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### Mass Intentions:

July 13th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

July 14th: Stephen F Fiechtl + by Mary Alyce Fiechtl

July 20th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

July 21st: Sandra Jones + by Bob & Mary Storms

### Liturgical Ministers

**July 21, 2019**

**Lectors** — Eleanor Michie

**Gift Bearers** — The Aleiandro Gonzalez Family

**Eucharistic Ministers** — Mary Alyce Fiechtl, Elaine Doner Deacon Moss

**Servers** — Brenda Placencia, Myriann Placencia

**Sacristans** — Mary Alyce Fiechtl

**Altar Linens** — Rose Huff and Patti Wall

**Ushers**—Men of the Parish

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 14, 2019

Christ Jesus ... is the head of the body, the church.

— Colossians 1:15, 18

### GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

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### WEEKLY OFFERING

July 7th	
Budget	\$2100
Actual	\$1211
Short	\$889

### TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR C

**First Reading** — The word of the LORD is very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

**Psalm** — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or *Psalm 19*.

**Second Reading** — Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15-20).

**Gospel** — The Samaritan traveler was moved with compassion at the sight of the man stripped and beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37).

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Grant Adams, Joyce Franckowiak, Gigi Lui

#### Relatives

Thomas Blankenship, Christopher Butler, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

#### Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

### WISDOM

Wisdom has been defined as knowing the difference between pulling your weight and throwing it around.

—Anonymous



The 2019 tax-free holiday begins on Friday, July 26 at 12:01 a.m. and ends Sunday, July 28 at 11:59 p.m. for back to school shoppers in Tennessee! State and local taxes will not be collected on clothing, school, and school art supplies that cost \$100 or less per item and computers that cost \$1,500 or less.

Online purchases will also fall under the sale tax holiday, but you should always check your order. The Department of Revenue wants to remind everyone that this weekend of savings is not exclusive to students or Tennesseans. Anyone who wants to shop in Tennessee during the last week-end of July will be eligible to save on sales tax.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;

Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

### Mass Schedule

**Monday:** 11:30 am

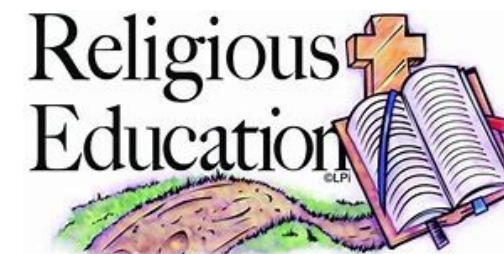
**Wednesday:** 11:30 am

**Thursday:** 9:00 am

**Friday:** 11:30 am

**Sunday Vigil:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am



### PRE

Can you spare an hour on Sunday? Teachers are needed for the 2019-2020 school year. Please see Lois Freeland.

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