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Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

Many who heard
Jesus were astonished.
They said,
"Where did this man get all this?
Is he not the carpenter,
the son of Mary?"

Mark 6:2,3

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am – 12pm and 1pm - 4:30pm
(Monday July 5th 2021, Parish office is closed)

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am
Saturday 8:15 am & 5 pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9 am & 11:00 am

Sacraments

Confession in Courtyard: Saturday 3:30pm- 4:00pm

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Whew! It is getting hot! I am not a big fan of hot weather, but I know many of you enjoy this sort of heat. I have two seasons I enjoy most, Spring and Fall. Spring time is a time of renewal, re-birth, Resurrection and the beginning of the church. It is also a time of cool sunny mornings and warm evenings. It's also the beginning of baseball season. My earliest recollection of my young childhood is the first time going to the ballpark and seeing the green grass of the outfield; the smell of hot dogs wafting in the air; and the excitement of finding your seats, realizing you're seated behind the third base dugout! As the minutes tick by for the game to start, you are captivated by the activities on the field. Batting practice is a time to watch how well the batters and pitchers are doing and to see your favorite player.

"At the same time, what is so beautiful about baseball is that it does not come with specific requirements for an athlete's physical condition. You neither need to be super tall nor do you need a lot of body weight to play baseball. In fact, no matter your physical proportion and fitness level, there will always be a place for you in a baseball game."

Why did I choose the above quote? Easy, it can also apply to you and me and our Christian faith. There are no physical, or mental requirements to be a Christian. You don't have to be too tall or too short. You don't need to be super smart. You don't need to be in great physical shape or any shape at all. To be a Christian is to be a follower of Christ. Pretty simple? Not really. There is a line from "A League of their Own", where Tom Hank's character has this wonderful exchange with Gina Davis:

Jimmy Dugan: *"sneaking out like this, quitting, you'll regret it for the rest of your life. Baseball is what gets inside you. It's what lights you up, you can't deny that.*
Dottie Hinson: *It just got too hard.*
Jimmy Dugan: *It's supposed to be hard. If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. The hard... is what makes it great.*

To be a Christian isn't easy, especially in our secular society today, and especially for our young people today. Anyone who tells you that committing your life to Christ makes your life *easier* is not telling the truth. Fulfilling, yes. More joyful, absolutely. But *easier*? No. In some ways, life gets more difficult after we come to Christ. The struggle against sin is more pronounced, for one thing. Laziness, gluttony, swearing, anger, envy, self-centeredness, materialism, covetousness, intimacy issues—the temptations seem never-ending. The world, the flesh, and the devil don't go away because we have stepped into a relationship with Christ. There is always the constant battle between good and evil, between right and wrong. These are things that keep us on our toes. And like a ball player, we are in constant need of practice, practice, and more practice. To follow Christ can be life changing, and a life long adventure. But as the quote above says, "It's supposed to be hard… The hard is what makes it great!". Amen.

Fr. Leonard Marrujo

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

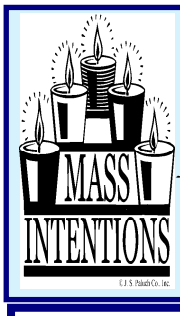
LOOKING AHEAD

July 18 - 26	Novena to St. Anne
August 7,8 14,15	Book Sale

COMING SOON
Book Sale

Weekend of August 7th &14th Save the date.

More details to come.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

July 5	Mon 8:15am	† Walter Robert Levoch
July 6	Tue 8:15am	Sp. Int. John Bybee
July 7	Wed 8:15am	† J.C.Wu † Sean Cassidy † Bill Reed Sp. Int John Perosi Sp. Int Sol West
July 8	Thu 8:15am	† Daniel Koepke
July 9	Fri 8:15am	† Grace Chin
July 10	Sat 8:15am 5 pm	† Fidel & Candelaria Supleo † Daniel Koepke
July 11	Sun 9am 11am	Parishioners & Benefactors † Elsa Yam

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

- Andy Edwards
- Edward Regan

If you wish to be included or removed from our prayer list, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151