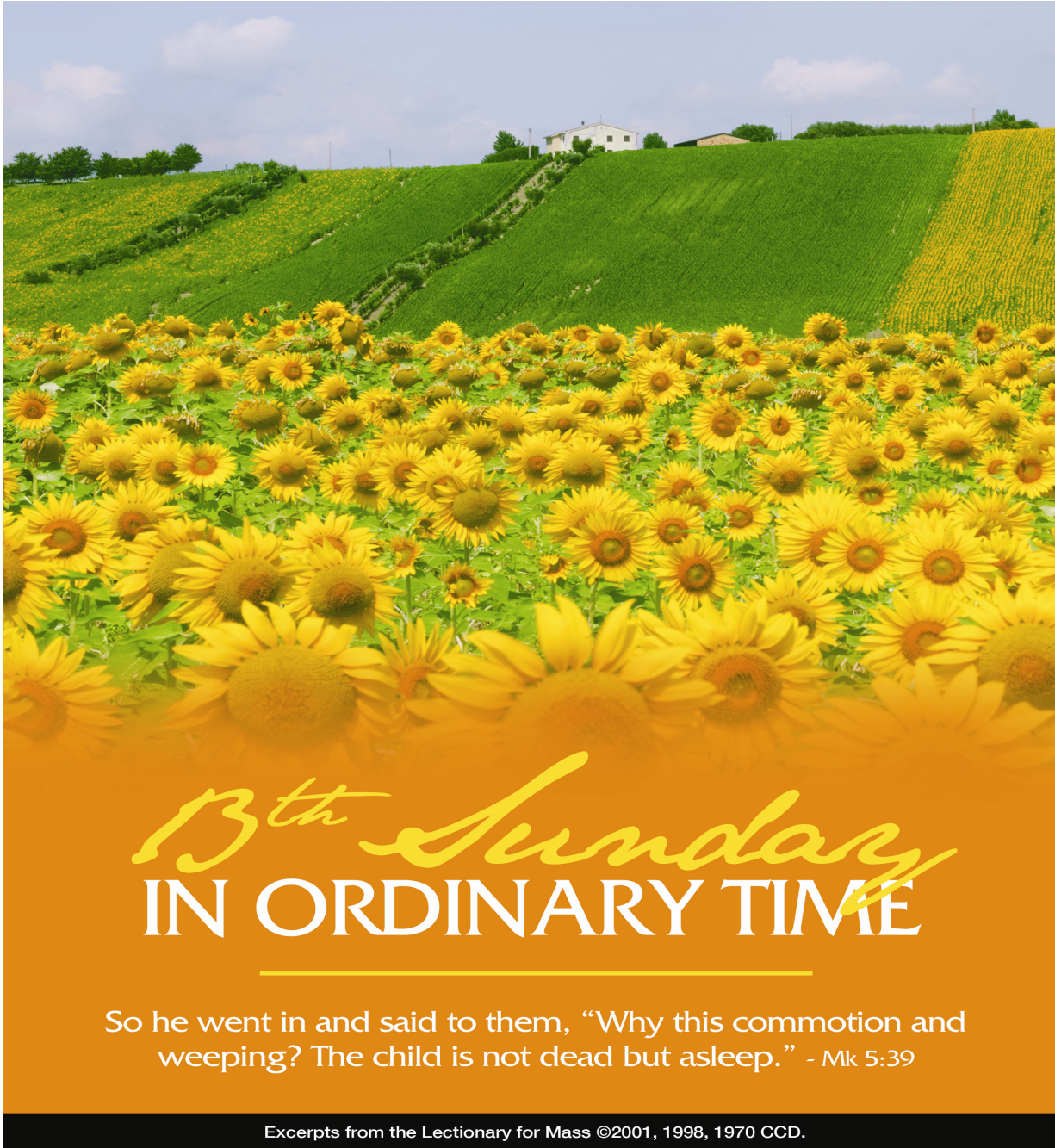


Saint John Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan

JULY 1, 2018 – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 DE JULIO DE 2018 — DECIMO TERCER DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 ..Wednesday and Friday 12 noon
CONFESSIONS (Saturday) 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo 12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves 8:30 a.m (Ingles)
 ..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio día
CONFESIONES (Sábado) 4:30 p.m. o por cita

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY

JUNE 30, 2018

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass soul of Erica Pariss

SUNDAY

JULY 1, 2018

9:00 AM

Mass for the soul of Thomas Cordle

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa

WEDNESDAY

JULY 4, 2018

12:00 Noon

NO MASS

THURSDAY

JULY 5, 2018

8:30 AM

NO MASS

FRIDAY

JULY 6, 2018

12:00 Noon

NO MASS

SATURDAY

JULY 7, 2018

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass for the soul of Anthony DiTomasso

SUNDAY

July 8, 2018

9:00 AM

Mass soul of Greg Hood

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa birthday of Paulo Matheny

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kol
akoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy
Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard
Painter, Maxine DiMarino, Melanie Pat-

terson, Lillan Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Esperanza Godinez,
Sherry Wright, David Stull, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Austin
Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Sulma Rojas, Elena Chavez, Doris
Bartlett, Fred Brown, Judy French, Lynn Miskimon, Suzanne Di-
Marino, Donald Barock, Martha Livingston, James White, John
Loughran, Charlotte Brooks and Shirley Griffey.



Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping?

The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

Readings for the Week of July 1, 2018

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2

Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23
[22a]/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-
17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 [Mt 4:4]/
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b] /
Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/
Mk 6:1-6a

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JUNE 23 & 24, 2018

Weekly

Actual \$3,254

Budget \$5,266

Difference (\$2,012)

Yearly

Actual \$243,346

Budget \$273,801

Difference (\$30,455)

Debt Reduction

Budget

\$1,860

Actual

\$2,111

Difference \$251

Debt Balance \$25,183.17

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30

83

9:00

142

12:15

198

The item being collected for **FISH** for **July**
Gallon, quart and sandwich size bags

En el mes de **julio** necesitamos

Bolsas con cierre para sándwiches y bolsas de
galón.

If someone you know is sick, hospitalized, or home bound and would like our Eucharistic ministers or a priest to visit, please call the office. **Unless you call we have no way of knowing.** If you need a priest for someone who is dying or gravely ill, call our emergency number 804-402-1221.

Pastor Message

Happy Independence Day!

Today we commemorate the declaration of independence by the founders of the United States from the British Empire. Who would have ever thought that what began as a revolution of principles and ideas would lead to the creation of a nation that, after many years, would grow to become the most significant and influential nation in the entire world. When you stop to consider the courage those men must have had, knowing their actions were treasonous against the king and punishable by death, they become all the more admirable.

There is one idea that underpinned their thinking and motivated their desire for revolution. This is the idea that each and every individual is a sovereign person. This is clearly stated in the preamble to the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." It has been said that this is one of best known sentences in the English language.

It cannot be overstated how radical an idea this was at that time. For the majority of human history, people were ruled by kings and emperors. Think of the great empires of antiquity, the Egyptian Empire, the Roman Empire, the empires of the East, the British empire, etc. They were ruled by a king with absolute power. He was not equal to everyone else. He was above them. He had no interest in securing the rights of those he ruled beyond what might individually make his life more comfortable. The idea that poor people had the same rights as those with power or privileged blood-lines was preposterous.

But this is the exact declaration those men made to the king of the British Empire. How they eventually reached this conclusion is due entirely to the principles delineated in the Gospel which, over 1500 years, influenced and eroded away contrary ways of thinking. All men are created equal – no one is worth more or less than another. The founder's Christian worldview clearly influenced their decision to write this, and to go to war over it and die for it.

Today we embrace this worldview whole-heartedly. We recognize that a poor child in India is equal to the son of a wealthy family in Brazil, a child in Gilpin Court is equal to a child on River Road, and a man working construction is equal to the governor or Virginia. They all possess unalienable rights, which means they have rights that cannot be taken away because they are given by their Creator.

But today also have two problems. The first is a problem we will always have to a more or lesser degree. This is the problem of being sure that although we may recognize that all these people are equal in theory, they may not be treated as such in practice. The implementation of this ideal will always be something every generation has to work at to ensure. Unborn babies, for example are not treated equally to those that are born, the disabled are often not treated equally to those are able, etc. We will never have this perfect, but will have to keep vigil about it continuously.

But the second problem is more of a recent problem and has the potential to undermine the entire ideal. This problem is associated with our deteriorating belief that these rights come to us from our Creator, from God. More and more people today declare themselves agnostic (not convinced of a belief in God) or even atheistic (seemingly convinced that there is no God).

But as more and more make this declaration, then where will those people say these rights come from?

We as Christians say these rights come from God. But where does the agnostic or the atheist say these rights come from? If they are to be unalienable (meaning they cannot be taken away), they must come from 'above'. If they come from the government, then the government can arbitrarily take them away. If they come from a king or governor, then they can take them away. We Christians say they come from God. The founders say they come from God.

This second problem is even more significant than the first. The first problem deals with improving something that is already good in its foundation. The second problem deals with destroying the foundation. If the foundation is destroyed because of a lack of belief in a Creator, so will the equality between all people that has come to be the predominate belief and assumption in the United States and everywhere else in the world that has followed this example.

Fr Rossi



Be thankful for those who made this day of independence possible. Have a grateful and wonderful holiday.

The office will be closed on July 4.

THANK YOU SO MUCH...

Through your generosity we will be sending \$1,007.00 to Catholic Relief Services for the victims of Guatemala.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for those who are not baptized or who have been baptized in another faith tradition and wish to enter the Catholic Church. ARE YOU HEARING A QUIET STILL VOICE WITHIN, urging you to learn more about the Catholic faith?

Do you find yourself coming to Mass and wanting to be more involved in the community?

Do you long for a deeper relationship with God?

For more information, call us 8047378028 or email us at office@stjohnscatholicchurch.org

Kroger Community Rewards Program

In order to continue receiving a charitable donation from Kroger we must enroll our Kroger plus card every year. Please don't forget to registering St. John the Evangelist to your Kroger Plus cards and then start shopping . Please visit www.kroger.com/communityrewards and follow the prompts If you don't like using computers just call 800-576-4377, select option 3 to get your Kroger Plus enroll.

Explain you want to register St. John Catholic Church,

The organization number for St. John is #88098

Thank you so much for taking your time and enrolling your card.

SJP winners for June are Nancy Goodman, Betty Pool, Barbara Wommack, Anne Link, Shirley Lawhorne, Julian Getz Georgian Gerhardt, William Kirby July 19 will be the next drawing.

St. John's needs you!! We are in need of a volunteer to clean the rectory every other Monday. If you are interested in this ministry please call the office.