



Resurrection Our Lord Church

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 7, 2024

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Offering for June 30, 2024

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Capital Improvement \$ 190.00

Votice Candles \$ 49.00

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

God works through the prophets to make known His message of salvation. Has He called you to be a prophet in our day and age?

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1-800-553-3321

Baptism : Arrangements must be made one week in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 7:15 am to 7:35 am or by appointment.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 7/7: John the Baptist by Lap Sam family

* Peter Maria by Huynh Lot family

Mon 7/8: * Joseph and Maria by 1 person

Tue 7/9: * Thanksgiving, all souls and intention by 1 person

Wed 7/10: * Unborn babies, poor souls & all souls by Soan Nguyen

Thurs 7/11: * John the Baptist and Ann by Soan Nguyen

Fri 7/12: * Thanksgiving by Lap Sam family

* 2 Maria, Theresa, Joseph, Dominic & John the Baptist by 1 person

Sat 7/13: * All souls and well-being for family by John Ho family

Today's Gospel: Mk 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.

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

Holy Father's Intention for July: For The Pastoral Care of The Sick

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: There are some people who use these last two sentences to deny that Jesus is God. They argue that if Jesus were truly God, He would have been able to perform miracles in today's Gospel passage. We need to reflect upon this tension between the crowd's lack of faith and Jesus' lack of miracles. We know by instinct that the crowd's lack of faith is not greater than Jesus' power to work miracles. But God chooses not to work miracles where there is a lack of faith. We might say that God the Father made a "gentleman's agreement" with Himself when He decided to send His Son to earth to become human. In the face of what can seem like God's silence or lack of care about the many shades of darkness within life on earth, there are three plain facts that each of us needs to accept.

First, each of us needs to trust more deeply in God's Providential will. To say that God's divine will is providential means that while God never directly causes evil, He does permit it. He allows the world we live in to be as dark as it is because that darkness is the price to be paid for human free will. It might be simpler if God were to remove that freedom and make all things right in the world. But without that freedom, no one would have the chance to become like God and enter Heaven.

Second, each of us needs to grow in faith in God's love for oneself personally. Each of us needs to have the faith that the crowds in today's Gospel passage lacked. Each of us needs to believe that God sends His love to us in humble forms, especially in humble opportunities to love Him. Nevertheless, as much as He chooses to love you, He also chooses not to force you to love Him.

Third, God demands that your faith be purified. This is not the same as growing in faith. Growing in faith is what you do by choosing to believe. But this third plain fact is what God does. God wants actively to purify your faith: to sift it so as to remove the chaff. Part of this sifting is helping us separate our wants from our needs. Another part removes consolations in prayer so that our faith grows deeper. This sifting calls us to adore God more than we petition Him, and to love Him for Who He truly is, instead of who we want Him to be.

Welcome Fr. Son Le: We welcome Fr. Son Le, SVD to be the Parochial Vicar of Resurrection of Our Lord Parish. We pray that God will continue to bless him abundantly, both spiritually and physically, so that he may fruitfully serve us, God's flock, in this beloved Parish.

