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Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. Pastor Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday Deacon Deacon George Newman 11:00 a.m. Confessions **Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration Christine Buckley Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



# July 2, 2023 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings take us back to some basics of stewardship living and demonstrate the genius of this way of life.



Our First Reading, from 2 Kings, shows us the necessity and power of hospitality. It recounts the story of a woman who showed loving hospitality to a visitor, inviting him to dinner with her family and arranging a room for him in their home so that he would have a comfortable place to stay during his travels through her town. She reached out to the man in a simple and practical manner to make him feel welcome and was rewarded in an extraordinary way.

In our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us of the power of our Baptism and how this sacrament makes us disciples. What does that mean for us here and now? St. Paul tells us very clearly: "You must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." We must live for Christ! Nothing less will do.

Our Lord proclaims this same instruction in a rather shocking way in our Gospel passage from Matthew: "Whoever finds his life [by living for oneself] will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." But how do we lose our life? Precisely through loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ. "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward."

The simple brilliance of stewardship living — only our infinitely creative and compassionate God could conceive it!

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

### Parish Calendar

Monday, July 3

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Pierette & Georges Cote †

Tuesday, July 4

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Robert Duhamel †

Wednesday, July 5

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Basil Markle†
Special Intention

Thursday, July 6 - No Mass

Friday, July 7

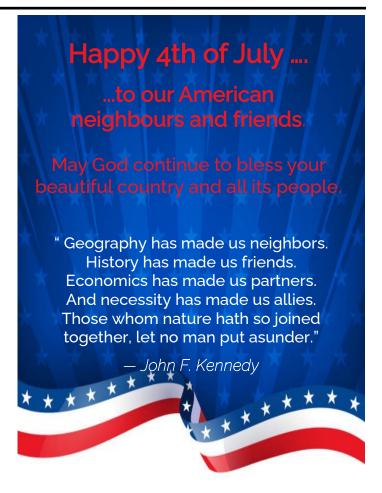
8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Frank Kobe † | John Kobe † 9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Holy Hour

Saturday, July 8

**5:00 p.m. (Livestream) -** Special Intention Donna Taylor †

Sunday, July 9

9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Pierette Cote †
Vincent Dugo † | Emily Petrovich & deceased
members of the Petrovich Family †
11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People



May your blessings be countless.....



# July 9, 2023 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The theme of humility is central to our readings today. God Himself is a humble God, so if we wish to follow Him as Christian stewards, we too, must be humble. In fact, humility is key to the stewardship way of life, and to a peaceful and fulfilling life. In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus Himself speaks to the Father about the privileged role that humble souls play in God's plan of salvation. "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."

What does it mean to be a "little one"? It means that we acknowledge we don't have it all figured out, but that we are very much in need of a savior. It means we recognize that all we are and all we have been given is a gift from God. It means we embrace the stewardship way of life.

It is not easy, but deep peace and consolation come with this way of life. Jesus offers these warm and encouraging words to entice us to embrace them. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."



Let us resolve to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, embracing the humble path of stewardship. It is the path that leads to peace here and now, and ultimately leads us to heaven.

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### Parish Calendar

Monday, July 10 8:30 a.m. - Carmel Dube †

Tuesday, July 11

8:30 a.m. - Michael Koch † | Special Intention

Wednesday, July 12 8:30 a.m. - Rita Markle †

Thursday, July 13 - No Mass

Friday, July 14

**8:30 a.m. -** Special Intention Deceased Members of Masse & Betka Families †

Saturday, July 15

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Marie Murphy†
Pierette & Georges Cote†
Special Intentions

Sunday, July 16

9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Marie Flynn†| Vincent Dugo† David Easingwood†

### **Are You Being Called?**

"He that shall lose his life for me, shall find it."

Find your life by answering
God's call in your life.

Seek him as you strive for holiness.
If you are discerning your vocation,
contact Fr. Greg at the church office,
905 684 5603 or email
frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

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"A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges is not Christian. This is not in the Gospel."

Pope Francis

....like grains of sand

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