The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we read that Jesus was not able to work miracles in his home town. In their eyes, he was just the person they'd seen grow up. This distressed him and he couldn't work many miracles at home.

Thursday we remember Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, priest and martyr, and his companions, martyrs. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Benedict, abbot.

We continue with the final week of a three-week cycle of Genesis readings. Jacob stops for the night and has a vivid dream about a stairway to heaven and the Lord telling him that the land on which he rests would be given to Jacob and his descendants. Jacob wrestles with a stranger in the night and is blessed by that stranger before they part.

The readings then jump ahead nine chapters to pick up the familiar story of the famine and Joseph, Jacob's son who has been sold into slavery by his brothers. Joseph is now a powerful man in Egypt managing food in a starving world, and his brothers, are sent by their father to Egypt to beg for food. Joseph meets with his brothers finally reveals himself to them and is reunited with his now-elderly father, Jacob, who comes to Egypt. Jacob dies a happy man, asking only that his family take his body back to their homeland for burial. The readings end as Joseph dies in Egypt, also asking to be buried in the land of his birth. It's a great story of God's fidelity.

Matthew's gospel this week is filled with healing and invitations. Jesus offers a cure and courage for the woman with hemorrhage, raises an official’s daughter from dead and as "his heart was moved with pity" he continues to cure every disease and illness. Along with these stories of healing in the First Gospel, the call from Jesus begins.

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Jesus summons the apostles and sends them out to continue his work by curing illness and driving out unclean spirits. He tells them how to be a laborer in his field and cautions them of the challenges ahead. On Saturday, he offers a tender example of God’s love for us in the story God’s love for even the lowly sparrow. “Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows,” he concludes.

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Stewardship Report: Revenue

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Building and Maintenance Fund:

Our second collection this weekend is for the Building and Maintenance Fund. This monthly collection enables us to make ongoing repairs and improvements to our parish and school building and grounds. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Faith Direct: The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial support. Please prayerfully consider helping Saint Matthias the Apostle with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code MD41, or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office.

Summer Stewardship: Please remember that your parish counts on your weekly sacrifice of treasure, joyfully given to the Lord in gratitude, and that treasure is needed even when you're away from us on vacation. Please remember to mail your offertory envelope to the rectory before you go away on a well-deserved vacation, or drop it in the collection basket the week before you leave. Thank you for being a faithful steward.

Every Penny Counts: Donate your loose change to the “Every Penny Counts” Box which provides funding for the annual Father E. Albert Hughes Scholarship Awards. The scholarship awards are given in the form of tuition assistance to deserving parish students.

A Stewardship Moment: This weekend as we celebrate the independence of our country, we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, “Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.” May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

The Academy Raffle Winner

Maggie Teagley, the winner of $300 Annette Hawkins, the seller won $50 for the June 29th drawing.
Parish Office Hours
Monday — Thursday 8:00 am until 4:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am until 12:00 pm

Faith Formation
If you have any questions regarding Faith Formation, please contact Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 X205.

Adult Faith Formation: Saint Matthias is offering a summer Adult Faith Formation Program every Tuesday morning after the 8:30 am Mass using the “Symbolon” DVD series from Augustine Institute. Please join us in the Hughes Center this Tuesday where the topic will be the Eucharist.

Faith Formation Registration: Parents of a child/children who do not attend a Catholic School, are encouraged to register them for our Faith Formation classes (grades K-8) which will begin in September. The registration forms are in the pamphlet racks in the vestibule of the Church. We look forward in aiding you in passing on the full deposit of the faith to your children.

Items of Note

Hearts on Fire Young Adult Retreat: All young adults (18—late 30s) are invited to retreat this Summer, Friday July 10th through Saturday July 11th at Georgetown Prep High School, Bethesda, MD. This day and a half long retreat features an introduction to the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola through dynamic presentations from young Jesuits who provide insights on how the deepest desires of our hearts lead us to the Heart of Christ. Register ($20) at DCCatholic.org/annual-events.

Holy Land Festival: Enjoy the Holy Land Festival on July 12th, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy Street NE. This fun day and family celebration will highlight the culture and life of Christians in the Holy Land. The closing Mass will be held at 5:00 pm. For details, visit myfranciscan.org/holylandfestival or contact Tony Bosnick at 301-853-5340 or abosnick@adw.org

Usher’s Closet: On Friday, July 17th the usher’s closet area will be cleaned out, so if you are missing anything and have not looked in the closet for it, please speak to an usher for assistance before the 17th. As of that date anything remaining will be donated or discarded. Thank you.

Faith Discernment Camp for High-School Women: A Faith Discernment Camp for high-school-aged women will be held at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg on July 23rd through July 25th. This three day camp includes prayer, talks, discussions with religious sisters, games and sports. Additional information an online registration are available under the Consecrated Life Tab at www.adw.org/vocations.

Mass Intentions for the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 6: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin 8:30 am Mary Ceci (Living) 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions 8:00 pm Benediction
Tuesday, July 7: 8:30 am Frankie and Keith Hinderman (Living) Wednesday, July 8: 8:30 am Kevin Hinderman Thursday, July 9: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest 8:30 am Roy Roberts Friday, July 10: 8:30 am Rev. Father Leonard F. Hurley

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 12:
8:00 am James Will 10:30 am Ugochukwu Ikedilo 6:00 pm Antoinette DiFrancesco

Readings for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
1st Reading: Amos 7:12
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10
Gospel: Mark 6: 7 - 13

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: Mary Ajayi; Margie Baker; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Hazel Campbell; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; Yvette Butler; Hazel Campbell; Sylvia Conte; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Gali Galicinao, Patricia Garner; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Wonema Hammer; Salome Ihejirika; Dorothy Johnson; Pamela Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Janice Lipa; Ed Mahlin, Jr.; Katherine Mahlin; Joe Makowski; John Murray; Carole New; Bernice Nnannah; Molly Onwukwu; Raphael Onyewu; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Marion Prout; Martin Reedy; Nicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Lissette Salvador; Lucille Strenge; Marian Thomas; Kay Villemi; Krystal Williams; John and Sam Zanin; Eugene Zehner and Mary Ann Zehner; may God’s healing grace be theirs.

For our military serving overseas: Protect them from all harm.

For all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.