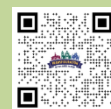
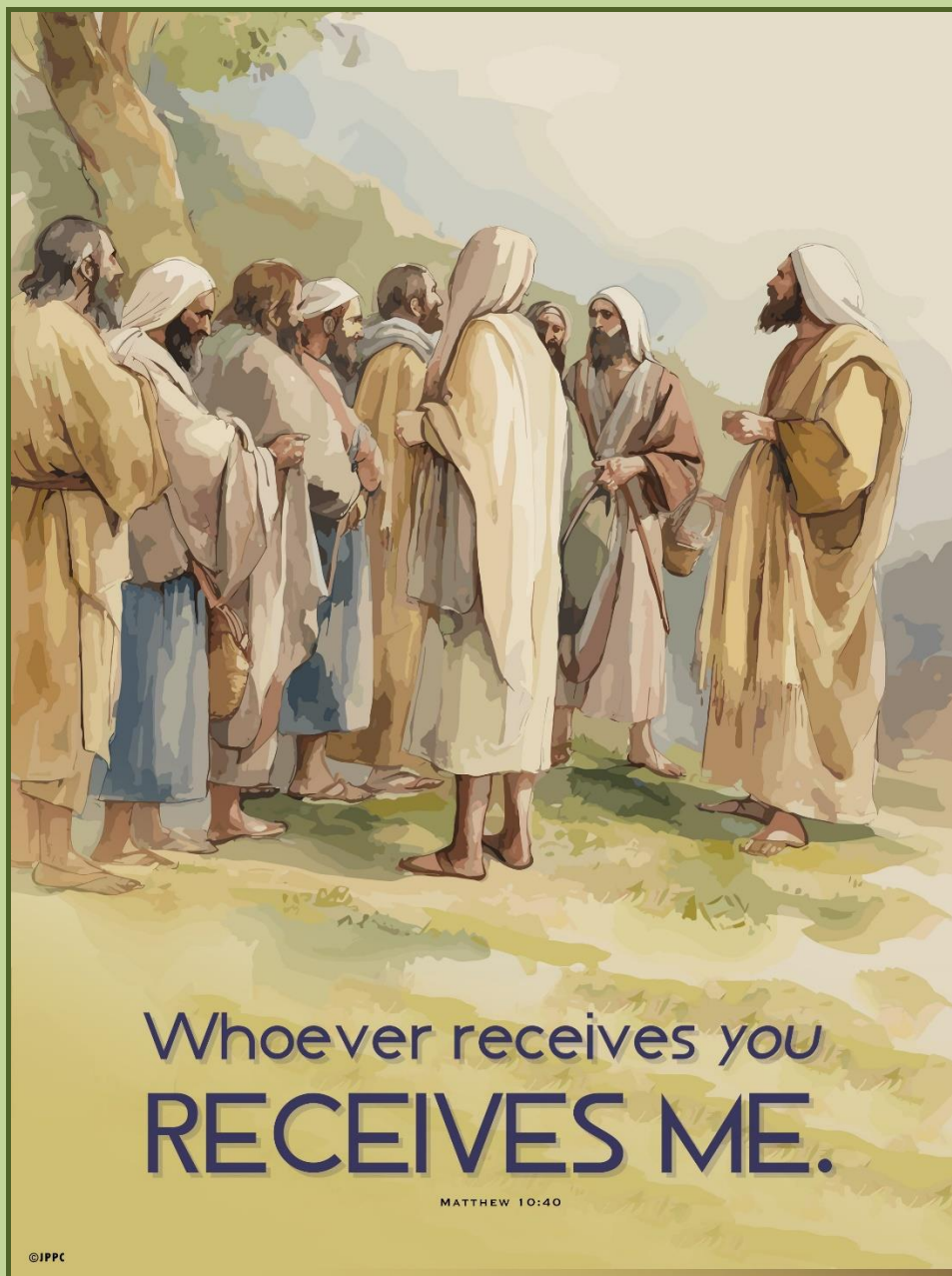


# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 2, 2023



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street  
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

# Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

Rev. David A. Costa, Pastor  
Rev. Deacon Joseph E. Regali, Parish Deacon  
Sister Kathleen A. Corrigan, S.U.S.C., Pastoral Associate  
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Mrs. Jean Howard, Business Manager  
Mrs. Elaine Corvese, Director of Religious Education  
Mrs. Lisa Serak, Principal, Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School  
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Towne Street  
North Attleborough, Massachusetts 02760  
(508) 695-1173 or email [ripco@comcast.net](mailto:ripco@comcast.net)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

## Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart. Baptisms are scheduled for 12:30 pm with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact the office at [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and available dates.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday morning and afternoon. Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance to begin preparation.

## Sacrament of the Sick

Pastoral care to those in need of the sacrament of the sick is arranged through the parish office. Please call to arrange a visit.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the first Friday of each month in **Saint Mark Church** (*for the summer months*), beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 6:00 pm with Benediction.

## Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. You are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. You may also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Or you can use this link for online giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

## Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary Church  
Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church  
Sunday 9:30 am Saint Mary Church  
Sunday 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

## Weekday Masses

Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mark Church (**for Summer**)  
*Rosary for Life 4:00 pm each Monday prior to 4:30 pm Mass*  
Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church  
Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mark Church (**for Summer**)  
Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service  
Saint Mark Church

**Links to:** Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/ysfaxaty>

## Parish Office

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Faith Formation • 508-695-3823

# MASS Intentions

## July 1/2- 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday**

4:00 pm

**July 1 – Vigil**

Leo J. Wagner

Virginia B. Miller

**Sunday**

8:00 am

**July 2**

People of the Parish

**Sunday**

9:30 am

**July 2**

Bob Schnack

**Sunday**

11:00 am

**July 2**

People of the Parish

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**Monday**

4:30 pm

**July 3 (St. Mark Church)**

Josephine Poirier

**Tuesday**

8:00 am

**July 4 (St. Mark Church)**

People of the Parish

**Wednesday**

4:30 pm

**July 5 (St. Mark Church)**

William “Bill” Copley, Sr.

**Thursday**

8:00 am

**July 6 (St. Mark Church)**

Emil Clerc

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## July 8/9- 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday**

4:00 pm

**July 8 – Vigil**

Anne Arminio

**Sunday**

8:00 am

**July 9**

Sabatino Viscusi

**Sunday**

9:30 am

**July 9**

Maria & Joseph Finocchi

**Sunday**

11:00 am

**July 9**

Paul S. Dumas, Sr.

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## Parish Contributions

Collection for June 17/18: \$13,068.30

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## From Fr. Costa:

We're back! Who would have thought, four years ago, that Fr. Ken, Fr. Gabriel, Sr. Kathee and I would be returning to ministry in North Attleborough? To quote one of my favorite lines from Saint Paul: “who has known the mind of God?” or the oft quoted: we make plans and God laughs!

Thank you to all who have been so gracious in your welcome. You have made the transition from Somerset/Swansea to North Attleborough a lot easier with your kindness.

Just a few “news items” to share as we get settled:

- Sister Kathee will be living on the second floor of the St. Mary Parish House. The parish offices will remain on the first floor. In addition to her parish responsibilities, Sister serves on the leadership team of the United States province of the Holy Union Sisters.
- I will be living at the St. Mark Rectory. I think it's good to have someone in both of our buildings. This property has not been inhabited for a good number of years and needed a little updating. That is in process. Parish business will be conducted from the office on Park Street. The Stanley Street building will be where I live. I really appreciate your understanding.
- The Sacred Heart rectory has been in disrepair for a good number of years and is not only an “eyesore” in the neighborhood but is now a major safety risk for our parishioners and especially the children and faculty of our parish school. We have begun the long process of taking down this building and updating this property for better use of both the parish and the school.
- Please note: both the daily Mass and the weekend Mass schedule will remain the same for the summer. Come the Fall, we will together assess the needs of our parish and decide if changes are necessary.
- **As of Monday, July 3, all daily Masses will be celebrated at Saint Mark Church.** There are a few reasons for this change: (1) it's air conditioned! (2) we can save a little \$\$\$ using one building, (3) it's a lot easier being in one location for that schedule and (4) selfishly, I live on that property.
- Lastly (for now), I ask for your patience. Please remember, we are still settling in and things are all over the place. These summer months provide a great opportunity to ease back in, unpack (God knows I have lots of “stuff!”), and renew our energy.

Again, thank you for the warm welcome. We look forward to beginning this new chapter with you. God bless!

# Eucharistic Adoration

Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said  
*"A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration is a sharing  
 in the work of Redemption."*

Please join us at **Saint Mark Church**, Friday,  
**July 7th**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at  
 6:00 p.m. with Benediction. **Please note the  
 revised location for summer Adoration.**  
 Remember, as we share in the work of  
 Redemption, so will we be rewarded with our  
 own redemption.

For more information call Joanne Regali (508-  
 643-3821) or Arlene Hall (508-801-2243).  
 Please leave a message if the call is not  
 answered immediately.

## FAITH FORMATION

*Director of Religious Education ~ Mrs. Elaine Corvese*  
**508-695-3823**

[TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com)

### Faith Formation for Fall 2023

The students in all grades will be promoted to  
 the next grade and emails regarding the  
 program will be sent during the month of  
 August. If you have a son/daughter entering  
 first grade in the fall, you will need to register  
 him/her to the Faith Formation program. First  
 grade is the first year of the two-year program  
 in preparation for First Communion which is  
 held in the spring of the second year. Contact  
 the Faith Formation office at  
[transfigurationreled@gmail.com](mailto:transfigurationreled@gmail.com) to register.

The Faith Formation program has ended for all  
 grades for the 2022-2023 year. I would like to  
 thank the parents/guardian for their endless  
 support and patience. Also, thank you to the  
 catechists. I am truly blessed to work with such  
 a wonderful team!

*Mrs. Elaine Corvese*

## Rosary for Life

The Respect Life Committee of Transfiguration of  
 the Lord Parish is pleased to announce that every  
 Monday we will lead a Rosary for Life at 4:00 pm,  
 prior to the 4:30 pm daily Mass in **Saint Mark  
 Church**. The communal Rosary is also  
 livestreamed each week for any participants who  
 wish to join us remotely. **Please note the revised  
 location for the summer months.**



## BAPTISM

### Baptism Congratulations

Our prayerful best wishes are extended to three of  
 our infants and their families who celebrated the  
 Sacrament of Baptism this past Sunday. Please  
 welcome and remember in your prayer:

#### *Alexandra Kate Keenan*



Daughter of David & Kayla (Fifty) Keenan  
 Godchild of Patrick Keegan & Meghan Pestana

#### *Grayson Christopher Markey*



Son of Andrew & Catherine (Nedder) Markey  
 Godchild of J. Richard Nedder, III & Kristen  
 McPhee

#### *Rose Shea Riley*



Daughter of Justin & Emily (Brown) Riley  
 Godchild of Matthew Brown & Kathleen Lau

## Prayer and Pizza

Are you looking for another way to deepen your spirituality? Do you have “knots” in your life that you need help undoing? Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month for “Prayer and Pizza.” Following the 4:30 pm Mass on **Wednesday, July 19**, we together will pray the rosary, which will be offered up to Mary, Undoer of Knots (maryundoerofknots.com). Whether you pray the rosary daily or have never prayed it before, please consider joining us for “Prayer and Pizza” All are welcome! Please contact Rick Leco (508 930 9264) or Vicky Curran (508 930 3306) with any questions.



## SAINT MARY-SACRED HEART SCHOOL - JOIN NOW!



***Give the gift of a Catholic education - the faith formation and goal of creating saints is priceless!*** SMSH provides a caring, Catholic learning environment – one that promotes cognitive, social, emotional, and spiritual development of all children. We invite you to learn more about our school’s strong curriculum by visiting our website [www.smschool.com](http://www.smschool.com). If you want your child to attend a school that balances faith with education, consider joining the Saints community of learners.

*our children*  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION  
*our future*

## “Do This in Memory of Me”



82<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

The 82nd Catholic Appeal continues. Please join with your fellow parishioners in helping those in need in our communities, and show love through your generosity. The agencies and apostolates supported by the Appeal provide encouragement to those who are deepening their faith journeys, and those who endeavor for a better tomorrow. The Appeal sustains life-affirming services such as marriage preparation and enrichment, citizenship preparation, bereavement support, and community action for better housing. Make your secure gift or pledge online today at [www.GiveFRDiocese.org](http://www.GiveFRDiocese.org).

***In 2022 our parish contributed a total of \$103,210, an increase over 2021 of \$962.00!***

***So far, our community has contributed \$86,965.00 in 2023!***

*“What we would like to do is change the world--make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended them to do. And, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, the poor, of the destitute...we can, to a certain extent, change the world... We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever widening circle will reach around the world. There is nothing we can do but love, and, dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as our friend.”*  
(Dorothy Day)

## Abundant Hope

**Did you know...** Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center works with over 50 community partners including St Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, and Early Head Start to ensure that our clients receive all of the help they need. Are you part of an organization that would like to partner with us? Contact us at 508-455-0425. **Serving the community since 2011 - from pregnancy testing to potty training!**

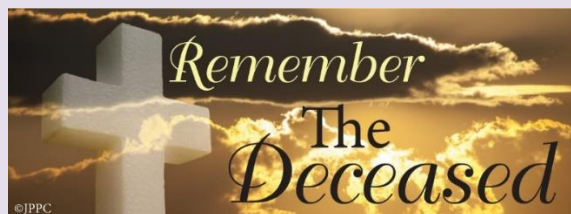


Council #330 of the Knights of Columbus has been serving the Catholic Community of North Attleborough for 125 years. The Knights meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, in the St. Mary Church Hall. Please drop by on meeting nights if you'd like to learn more about the Knights. Council #330 is committed to assisting local charities that align with the values of our Faith such as the Parish, the Parish school, and Abundant Hope. Contact Jim Schromm at [jim.schromm@verizon.net](mailto:jim.schromm@verizon.net) with any questions.

### **Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society**

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are in need or are suffering, in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. The Society meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month in the parish hall in Saint Mary Church. Please join us!

**Call for Assistance** If you need assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information.



***Please Pray for our Deceased:***

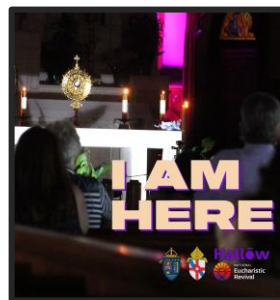
***Irene T. LaMothe***

***F. Mark O'Korn***

*Eternal rest grant unto our beloved dead, O Lord.  
Let perpetual light shine upon them.*

### **Eucharistic Testimonies**

The Diocese of Fall River, in conjunction with the I AM HERE campaign, is collecting



Eucharistic testimonies that can be shared. Parishes can include these in bulletins or post on social media to encourage Eucharistic belief and devotion. To submit a story, click

<https://www.iamhere.org/submit>

Click below to hear from Capt. Daryl Gonyon of Holy Trinity Parish in Fall River.

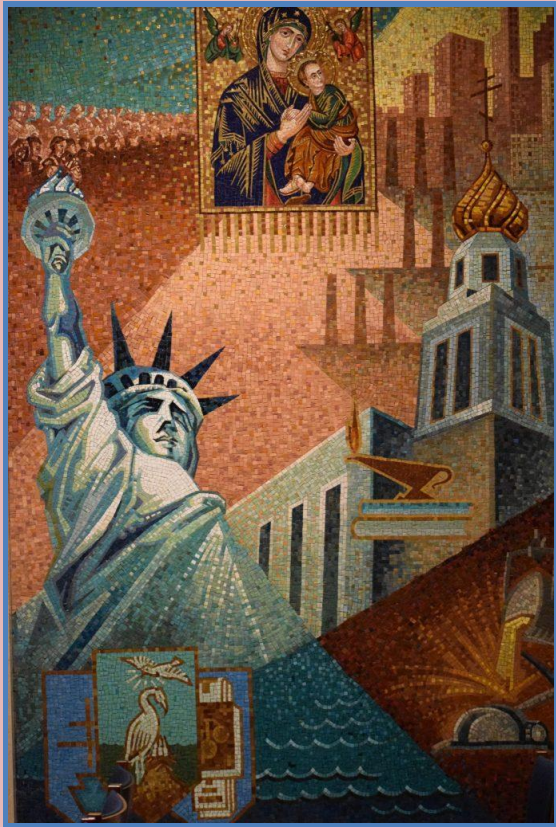
<https://www.iamhere.org/stories/daryl-gonyon>

***"What He gives you is not to be kept under lock and key, but to be shared. The more you save the less you will be able to give. The less you have, the more you will know how to share."***  
***(St. Teresa of Calcutta)***

### **Transfiguration of the Lord Respect Life Group**

The next meeting of the Respect Life Group will take place on Monday, ***September 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm in Saint Mary Church Hall. Please note there are no meetings during the summer months.*** In the meantime, please mark your calendars: the Secretariat of the New Evangelization's Family and Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Fall River will be hosting two Respect Life events on Sunday October 22, 2023 to mark Respect Life Month. The Annual Respect Life Mass with Bishop da Cunha will be held at Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption in Fall River at 10:30 AM. Following this Mass, there will be a Respect Life Conference at White's of Westport for \$35 (lunch and speakers). It is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Joanna Wissler (508-243-5307 or [wissler5@verizon.net](mailto:wissler5@verizon.net)).

## A Prayer for Our Nation on Independence Day



*O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.*

*We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.*

*Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## SEVEN WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS

July 19, 2023  
10:00 am

Live Free  
Webinar for Parish  
Staff, Volunteers, and  
Laity

### REGISTER AT

[WWW.FALLRIVERCLERGY SUPPORT.ORG](http://WWW.FALLRIVERCLERGY SUPPORT.ORG)



MATTHEW S. ROBINSON, MA, MS  
Director of Clergy Support  
Diocese of Fall River

Matt Robinson, the Director of Clergy Support for the Diocese of Fall River, will be hosting a free webinar for Parish staff, volunteers, and laity entitled “Seven Ways to Support Our Priests.” If you would like to learn more about our priests and practical ways to support them, kindly register for the webinar at:

<https://www.fallriverclergysupport.org/>

Thank you!



Dominican  
Sisters of Peace

Sisters and Associates  
in Mission

*"If today, you hear God's voice, harden not your heart." (Hebrews 3:15)*

Have you ever wondered whether God is calling you to become a Sister, or do you want to know more about consecrated life? The Dominican Sisters of Peace are offering a free Come and See Discernment weekend retreat, September 8-10, 2023 in the beautiful hills of St. Catharine, Kentucky for single Catholic women ages 18-45. This year we are offering an optional bonus day on Friday, September 8th. You may arrive Thursday and spend Friday in prayer, community, fun, and touring our Dominican heritage sites with sisters and other discerners. Please visit [www.oppeace.org](http://www.oppeace.org) for more information and to register for this event. To get a glimpse of what to expect, visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEeaAYXvKUK](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEeaAYXvKUK) to view highlights from a previous retreat we held at our Motherhouse in St. Catharine, Kentucky.

For more information, contact Sr. Mai-Dung (pronounced My-Zung) Nguyen, OP at call or text 405-248-7027 or [mai-dung.nguyen@oppeace.org](mailto:mai-dung.nguyen@oppeace.org)

# 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 2, 2023



## First Reading

### A reading from the Second Book of Kings

One day Elisha came to Shunem,  
where there was a woman of influence, who  
urged him to dine with her.

Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to  
stop there to dine.

So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha  
is a holy man of God.

Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little  
room on the roof

and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair,  
and lamp,

so that when he comes to us he can stay there."

Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the  
room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done  
for her?"

His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes!

She has no son, and her husband is getting on  
in years."

Elisha said, "Call her."

When the woman had been called and stood at  
the door,

Elisha promised, "This time next year  
you will be fondling a baby son."

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*



## Responsorial Psalm

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of  
the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing  
forever,  
through all generations my mouth shall  
proclaim your faithfulness.

For you have said, "My kindness is  
established forever;"

in heaven you have confirmed your  
faithfulness.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of  
the Lord.**

Blessed the people who know the joyful  
shout;

in the light of your countenance, O LORD,  
they walk.

At your name they rejoice all the day,  
and through your justice they are exalted.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of  
the Lord.**

You are the splendor of their strength,  
and by your favor our horn is exalted.  
For to the LORD belongs our shield,  
and to the Holy One of Israel, our king.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of  
the Lord.**

## *Second Reading*

### **A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?  
We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.  
We know that Christ, raised from the dead,  
dies no more;  
death no longer has power over him.  
As to his death, he died to sin once and for all;  
as to his life, he lives for God.  
Consequently, you too must think of  
yourselves as dead to sin  
and living for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## *Alleluia*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## *Gospel*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

† A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

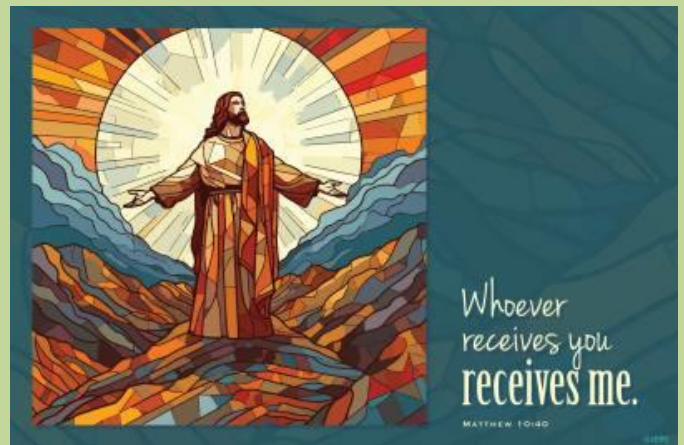
Jesus said to his apostles:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me  
is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or  
daughter more than me is not worthy of me;  
and whoever does not take up his cross  
and follow after me is not worthy of me.  
Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever  
loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me,  
and whoever receives me receives the one who  
sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because  
he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward,  
and whoever receives a righteous man because  
he is a righteous man will receive a righteous  
man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of  
cold water to one of these little ones to drink  
because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say  
to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*



## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Hospitality

As children, my sister and I visited our grandparents in West Virginia. Carloads of aunts, uncles, and cousins came to see us. As the visit ended, each family bid farewell and headed toward the road. About halfway across the footlog, they turned back toward all of us waving from the front porch. “Come and go up with us,” they’d call out. With excitement and anticipation of more playing time with the cousins, we’d beg our parents, “Please let us go.” I often wonder now if our relatives really meant for us to take them up on the offer every time they extended it, but they always made us feel welcome when we’d go home with them. Looking back, I realize they also welcomed Jesus into their homes with generous hospitality.

*FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:8–11, 14–16a    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 89:2–3, 16–17, 18–19*  
*SECOND READING: Romans 6:3–4, 8–11    GOSPEL: Matthew 10:37–42*

### Comment

It was fortunate for Elisha that the wealthy woman was so generous with her hospitality. She recognized Elisha as a man of God and wanted to help him in some way. The one thing she had to offer was her hospitality. She gave him food when he first started passing by. Soon she asked her husband to build a room for him so that he might stay with them whenever his travels took him in their direction.

Elisha wanted to repay the woman’s kindness and learned that she longed for a baby. He promised her that within the year she would hold her new baby.

The idea of hospitality continues as we are told in Matthew that those who welcome the disciples also welcome Jesus. And if they welcome Jesus, they recognize God. Our reward will be great if we offer hospitality to the weakest of God’s creation. The hospitality of heaven will be ours because we have welcomed Christ in others.

### Reflection

We welcome everyone as we would welcome Christ; we see Christ in the faces of people we meet. Right? We know, that’s not always as easy as it sounds. What about the beggar we passed on the street? Or the person who wandered around with no home? The hospitality we show others is a message of our love for God. We can tell God of our love, but unless we demonstrate it, it is hollow, empty love.

What greater hospitality can we hope for than that of heaven’s open doors? We are called to love God more than the world. That does not mean that we can’t be grateful for the world and enjoy the fruits of it. But it is God who gives us the world’s gifts and asks for our love above all else. The way to express our love for God is to love the poor and forsaken.

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