

The Work of the People  
*The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

We continue throughout these Sundays to walk with Jesus as he journeys toward Jerusalem in Luke's Gospel. As disciples and believers in Christ, Luke challenges us to be as open, welcoming, and forgiving as Christ is toward all, most especially the poor, the oppressed, the ostracized, the rejected, and the enemy. Breaking down boundaries, welcoming all to the table, forgiving and reconciling, showing care and concern for all, even the most despised and rejected – all are lessons in discipleship that Luke's Jesus models for us.

In the Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the prophet speaks of the great joy that will be experienced by all as the Lord restores Jerusalem after the devastation of the Babylonian Exile. Using rich mother metaphors, God will restore Jerusalem from a barren, sorrowful, mournful mother to a fertile, prosperous, loving, and ever comforting one. The starving, desolated people will once again nurse from her abundant breasts, will exult over the abundance of water and wealth, and will experience the fondling, comfort, tenderness, and care that a loving mother showers on her nurslings.

As we continue the Letter to the Church in Galatia, Paul asserts that the only thing any disciple can boast in is the Cross of Christ, the most degrading of deaths transformed into the ultimate symbol of God's gracious love for all. As disciples, we too are called to manifest God's gracious love to all, no matter the cost.

In the Gospel for this Fourteenth Sunday, Jesus appoints seventy-two disciples and commissions them to go ahead of him to spread the word concerning God's reign. They are being sent as workers to a rich harvest that God has cultivated. However, they are also warned that such harvesting will involve dangers and challenges, concretized in the image of being sent out "like lambs among the wolves." They will experience rejection and opposition. Jesus instructs them as to their behavior on such a mission, and insists that no matter what they encounter, they are to trust in God who will protect and care for them.

The reflection for this week is from *Days of the Lord*.

"Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way." In other words: "Do

not bear anything that will encumber your journey. Do not waste time in vague pleasantries. Time is short."

The message that the messengers must announce is this: "The reign of God is at hand." A very short message, offered to all, while allowing each to welcome it or not. Nevertheless, even for those who refuse to open their doors, the kingdom of God is at hand. This is why, shaking the dust from their feet, the missionaries repeat that "the kingdom of God is at hand." One day, perhaps, others will harvest this ground, which was at first barren. In any case, one only gathers fruit that was sown at another time. The duty of the messengers is to sow seed wherever they go.

But the road is long. Whatever the strength of their faith and resolution, those who "follow" Christ need to hearken to the announcement of the good news that reawakens the joy of pilgrims. May they not be discouraged! May they rely on God their father overflowing with motherly tenderness!

There is still much to do for the harvest to be gathered. Every one must pray with Christ, and through him, that the Father send workers for the harvest. But at the same time be ready oneself to labor, if one is sent.

The time is pressing. "The kingdom of God is at hand."

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos. 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Mt. 9:18-26  
 Tuesday: Hos. 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt. 9:32-38  
 Wednesday: Hos. 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt. 10:1-7  
 Thursday: Hos. 11:1-4, 8c-9/Mt. 10:7-15  
 Friday: Hos. 14:2-10/Mt. 10:16-23  
 Saturday: Is. 6:1-8/Mt. 10:24-33  
 Sunday: Dt. 30:10-14/Col. 1:15-20/Lk. 10:25-37

#### THANK YOU

A warm thank you to all St. Anthony of Padua volunteers who helped with the Vacation Bible School. We appreciated your help.

*"Lord Jesus,  
 I need you to act!  
 I believe that as I reach out to you,  
 I will see your goodness."*

## WORSHIP

Monday, July 4

8:00 am + In Thanksgiving for the Blessing of Our Independence

Tuesday, July 5

8:00 am + Josephine Haluch  
(Denny and Tammy Mott)

Wednesday, July 6

8:00 am + NO MASS

Thursday, July 7

8:00 am + Edward Rembielak (Joan Rembielak)

Friday, July 8 - FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 am + Kathleen Nowak (Bannister Family)

Saturday, July 9

4:30 pm + Liv. & Dec. Members of Hobson Family  
(Vince Hobson)

Sunday, July 10

8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION  
Mary Ann Zinchiak (Edward & Rita Kiter)

9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
Living & Deceased Parishioners

### QUO VADIS DAYS

#### "Where Are You going"

Quo Vadis Days is a four-day camp for Catholic young men who are striving to follow God's call in their lives and who are considering the priesthood or seminary formation or who are wondering if God is calling them to a religious vocation.

**What:** Priesthood Discernment Camp

**Who:** Catholic Young Men in Grades 9-12

**When:** July 24-27, 2022

**Where:** St. Mark Seminary in Erie, PA

**Cost:** \$50.00

**\*\*Deadline to register: July 15, 2022\*\***

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give.

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 5

After Mass - St. Anthony Novena

Saturday, July 9

3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession

Sunday, July 10

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION

Before Mass - Confession

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

After Mass - Confession

### DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 2022 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Holy Cross in Fairview. To register, please call the parish office Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm before July 10, 2022.

### ST. BERNADETTE MISSION ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

There will be no July or August meeting. The meetings will resume in September at 1:00 pm

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, July 9 - 4:30 pm

Sydney Zilhaver

Sunday, July 10 - 9:30 am

No Servers

### ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$271.00
Candles	13.00
Peter's Pence	20.00
Donation	<u>200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$504.00</b>

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$952.00
Maintenance	457.00
Peter's Pence	175.00
Reimbursement	15.00
Candles	40.00
CSA	<u>250.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,889.00</b>

Catholic Services Appeal  
Pledged: \$31,503    Paid: \$24,916

**CHURCH NAME:** ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

**CHURCH NO.:**  
**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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