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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.

First Saturday of the month **only** at 8:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday thru Friday at 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Arun John, IMS, Pastor  
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 Betty Cain, Bookkeeper  
 Christel Dupont, Receptionist  
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**BAPTISM**

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00am Mass. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in this parish and actively practice their faith.

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Inquiries: Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

**MARRIAGE**

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

**CARE OF THE SICK**

Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 225-281-0333.

**PRAYER LINE**

Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

Dear Parishioners,

By sending the 72 disciples Jesus is expanding the proclamation of the Kingdom. Knowing full well that this mission is not going to be an easy one, He cautions them, "I am sending you like lambs among wolves." In a way, He is telling the disciples that they are going to face oppositions, struggles, troubles, etc., and He wanted them to be prepared. He makes their mission more difficult by telling them not to take anything with them to eat or drink, and not to have even minimum security. It seems that Jesus is very hard on them. Why does Jesus treat His Disciples in this manner?

Jesus knew what He was doing. He knew that they needed to have faith in Him; and that they needed to leave their fears, worries, burdens and anxieties to God. He also wanted His Disciples to have the courage and strength to endure the problems and difficulties that they would face. There is nothing more comforting than to feel that we are in the hands of God, and nothing can come upon us without His knowledge. By giving us this Gospel passage this weekend, Jesus is conveying the same message to all of us. Because no matter what life we lead, whether as a priest, nun, parent, teacher, student, doctor or a nurse, we all have our own worries, anxieties, difficulties and problems. Jesus wants us to know what we really need to be bothered or worried about, and how we can deal with those moments and situations. It's often the tomorrow that bothers us so much, our security, guarantees, bank balances, etc. But are these the things that we should be bothered about the most? Not according to Jesus; because no matter how much we possess, it makes no difference in our goal to attain the Kingdom.

A reporter was attempting to get a human-interest story out of a very old man, that was in a government-run home for the elderly. "Grandpa," said the young reporter, "How would you feel if suddenly you received a letter telling you that a distant relative had left you a million dollars?" "Son," the old man replied, "I will still be ninety-five years old, wouldn't I?" Millions or billions of dollars cannot make any difference to our age, look, health or the feeling of contentment. The real me will remain the same. In fact, wealth, money and possessions can inflate our ego and may even take us away from God if we are not careful. The more attached we are to material things, the more detached we will be from God. God is the only possession we need to have, and in Him, we have everything. That is why Jesus asked the seventy-two disciples not to take anything with them; so that they could be filled with the power of God and His blessings.

And if we have Jesus, then we will be able to deal with the problems and difficulties that come in our work, in our homes and in our lives. These difficulties and problems of life are not to discourage and disappoint us, but to teach us the true value of life. It detaches us from what is trivial, superficial or only momentary; and attaches us to what is essential, profound and eternal. Without the cross, some of us will never come to know what are the real and lasting values of life. We can learn this from our crosses only when we have Jesus in us, and accept the crosses of our lives willingly. Once we have Him in our lives and allow Him to lead us, then we will experience comfort and peace, even in the midst of our problems and difficulties. God speaks to us through the Prophet Isaiah: "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." There is no better way of explaining God's love than the love of one's mother. Yes, God is love and He is in us. The God who is in us knows what we need, and will take care of us in all situations.

May God bless us all!

Fr. John

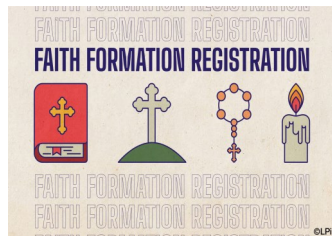


## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School  
 True North, Trusting Jesus in  
 a wild world  
 July 7th-11th, Grades K-5  
 Join in the fun!

Christian Formation  
 Registration will take  
 place in the Activity  
 Center after all Masses on  
 the weekend of July 19th  
 & 20th.



Come join the Youth Group!

For Middle School & High School  
 Students  
 Sunday, July 27th  
 at 5:00pm in the Activity Center



Children's Church  
 9:00am & 11:00am Masses  
 July 20  
 August 3 & 17  
 September 7 & 21

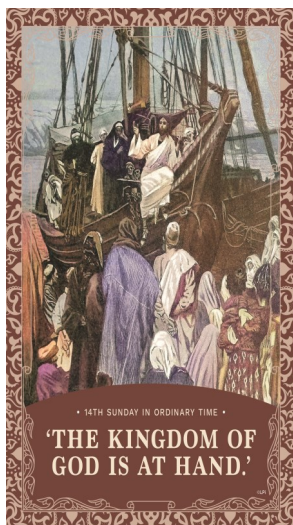
Please call Jayne, 225-749-3387,  
 if you can volunteer to help with  
 this ministry.

Please join the Ladies  
 of our Church to pray  
 the Rosary at 3:00pm  
 every Tuesday in  
 Church.



### Pray for Vocations

If you are considering a  
 vocation as a priest, deacon,  
 sister or brother, God's grace  
 is all you need. Please talk to  
 your priest about your  
 interest in this vocation or  
 reach out to Father Josh  
 Johnson at the Vocations  
 Office at 225-336-8778 or  
 email him:  
[jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org)  
 or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)



Please welcome this child to our faith  
 community who was baptized on June 23rd:

Riley Sandra Jason  
 daughter of Dylan & Erika Jason

**Our next Baptism Seminar is Wednesday,  
 July 16th at 6:00pm in Christian Formation Room  
 One. Please call the Church Office to register.**

Father John needs a volunteer to assist with  
 Baptisms once a month after 11:00am Mass. Please  
 contact the Church Office to volunteer.

**Mission Appeal at all Masses on  
 July 12-13 weekend**  
 Please join Father Chuong Cao, a Redemptorist  
 Missionary from Vietnam, who will speak at all  
 Masses regarding the assistance needed for the  
 foreign missions in Brazil and Nigeria. Please  
 support this important appeal.

*The Sanctuary Candle  
 burns in memory of  
 Vera & Charles Lucas.*



### Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couples

Please consider serving in this Ministry to assist our  
 engaged couples who are preparing for the sacrament  
 of Matrimony. A training course is offered by the  
 Diocese for the Prepare and Enrich Program. Please  
 contact Pam LeDoux, 337-513-1334, to be a part  
 of this Ministry.



### Brick Paver Project Update

We expect the bricks to arrive in  
 another week, then the installation  
 will begin. The area in front of the  
 Church will be cordoned off; so,  
 please do not enter this restricted  
 area until it is safe to do so.

Food Pantry Distribution Dates:  
 July 14th  
 August 11th

Distribution takes place at 8:30am  
 from the Activity Center. Thank  
 you for your donations.





# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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## Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/ Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/ Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 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 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/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 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/ Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

## Zippers Thrift Shop Sale Dates at 7:30am

**July 17 & 31**

**August 14 & 28**

**Super Sale is Saturday, July 26th.**

**You can reach them at  
225-506-8622.**

**The Zippers will be closing on September 15th  
due to the construction of the Religion building.  
They are NO LONGER accepting donations!**

## **A Trip to Croatia, Poland & Medjugorje with Father John**

**September 22-October 3, 2025**

**12 day Pilgrimage through**

**Nativity Pilgrimage: [info@nativitypilgrimage.com](mailto:info@nativitypilgrimage.com)**

**You can register and obtain more information, by  
contacting Debbie Dupuy, 225-247-0052.**

## **LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

**We need more Liturgical Ministers at the following  
Masses:**

**Altar Servers are needed at 4:30pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers are needed at 4:30pm & 9:00am**

**Ushers are needed at all Masses**

**Please call the Church Office to sign up. THANKS!**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE  
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** Too often, life falls short of my expectations — an opportunity didn't work out, a day didn't go the way I planned — so I ball up my fists and stomp my feet. And God takes the Book of the Gospels and opens it to Luke, Chapter 10.

### **On Pilgrimage**

Before I embarked on my trip to the National Eucharistic Congress last summer with a group from my archdiocese, we had an orientation meeting. At that meeting, the coordinator of the trip shared with us "The Five Rules of Pilgrimage."

If you're not familiar with them (I wasn't), here they are:

1. Don't complain.
2. Don't complain. (It's so important, it's listed twice.)
3. When you see a bathroom, use it.
4. When someone offers you something, receive it.
5. When someone asks you for something, give it.

It's great advice for a pilgrimage, but more than that, I think it's great advice in general. So when I read today's Gospel and I hear Jesus say essentially the same thing to His Disciples as they set out to evangelize (well, minus the bathroom tip, but those weren't as much of a thing in biblical Judea), I come to an important realization.

The whole Christian life is a pilgrimage.

Too often, life falls short of my expectations. An opportunity didn't work out. A day didn't go the way I planned (like, *at all*). A person didn't accept me. And I ball up my fists and stomp my feet like a full-grown Veruca Salt, and I yell: *I cannot work in these conditions!*

And then, I imagine God, on his celestial throne, sighs and opens the Book of the Gospels (surely he keeps it handy, don't you think?) to Luke, Chapter 10. And He whispers in my heart what He said to His Disciples 2,000 years ago.

*Don't complain. Be open and give of yourself, and in turn, receive what comes your way, whatever it is. If it's good, rejoice. If it's not good, move on. And in the end, remember where you're headed — the place you're trying to go.*

Oh, and again: don't complain.

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