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Good News!

July 8, 2012

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1-6a

In this world of satellite radio, MP3 players, and music downloads, my husband and I still listen to the radio on an old-school boom box in our bedroom. In fact, one of my husband's Christmas gifts last year was a brand new one of these "old" contraptions, complete with audiocassette player and adjustable antenna. Yes, we sometimes have to spend time repositioning the antenna to make sure we can hear voices and not just static, but with a little patience it usually works.


The crowd in the Gospel that gathered to hear their "native son" Jesus in the Gospel clearly wasn't willing to adjust its collective antenna to hear Jesus' words. He was too familiar, he was just one of them—how could he have anything important to say? To them, his words came off as nothing but static.

How receptive are we to God's words and movement in our lives? We may think we're completely open—but what if God speaks to us in ways we're not used to, through people we find disagreeable or perhaps, as the Gospel crowds did, too familiar?

Maybe God speaks to us through the words of someone from a different political party or a different religious denomination—can we hear it? What if God seeks us through a difficult family member we've dismissed? Maybe God is reaching for us through the all-too-familiar words of the Mass or ritual prayers.

Saint Paul reminds us today in our second reading that God reaches us best when we are humbled, weak, and open. Maybe our antennae need humbling and readjusting. Perhaps we need to reposition our hearts to discover where God is speaking to us today.

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Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

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Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 7 – July 8, 2012

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, JULY 7

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Roland Mishio (2nd Aniv.) request of Solange Fournier

SUNDAY, JULY 8

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Mary K. Radion (3rd Aniv.) request of the Radion Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Olga Guglielmino request of Samuel Guglielmino

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JULY 9 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for + Olga Guglielmino request of Samuel Guglielmino

5:00 P.M. Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 10 – No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Steven Gaumond request of Elaine Gaumond

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, JULY 12 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 13 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 14

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Stewardship

"Do not forget the Lord, your God...who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna." Deuteronomy 8:4-16

It takes great trust to follow the Lord in a life of stewardship. Yet, just as He provided for the Israelites, God will provide us with all that we need. We in turn must be willing to hold our many gifts--not with a clenched fist--but rather with an open hand, ready and willing to share.

NEXT WEEK

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 14 – July 15, 2012

USHERS GROUP I

Maintenance Collection

SATURDAY, JULY 14

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Evannie Yarnott request of Irene Kehl

Altar Servers: Stephanie Leiner, Maria Cinea

Lector: Kyle Toce

Eucharistic Minister: Jean Gately

SUNDAY, JULY 15

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Steven Gaumond request of Elaine Gaumond

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Vincenty Szwed request of Lucy Szwed & Family

Altar Servers: Amilia Herasimowicz, Elizabeth Foran

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JULY 16 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for + Cornelius Flynn request of Marge & Bert Flynn

5:00 P.M. Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 17 – No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Levi and +Lomen Fournier of the Family

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

THURSDAY, JULY 19 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 20 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 21

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of July 8, 2012

Sunday: Ezkl 2:2-5 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-226
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Isa 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-13

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PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS

God of the covenant, you called Abram to leave Ur of the Chaldees and guided him to the Promised Land.

God of the Exodus, you led your people out of slavery in Egypt and brought them to a land flowing with milk and honey.

God of the Exile, you restored your people after their captivity in Babylon and settled them in the holy city, Jerusalem.

Watch over and protect all who travel. Guide their steps with your outstretched arm, and at the end of their journey lead them safely home to their loved ones and friends. Amen.

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IMMACULATA INFORMATION

Farewell Fr. Salvador (Chava) Gonzalez, OMI
 Please join us Saturday, July 14 anytime between 1 and 6 P.M. (rain date July 15) to say farewell to Fr. Chava who will be leaving at the end of July for a new assignment in the Mid-west. Muchas Gracias Padre Chava!

New website off and running!

We invite you to check out our newly revamped website www.immaculataretreat.org. Some of the innovations include up to date current events, new retreat house calendar, photo gallery and on-line registration form.

REFLECTION

Throughout a woman's pregnancy, friends share books describing the week-by-week growth of a fetus. One week the eyelashes are developing, another week the fingernails are fully grown, another week thumb-sucking has begun.

It's fascinating to envision what's occurring within a growing belly. Of course, these books are careful to note that every baby's development is different. Some babies kick harder, some develop faster. As much as we know about fetal development, each child's growth in the womb is still a mysterious, unique process.


Jesus speaks about this kind of mysterious growth in the Gospel two weeks ago when he compares the growth of the reign of God to agricultural growth. Obviously a farmer scatters seed, cares for it, and harvests it, but how it grows from seed to plant is a mystery the farmer cannot see. It happens underground, known only to God. The mustard seed is a similar mystery—it's a very tiny seed, but it grows into a very large plant. We know it happens and we know how to help it grow, but the actual growing process is mysterious and hidden.

The reign of God in our hearts follows the same pattern. It's a unique collaboration between our efforts and the slow, mysterious work of God. We have to practice patterns of prayer, openness to the Spirit, and gentleness of heart. And then God does the mysterious work of growth—drawing us close and nurturing us with love. As with each unique fetus, the growth is different—we can't look at someone else and berate ourselves for not being as holy as she or as spiritually developed as he.

God takes us where we are and grows us at a pace that is ours alone.

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