

Dear Padre,

Why should I have my baby baptized?

Some parents pondering baptism say a child should mature first, then choose his or her religion. Yet, parents make many choices for their children—including name, diet, bedtime, and education. To forgo baptism means to choose a nonreligious outlook on life for your child. Indeed, objection to baptism can be a veiled statement about the parents' disregard for religion.

Baptism confers many benefits. First, it cleanses the soul of original sin. Scripture says Adam and Eve relinquished their God-centeredness, instead adopting a self-centered attitude. They thought of themselves as the center

of the universe. Such self-delusion is the origin of all sins. Baptism reverses this, with God telling the child he is loved and regarding him like his own Son, Jesus. Baptismal waters immerse the child into the depths of God's love.

Second, baptism begins a new life of loving response to God's love. Of course,

infants don't understand this during baptism. Children learn it from religious training and their parents' example. The sacraments aid us in living this life of love, especially the Eucharist in which Christ comes to us as bread and wine to nourish us with his love. As parents give a child her very existence, through baptism they set her on course toward eternal life.

Finally, baptism makes the recipient a member of Christ's body, the Church. The child, along with other Church members and guided by ordained pastors, will speak for Christ in society. What parent doesn't want the best for his or her child? Through baptism, God also wants the best for them.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[Babies] have a "choral" dimension: it is enough for one of them to start to "sing" and everyone follows and there will be a concert. Do not be alarmed. It is a beautiful homily when a baby cries in church....Make sure that they are all right and let us move forward.

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Calendar

Monday
JULY 4
Weekday
Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday
JULY 5
Weekday
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday
JULY 6
Weekday
Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday
JULY 7
Weekday
Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9
Mt 10:7-15

Friday
JULY 8
Weekday
Hos 14:2-10
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday
JULY 9
Weekday
Is 6:1-8
Mt 10:24-33

Sunday
JULY 10
Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Dt 30:10-14
Col 1:15-20
Lk 10:25-37



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July 3, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

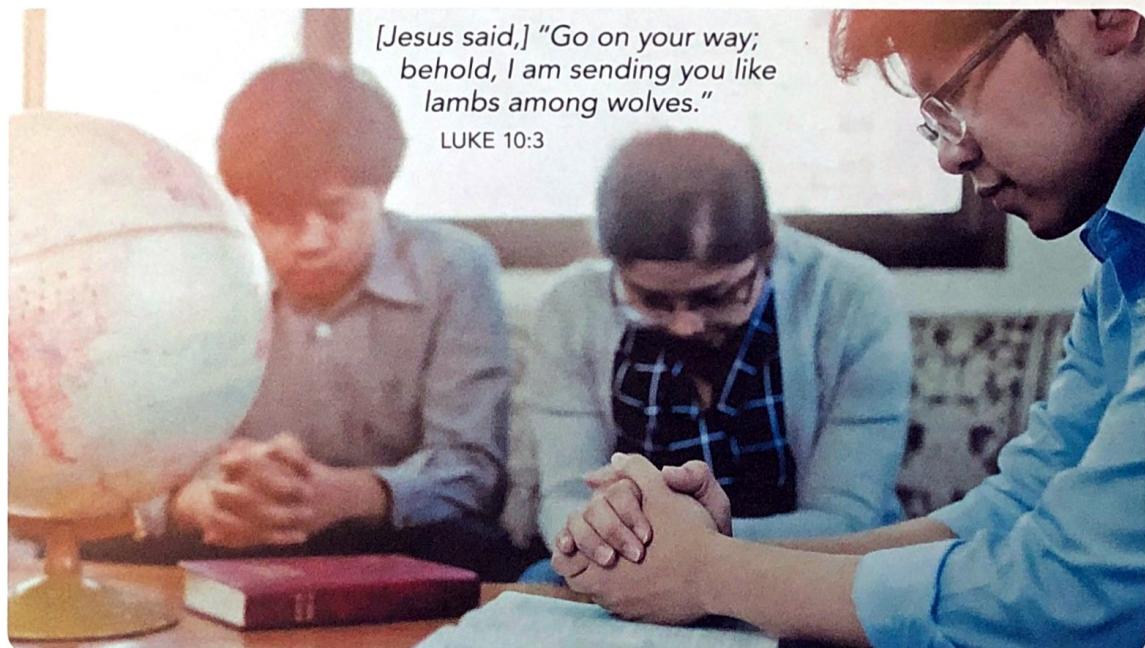
Is 66:10-14c

Gal 6:14-18

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

[Jesus said,] "Go on your way;
behold, I am sending you like
lambs among wolves."

LUKE 10:3



Rebuild a City

There doesn't seem to be a period in human history when cities were not destroyed by war. This was the case in ancient Rome, Atlanta during the Civil War, Dresden in World War II, and more recently, Aleppo in Syria. The devastation of a city leaves the survivors of the tragedy in desperate straits. This is the situation to which Isaiah speaks in the first reading. His message is one of hope. Jerusalem will be rebuilt; it will flourish once again. God will "spread prosperity over her like a river" (Isaiah 66:12). This will not be accomplished through mere human effort, but through the power of God.

The passage from Luke tells us how God will accomplish such a feat. There we read that Jesus sent seventy-two followers to preach the gospel. The power of God will work through them. We know little about who they were, from which villages they came,

or how long they acted as itinerant preachers. They may simply have gone back to their own lives and ministered to their own people. Such information is inconsequential.

What is important is the fact that God works through the followers of Jesus, through you and me. It will be through us that lives are rebuilt, that people will thrive again. It will be through us that cities are no longer destroyed by war. Do we believe this? Are we willing to be sent "to every town and place he intended to visit" (Luke 10:1)?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

* Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean for you?

* How might you live this out in your life today?



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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(color: Green)

7/2/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Maggie Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Gwen Waechter

7/3/2022–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kingston Guerrero, Cade Berning, Jace Berning

Reader: Mike Broeckelman

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(color: Green)

7/9/2022- Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Karen Burden

7/10/2022–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Kyle Berning

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Prayer Line Starters, Allison Bushek	355-1696
& Nanette Rice	355-7676

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 2	4:00 p.m.	Rosie Perez
Sunday, July 3	9:00 a.m.	Suellen Bergkamp
Monday, July 4	8:30 a.m.	Ron Kaiser
Tuesday, July 5	8:30 a.m.	Rory Cahoy
Thursday, July 7	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Friday, July 8	8:30 a.m.	Marlyn Morrison
Saturday, July 9	4:00 p.m.	Harold Smith
Sunday, July 10	9:00 a.m.	Jack, Leona, & Joe Randolph

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –JULY 3, 2022



My friends, the biggest complaint I hear from nonbelievers is that Christians really don't live any differently from anyone else. They often don't see us give more. They certainly don't see us showing more compassion. They don't see us forgiving more. They don't see us comforting and drying tears and consoling any more than anyone else. And they don't see us love more. We may say that Jesus is Lord, but externally it often seems that we follow whatever or whomever everyone else follows, live pretty much as everyone else lives --- believer and nonbeliever alike.

And all of that harms the work of the Church. All of that keeps people from truly taking us seriously. All of that makes people often so reluctant to embrace the things we say are so important. And so, we unknowingly do damage to the very thing we love so dearly, keeping others from wanting whatever it is we and Jesus are offering.

And so, each of needs to look deep within and ask ourselves, "Am I building up the faith or tearing it down, am I working for it or inadvertently against it, am I a lamb or a wolf as Jesus mentions in Luke 10:1-12)?" And let's not think that faithful discipleship can simply be reduced to being "right" on a couple of "hot" topics. It's so much more than that. So much, much more. And that's precisely what God wants from us.
Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for June 26, 2022: Envelopes: \$958; Loose: \$268; Online Giving: \$257.72; Total \$1483.72; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under -277.45

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Last weekend contribution: \$130; Building Fund To Date: \$12,526.26

Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.

MISSION COOP - Sister Christina Meyer, a Sister of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS, will speak to us this weekend, at the masses on July 2-3. She will speak on the ministry of their Sisters in Brazil. This is an opportunity for us to become more aware of the Mission work of the Sisters of St. Joseph and to learn more about that ministry of the universal Church.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE We will be having a Church Rummage Sale this year. The date has not yet been decided on, but if you have anything you would like to donate please contact one of the following: Tressa Powers at 620-260-6247 ; Jane Sullivan at 620-355-5118 ; Gwen Waechter at 620-272-1030 ; Jana Jenkinson at 620-290-5201; Carolyn Robertson at 620-290-5569 . THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH!

SINCERE SYMPATHY & PRAYERS Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family, on the passing of your beloved mother and grandmother, Peggy Pettz. May the Almighty God wrap His loving arms around you and the entire family and give you peace. May she rest in peace.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY –JULY 4 TO EVERYONE!

“God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being.
Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,
and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth.
Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others,
to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the common good of all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.”

VOCATION VIEW “The harvest is rich but the workers are few; therefore ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest.” Pray for vocations. Depend on God’s providence. (Luke 10:1-9)

STEWARDSHIP “The harvest is rich,” Jesus tells the seventy-two in today’s Gospel, “but the workers are few.” The situation is the same today. How can I help with God’s harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (adapted from “Blessing before Leaving on a Journey” in Catholic Household Blessing and Prayers) All-powerful and ever-living God, when your Son Jesus sent his disciples to further your kingdom, you kept them safe all through their journeys. Protect us, your servants, who also strive to follow your Son. Walk by our side to help us. Be our companion and our strength on the way. Be our refuge in every adversity. Lead us, O Lord, as we share your kingdom with others, and bring us at last to the eternal haven of salvation. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Luke 10:10-12,17-20)

Linking stories Jesus already sent out his twelve closest disciples (9:1f). Here he sends even more, this time throughout Samaria. This passage shows that the missionary work undertaken in the Book of Acts is based on Jesus’ own command.

70/72 This passage also shows how Jesus is a prophet like Moses, filled with God’s spirit. In the Book of Numbers God shared the spirit that was on Moses with 70 Israelite leaders (Numbers 11:24f). Two leaders were absent from the gathering, but the spirit also came upon them, bringing the total to 72. We don’t know which number Luke used.

Lambs among wolves Jesus sends his disciples to invite people into God’s reign (v.2). The reference to lambs among wolves highlights the vulnerability of the disciples: they must not carry any money or provisions but accept what is – or is not – offered.

Stay with them The disciples should spend real time with people and not stop in the road for idle chitchat (v.4). They should stay with the first family that welcomes them instead of searching for the coolest people or finest accommodations (v.7). The disciples should also eat whatever is offered (v.7a, 8b), which means they might have to eat food that Jewish law forbade them to eat. The proclamation of God’s kingdom is more important than observing these dietary laws.

Shaking the dust Some Jews shook their feet when they passed from a Gentile region back into Judea as if to prevent pagan dust from contaminating the holy land. By making the same gesture, Jesus’ disciples imply that a village was cut off from God’s kingdom.

Satan falls The disciples successfully preached, healed, and cast out demons. Jesus notes that as they furthered God’s kingdom, the forces of evil retreated (v.18). Venomous serpents and scorpions represent evil. However, the disciples shouldn’t bask in the glory of their accomplishments, but celebrate their own inclusion in God’s kingdom (v.20). (www.oursundayreadings.com)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Isaiah 66:10-14c)

The disappointing present This passage was written in the late sixth or early fifth century BC, long after the Babylonians had destroyed Jerusalem and its temple. At this point both the city and temple have been rebuilt, but neither are as glorious as they once were. Also, many Israelites who had been deported or fled during the Babylonian invasion had not returned to their homeland.

The fertile future The prophet uses images of fertility to assure his listeners that God will make Jerusalem wealthy and glorious. He compares the city to a new mother who nurses the city’s inhabitants, cares for them, and ensures that they grow strong. The prophet also declares that non-Jewish nations will pour into the holy city, bringing gifts that will enrich it. He describes this coming prosperity as a river. Flowing water, which is purer than stagnant water, represents sustenance and life. (www.oursundayreadings.com)



PLEASE VOTE “YES” ON AUGUST 2ND

What does the Value Them Both Amendment do?

It stops painful, late-term abortions (live dismemberment abortions) and protects other limits on the abortion industry. It does not ban abortion.

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BOTH**

Does Value Them Both Ban abortion?

The only thing it bans is taxpayer funded abortions.

Why is it even needed with Roe being overturned?

In 2019 the Kansas Supreme Court declared that abortion is an unlimited right and every limit on abortion is now presumed unconstitutional. Abortion limits are being struck down one-by-one and Kansas is a destination for extreme abortions.

Since 2019 abortions have increased by 13% and half of our abortions are performed on out-of-state residents coming to Kansas.

Does Value Them Both impact ectopic pregnancies, miscarriages, etc...

No. Anti-Amendment forces want to make this campaign about anything but painful late-term abortions and keeping reasonable limits in place in Kansas. They are waging a campaign of confusion.

Kansas has a very clear legal definition of abortion-K.S.A. 65-6701(a).

- The treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is NOT an abortion.
- The treatment for miscarriage is NOT an abortion.
- The treatment for septic uterus is NOT an abortion.

Does Value Them Both have anything to do with birth control, IVF or fertility treatments?

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are blessed

This land is a favored patch of Earth. "From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam," as Irving Berlin's anthem goes, may God bless this place we call the United States of America. Berlin's song is both patriotic and prayerful, which is why it's sometimes sung in church. He originally wrote it for a play, then set it aside for 20 years, resurrecting it as the Third Reich came to power and the world needed an inspirational song. (Woody Guthrie didn't like it and wrote "This Land Is Your Land" in response.) However you choose to sing it, croon a song of gratitude for your country. (Prepare the Word)

DÉCIMO CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Somos bendecidos

Éste es un lugar favorecido de la Tierra. "Desde las montañas, hasta las praderas, hasta los océanos blancos de espuma," como dice el himno de Irving Berlin, que Dios bendiga este lugar que llamamos Estados Unidos de América. La canción de Berlin es a la vez patriótica y una oración, por lo que a veces se canta en la iglesia. La escribió originalmente para una obra de teatro, y luego la dejó de lado durante 20 años, resucitándola cuando el Tercer Reich llegó al poder y el mundo necesitaba una canción inspiradora. (A Woody Guthrie no le gustó y escribió "This Land Is Your Land" como respuesta). De cualquier forma que la canten, entona una canción de gratitud por tu país.