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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All services are at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted

July 4, 2021: 14 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	+Fr. Carl*
July 11, 2021: 15 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	+Fr. Bob
July 18, 2021: 16 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	+Fr. Carl
July 25, 2021: 17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	+Fr. Bob

***Quarterly Healing Service**

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Pastor: +Fr. Bob Catlett, 314.800.3456, pastor@sspp-eccusa.org

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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

Sunday Gospel Reflections

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

July 4, 2021 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: “They are a rebellious house,” the Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel. “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place,” laments Jesus. We should remember these biblical phrases when our attempts to help others are poorly received. In putting up with weaknesses, insults, and constraints for the sake of Christ, says St. Paul, we are somehow strong. (Ezekiel 2:2-5, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Mark 6:1-6)

July 11, 2021 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In this Sunday’s first reading, the prophet Amos preaches repentance to Israel. In the Gospel, Jesus sends out the Twelve for the same purpose. The selection from Ephesians gives us a glimpse of the fruits of repentance: “the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace.” Is it time to reconcile ourselves with the Lord? (Amos 7:12-15, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:7-13)

July 18, 2021 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Speaking through Jeremiah, the Lord declares: “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands.” This is fulfilled in Jesus, who isn’t simply “moved with pity for...sheep without a shepherd,” but gives his very life to reconcile the human race to the Father. Do I feel like a shepherd? Can I volunteer for some kind of pastoral work? (Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34)

July 25, 2021 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The multiplication of the loaves by Jesus recalls the multiplication of loaves by the prophet Elisha. Both foreshadow the Eucharist, where we assemble as “one body and one Spirit.” Lord, help us to be more aware that the Mass manifests and builds up the body of Christ. (2 Kings 4:42-44, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15)

Along the way

*reflections
selected by +Fr Carl*

*This is an old, and kind of schmaltzy, poem.
The central thought, however, is certainly worthy for us
to recognize as we walk along the way.*

Footprints in the Sand



One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.
After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.
This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."
He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

Attributed to Mary Stevenson (c. 1939)

From the Pastor's Desk
+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Birthdays: July 14 – Fr. Bill (**Happy 72nd, Fr. Bill!**)

Anniversaries: Dwight & Emily Jacobi – July 9
+Fr. Bob – July 20 (Priestly ordination, 2003)
+Fr. Carl – July 28 (Episcopal consecration, 1995)

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all on your special day!

Quarterly Healing Service: We will celebrate our Quarterly Healing Service on Sunday, July 4, 2021, during the celebration of the liturgy. All are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Mark Your Calendars! 2021 Synod – October 15-17, 2021: This year's Synod/Retreat is scheduled to be held at our sister parish, Sacred Cross Oratory, Floyds Knobs, Indiana, from Friday afternoon, October 15, 2021, through noon on Sunday, October 17, 2021. More details will follow in the coming months.

Prayers, please! Let us continue to pray for all those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. For those who have contracted the virus, we pray that God's healing hands touch them and bring them to a full and quick recovery. For those who respond to and care for these victims, we pray that God will continue to protect them.

Best Wishes on Retirement! The parish extends its best wishes to Fr. Bill LaGrand, our Associate Pastor, who entered retirement status from active ministry at the end of June! Fr. Bill and his wife, as you know, have moved to the Lake of the Ozarks, which will preclude him from celebrating liturgy with us on a regular basis. May God continue to bless him throughout his retirement!

+Fr. Carl Swaringim, our church's Founding Bishop, announced at the recent Council of Bishops meeting he, too, is retiring from active ministry effective July 31, 2021. +Fr. Carl has served the church and our parish as our Shepherd, and I am eternally grateful for his wisdom and guidance. +Fr. Carl has informed me he will be taking a step back from celebrating mass with us on a regular basis and will "fill in" when I am unable to be here. May God continue to bless him throughout his retirement. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"