

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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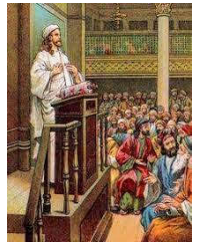
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14th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B – 3rd & 4th July 2021



Sat 03 Jul	5.30pm	For the Donor	
Sun 04 Jul	8.00am	For the Parish	

Pray for the sick and housebound, especially: Deacon Patrick Mildenhall, Paul Swartz, Bernadette Hilario, Eileen Lombart, Manny Davids, Louisa Fortuin, Shana Salie, Mildred Letwaba, Robert Pieterse, Katrina Titus, Francios Claasen, Wayne Withering, Maud Young, Maureen Malagas, Normelda Neethling, Harriet Colville, Nawaal Arrow, Antonia Nicholas, and Morris Isaacs.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 48:10-11*

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 2:2-5*

The Spirit sent Ezekiel to Israel and empowered him to speak with authority. God told Ezekiel that, regardless of Israel's response, they will know that a prophet was there.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4*

Our eyes look to the Lord, till he have mercy upon us.

SECOND READING: *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

Paul confessed his weakness but also thanked God for it, "for power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, Paul humbly accepted persecution for Christ's sake.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Cf. Luke 4:18*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to preach good news to the poor.

GOSPEL: *Mark 6:1-6*

Jesus went to his own part of the country and began teaching. The people were incredulous. They all knew him as a child. How could he teach them.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 33:9*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Or: Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Am I allowing the Word to bear fruit in me so that I can share it with others? Am I infected with the spiritual sickness of hardness of heart? Like the "servant" or the "maid," do I always keep my eyes fixed on the hands of my Lord? Prayer: Mary, be my strength in my weakness.

PRAYERS: We pray for God's healing on all those who may have contracted the COVID 19 disease. We convey our condolences to those who have lost their loved ones to the disease, and thank those who treated the deceased.

YEAR OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST continues. Our attention is drawn to some of the devotions we already have in the parish, such as the first Friday adoration and the First Sunday Holy Hour and Benediction. Please try to participate in these activities. Similarly, from the 17th – 21st Sundays of the Year in Year B (2021) the gospel readings from John 6 will further enrich us with several reflections on the Eucharist.

RECOMMISSIONING: The recommissioning of the Catechists and Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist will take place as soon as it is feasible to do them.

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION: This would take place this Sunday, 4th July from 4pm to 5pm. It will be livestreamed.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA): Registration for the RCIA 2021/2022 has closed. Those who registered will be contacted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: in-person (attendance) Sunday school classes is suspended until further notice.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Currently, the in-person classes are suspended until further notice. However, the online classes for the 2021 confirmation program continue. See the schedules. The online lessons will be posted on Tuesdays and will be available only for 3 days. After that they may be locked

CONFIRMATION CLASSES			
Tues 06 Jul	Pre Confirmation & Phase 2	Online	19h00
Tues 13 Jul	Phase 3 only	Online	19h00
Tues 27 Jul	Phase 1 & Phase 3	Online	19h00

Novena to Our Lady of the Assumption (to be said at the end of prayers of the faithful.)

Mary, Assumed into Heaven, we venerate you as the Queen of Heaven and earth. As you tasted the bitterness of pain and sorrow with your Son on earth, you now enjoy eternal bliss with Him in Heaven. Loving Queen, intercede for us in our needs. (*mention your request*) We praise Jesus for giving us such a loving mother. O Queen Assumed into Heaven, pray for us. Amen.

MARRIAGES: Parties proposing to enter marriage are to give at least six months' notice of their intention to their parish priest. They are to attend marriage classes prior to the marriage celebration. Contact the office for more details.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: continues until the 8th December 2021.

MASS ATTENDANCE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: All in-person Mass celebrations are suspended until further notice. Masses and devotions continue on our YouTube channel.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: Every Sunday of the year and Christmas day are regarded as holy days of obligation. On these days, the faithful are bound to attend Mass and, in so far as possible, abstain from servile work.

SECOND COLLECTION: Peter's Pence collection previously scheduled to be held this weekend has been postponed. A new date for the collection will be announced.

OBITUARY: We pray for the happy repose of Avron Knopf who died on the 19th of June and was buried on Saturday the 3rd of July. We also pray for the happy repose of Michelle Merino who passed away on 29th of June, and will be buried on Tuesday, 6th of July by 9:00am. We extend our condolences to the families. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

ALTERNATE CELL NUMBER: Fr's new alternate cellphone number is 0679520281.

SOUTHERN CROSS: You can subscribe directly to the print and /or digital version at <http://www.scross.co.za/subscribe>

BAPTISM: This will be by appointments only. Such appointments can only be made when the Lockdown regulations have been eased to allow religious gatherings. To schedule an appointment with Fr for Baptism, please call the office number.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE: During Consecration, no one is expected to be moving around or going to the bathroom. It is a time that does not allow any form of distraction. Secondly, please switch off your cellphone before entering the church. Should it unfortunately ring during Mass. Please just switch it off. Please do not attempt to start going out to answer the phone, neither should you answer the phone during mass inside the church.

PLANNED GIVING STATEMENTS: for the months of January to June 2021 will be available in July 2021. Those whose donations are not up to date are encouraged to bring them up to date as soon as possible. If you would like to receive your Planned Giving statement electronically, please go to the parish website, click on the "Planned Giving Statement" button, complete the request form and click the submit button.

PLANNED GIVING:

To make your planned Giving (Pledge), please deposit in the Parish bank account or set up a debit order with your bank. Always use your Pledge number as reference.

Bank: Standard Bank

Branch: Tyger Manor

Account number: 270 897 763

Branch code: 050-410

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

(To be said after the notices)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from evil. Amen



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

REFLECTIONS ON ST JOSEPH:



A Courageous Person:

The Apostles were in a boat, already some distance from the shore, battered by waves and strong wind. Jesus came walking toward them on the water and spoke these words to them.

“Courage!” he said. “It is I. Don’t be afraid!”

Entrusted with the care of Mary and Jesus, St. Joseph had to be a courageous man. He protected them from Herod who was seeking to kill the Child. We pray, that Brave St. Joseph, help us to have courage and not to be afraid of our trouble moments.

EXPANSION OF ST CATHERINE’S SOUP KITCHEN. We have expanded our outreach soup kitchen by commencing an additional soup kitchen outlet in Forest heights. This would cater for children who are in need, particularly within the areas of Forest heights, Spandau, and surrounding areas. We hope this offers some help to people who are really in need of something to eat. The soup kitchen will be run from the residence of Denise Kamies. She will be the coordinator of that soup kitchen. Our Soup kitchen in Kleinvelei operating from the residence of Harriet Colville is still active. Those who would like to donate, like soup items or loaves of bread, are welcome to do so by contacting the Parish office.

VACCINATION DRIVE: We encourage all our parishioners who are 60 years and older to register for the COVID 19 vaccine on the Government website <https://www.westerncape.gov.za> You can also register via SMS by dialing *134*832# or by calling Covid-19 hotline 0800029999, or through WhatsApp by sending the word REGISTER to 0600123456, then answer every question in the vaccine registration secure chat. You will receive a confirmation message that you are registered and in the system queue. We please request family members to assist their parents and grandparents to register for the vaccine online.

GENERAL NOTICE: Due to the National regulations in terms of the Alert Level 4 restrictions aimed at curbing and containing the COVID 19 pandemic, all in-person Masses are closed to the public. We can only join online for these Masses on our YouTube channel. The link can be found on our Parish Website.

All in-person Catechism classes are suspended until the restrictions are eased. However, online classes for the Confirmation Phases continue as usual. All gatherings by any group associated or operating in the parish are suspended until further notice. Funerals will be celebrated. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Baptism appointments with Fr which fall within the periods of the Alert level 4 Lockdown will be rescheduled to a another suitable date.

Parishioners are advised to abide by all the COVID 19 regulations and Protocols at all times, so as to help curb the spread of the Disease.

PRAYER FOR FREEDOM FROM COVID-19

“Loving God, we place into your care all our doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and caregivers. Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body. Keep them safe from harm. May they know our deep gratitude for all that they do to heal and help those in our families and communities affected by the corona virus. God of all consolation, may they know your protection and peace. Bless them and their families, and keep them safe in these challenging times. Amen.”

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Ezekiel 2:2-5
Ps 123:1-4
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6

Monday, July 5

Genesis 28:10-22a
Ps 91:1-4,14-15ab
Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 6

Genesis 32:23-33
Ps 17:1b,2-3,6-8b,15
Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 7

Genesis 41:55-57;
42:5-7a,17-24a
Ps 33:2-3,10-11,18-19
Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday, July 8

Genesis 44:18-21,
23b-29; 45:1-5
Ps 105:16-21
Matthew 10:7-15

Friday, July 9

Genesis 46:1-7,28-30
Ps 37:3-4,18-19,
27-28,39-40
Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday, July 10

Genesis 49:29-32;50:15-26a
Ps 105:1-4,6-7
Matthew 10:24-33

In the Gospel reading, we see the painful truth of what happens when we share our faith with those who knew us before we became alive in our faith.

Like Jesus, we are rejected, misunderstood, and disbelieved by people who don't understand why we changed. They feel threatened by our example; they don't want to consider their own need to change. We sound like fanatics to them, and they use this as an excuse to remain uninfluenced by our testimony.

Jesus changed after he quit living an ordinary life in an ordinary town with an ordinary job to begin a ministry that would instigate persecution, and he invited everyone to follow his example. How crazy does that sound?

Making matters worse, he was now spending all of his time trying to change the status quo of everyone's normal life and their normal ways of relating to others and their normal attitudes about religion – even affecting the status quo of those who did not want to follow him and become like him.

People don't like to be challenged, especially when it means giving up what's familiar and comfortable. However, this is not a reason for us to keep silent. We have been called by Christ to share the good news about him.



We must make it known that conversion is important, or else we are sinning against him and against those who need to learn more about him.

We fulfill this mission by sharing our personal conversion stories and our spiritual insights, and especially by making this an invitation rather than by demanding that others change.

If you're being rejected because of this, remember that Jesus understands how you feel. Let the sting of their rejection be replaced by an awareness that God is very pleased with you.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. In what ways has Jesus changed your life?
2. Who are the people that misunderstand these changes?
3. Now list those who do understand you: What can you do to enjoy their company more often?
4. When have you been rejected because of your spiritual growth? What have you learned about how to lovingly respond to their objections?
5. Have you ever walked away like Jesus did when he left his hometown?