

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**Sunday— July 5, 2015**

**9:30 – High Mass** for all **Graduating children and youth.**

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited

-Special Collection: Mission Fund

**Sunday— July 12, 2015 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**9:30 – High Mass** in memory of Leon Boyk, Sr., by Leon Boyk, Jr.

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited

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## **Bible Readings for 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter –Year B**

### **1<sup>st</sup> reading from the Book of Ezekiel 2.2-5**

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD! And whether they heed or resist--for they are a rebellious house-- they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

### **Responsorial Psalm 123**

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

To you I lift up my eyes who are enthroned in heaven --As the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

As the eyes of a maid are on the hands of her mistress, So are our eyes on the LORD, our God, till he have pity on us.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us, for we are more than sated with contempt; our souls are more than sated with the mockery of the arrogant, with the contempt of the proud.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> reading: the second Letter to the Corinthians 12: 7-10**

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses,

insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

### **Alleluia verse from Gospel of St Luke 4:18**

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.**

### **Holy Gospel according to St Mark 6: 1-6**

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. *Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."* So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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### **Adult Bible Study for this week:**

**About Prayer:** Descriptions of prayer are abundant throughout Christian history. "True prayer," wrote St. Augustine, "is **nothing but love.**" **Prayer should arise from the heart.** "Prayer," said St. John Vianney, "is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself." "Every one of us needs half an hour of prayer each day," remarked St. Francis de Sales, "except when we are busy—then we need an hour." Definitions of prayer are important, but insufficient. There is a huge difference between knowing about prayer and praying. On this issue, the Rule of St. Benedict is clear, "If a man wants to pray, let him go and pray."

St. John Damascene gave a classic definition of prayer: "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God".

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## **ATTEND HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH AND WORSHIP DAILY**

*Liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God'"; it is the "exercise of the priestly office of Jesus" in which God is worshiped and adored and people are made holy. God begins the work of sanctifying people in time and space and brings that work to completion. Those who respond to God in worship and in service are given the privilege of becoming co-workers in the divine plan. Please come and join us as Community of faith for Sunday Holy Mass weekly! Feel*

*always welcomed and at home in our Church!* For those with gluten allergy Gluten free Communion is available

*Our Church is a home for all believers, from all ethnic and national backgrounds. We are one family of Jesus Christ, come and join us!*

### **PRAYER CIRCLE AND HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Let us remember in our personal prayers about our sick and older parishioners and friends. If you would like to have special intentions mentioned during Mass or you would like Holy Mass celebrated for your intention, please let Father know.

**CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN** Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr Andrew.

**PARISH DONATIONS** We would like to share heartfelt Thanks to all who donate and help at the Parish. May God bless you for your much needed help!

**PARISH PICNIC** We are planning a our picnic in September, we are looking for volunteers to help us prepare it. Please join us for this yearly family celebration!

### **Prayer for the people**

*Lord bless and strengthen your people.*

*May they remain faithful to you and always rejoice in your mercy.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen*

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