,... "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

MARK 6:4

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Who Do You Think You Are?

This question is not always posed in a spirit of lightheartedness. It could be hurled at someone in indignation. This indignation might be justified; the other could be assuming an unwarranted attitude of superiority. However, the fault could be our own. We might resent another's genuine insight or unquestionable wisdom. There seems to be within some of us a sense of inferiority that is threatened by the abilities of others—as if their talents diminish those of us who feel inferior. And what do we do about this? We might ignore such an individual, implying that she or he has nothing that interests us. This probably happens more often than we like to admit. Or we might try to embarrass the person, thus lowering the individual in the estimation of others. This is how some people depicted in the Gospel passage acted toward Jesus.

Prophets are not people who only look into the future. Such people are called seers. Genuine prophets have insight into the present, understanding the

implications of the social forces that are operative and the challenge they might pose to religious traditions. That's why they are so often resented. We see this attitude in the passage from Ezekiel. God sent him to a rebellious people to call them to repentance. Chances are, this did not make him popular. It also did not make Jesus popular with some.

So often we applaud people who have religious insight—unless we know them well. Then we may think: *You're no better than the rest of us. Who do you think you are?*

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Do you appreciate the valid insights of others, even when they challenge your own?
- ★ Who do you think has insight into today's chaotic world? Why do you choose that person?

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Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

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JULY 4, 2021—FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we've walked with the Apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we've witnessed Jesus command the wind and sea, and order a little girl to arise from the dead. But He seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth. Today's Gospel is blunt: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there." Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognize Him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God. All they could see was how much "this man" was like them—a carpenter, the son of their neighbor, Mary, with brothers and sisters.

Of course, Mary was ever-virgin and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus' brothers as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham (see Romans 9:3, 7). That's the point in today's Gospel, too. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today's First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God.

The servant is not above the Master (see Matthew 10:24). As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear of in today's Psalm. And isn't it often hardest to live our faith among those in our own families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be—before we chose to walk with Jesus? As Paul confides in today's Epistle, insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace.

Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. Blessed then are those who take no offense in Him (see Luke 7:23). Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants—knowing that the son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens.

**HAVE
FAITH
in
GOD**

Ministries for July 11, 2021

Rosary: Raymond Tomek

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Vaculin

Offertory: Brian Kopriva Family

Lector: Misty Green

Ushers: Brian Kopriva & Jimmie Kopriva

Altar Servers: Lily, Adison, Ian

Sanctuary Light: July 5th-11th: Henry Hubnik Sr. by Kathryn Hubnik



Prayer Chain... Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and also that the vaccine for the corona virus will help to stop this pandemic & for the following: Anton Vrazel, David Minatra, Reenie Hubnik, Kathy Hubnik, Baby Townes Bush, Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn June Gonzalez, and Doris Matocha.
Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain:
Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net**

MARAK MASSES —July 4-11, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—7/4	10:15am	+ Eugene Vaculin by Robert & Debbie Vansa + Stefina Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Albert Michalka by Adolph & Dorothy Vansa
7/7—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Dorothy Mueck by Billy & Evelyn Vansa + Joe Vansa by Terry & Barbara McNeill + Martha Hertenberger by Christa Konderla
7/11 —Sunday	10:15am	+ Lillian Plachy Litzman by Lynne Hornung + Robert Michna by Kelly & Glenn Laurence + Lawrence & Albina Vrazel by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **TODAY:** Second Collection for Building and Maintenance Fund.
- **PICNIC:** Picnic Worklist should be sent to Jeannine Dohnalik no later than August 15th. Please reply as soon as possible. Email: jwdohnalik@yahoo.com or text to 254-239-9188.
- **2021 JUBILARIANS:** On July 10th, Sister Andrea Hubnik will be celebrating 60 Years of dedicated service to God. May God continue to Bless her and all the others who have served the Lord. If you would like to send her a Congratulation's card—her address is: Sister Andrea Hubnik 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, Texas 77901.
- **DIOCESE OF AUSTIN:** The Diocese of Austin has changed their website design—please check it out—<https://austindiocese.org>

6/27: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$ 1,294.00

6/27: Peter's Pence: \$178.00

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Thank You!

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Dear Padre,

Does religious freedom mean we're free to worship whoever and whatever we wish? I thought Jesus gave us rules on this.

Jesus gave us the gift of freedom. Even as he hung on the cross, he didn't use force to change the minds of people or coerce them to believe in him. His example shaped the Declaration on Religious Freedom (*Dignitatis Humanae*), a document from the Second Vatican Council. The council gave us several principles that outline our beliefs about religious freedom:



First, God has made known to us the way in which we are to serve God and find salvation and eternal life in Jesus.

Second, this one true religion consists in the catholic and apostolic Church. To this Church, the Lord himself committed the obligation and duty to spread the truth that salvation in Jesus is ours.

Third, all people are bound to seek the truth, to embrace the truth they come to know, and to hold fast to that truth.

Finally, all of us have a right to be immune from coercion by individuals, social groups, or other human powers. No one is to be forced to act contrary to personal beliefs or prevented from acting in accord with those beliefs.

This also means that if people choose to reject Christ, they must not be forced to do anything against their will. The judgment for their actions must be left up to God. As a Church, we proclaim the truth of Christ and set high standards for membership in the Church, but we do not force people to convert or believe.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[Religious] freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.

VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

Calendar

Monday

JULY 5

Weekday

Gn 28:10–22a

Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday

JULY 6

Weekday

Gn 32:23–33

Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday

JULY 7

Weekday

Gn 41:55–57;

42:5–7a, 17–24a

Mt 10:1–7

Thursday

JULY 8

Weekday

Gn 44:18–21,

23b–29; 45:1–5

Mt 10:7–15

Friday

JULY 9

Weekday

Gn 46:1–7, 28–30

Mt 10:16–23

Saturday

JULY 10

Weekday

Gn 49:29–32;

50:15–26a

Mt 10:24–33

Sunday

JULY 11

Fifteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12–15

Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10

Mk 6:7–13

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