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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All services are at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted

July 3, 2022: 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

July 10, 2022: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 17, 2022: 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 24, 2022: 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 31, 2022: 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

***Quarterly Healing Service**

Pastoral Staff:

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

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., Pastor

July 3, 2022 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel, when the 72 disciples return from their mission, Jesus tells them, "Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Isaiah rejoices with Jerusalem; Paul rejoices ("boasts") in the cross of Christ. What makes us joyful? Does this tell us something about ourselves? (Isaiah 66:10-14c, Galatians 6:14-18, Luke 10:1-12, 17-20)

July 10, 2022 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The word is in you, says Moses to the Israelites. Still, the scribe tells Jesus, I need an explanation. The Master obliges with a story that is astounding but very clear. At the same time, he who is "the image of the invisible God" paints an amazing self-portrait. How can we better imitate Jesus, the Good Samaritan par excellence? (Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37)

July 17, 2022 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Hospitality or the word of God? As with other aspects of the Church's life, it isn't a question of either/or, but of both – in other words, and. There's a place for the hospitality of Abraham and Martha, a place for Paul's proclamation of the word, and a place for Mary's attentive reception of Jesus' teaching. Is our life balanced? (Genesis 18:1-10a, Colossians 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42)

July 24, 2022 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: This Sunday's first and third selections from Scripture encourage persistence in prayer. The second reading, from Colossians, reminds us of what God has done for us in Jesus. God's track record in history and in our own lives shows that He will answer our persistent prayers in the way that's best for us. (Genesis 18:20-32, Colossians 2:12-14, Luke 11:1-13)

July 31, 2022 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Clearly, the rich man in Jesus' parable has forgotten the powerful message of today's first reading! The wealthy banqueter is not rich in what matters to God. The passage from Colossians spells out some things that do matter to God. How can we improve? (Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23, Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11, Luke 12:13-21)

Along the way

reflections
selected by +Fr Carl

AS we move *along the way*, we meet many people, some friends, some physically or spiritually needy, some open to our concern and some not; that's life, but each calls for our Christian response.

Jesus tells us in the Gospels that what we do to anyone else we are doing to him; our good things and bad things both are done to Christ! This is his message: "*whatever you do to the least of my brethren you do to me!*"

Jesus expects us to respond with love to people we encounter in our lives. First, we are to be inspired by Christ's very broad commandment: ***Love God above all else with your whole heart and soul, and love your neighbor as you love yourself*** (Matthew 22). That is a simply clear statement, but it is not always simple to make that really happen in our life.

Here are the people that Jesus speaks about in the Gospel scene of the last judgment (Matthew 25); there he says, "*whatever you do to these the least of my brethren you do unto me.*" Jesus lists the people he expects us to help and tells us how to help in the Works of Mercy gleaned from the New Testament:

the hungry - give some food

the thirsty - give something to drink

the naked - give some clothes

the captives - visit and ransom

the harborless - help find a shelter

the sick - help back to good health

the dead - help find a place for burial

the godless - witness God's mercy.

the ignorant - teach God's word

the doubtful - counsel them

the sorrowful - comfort them

the hateful - show them love



A Closing Note: *This is my final posting for the Sts Peter and Paul Chapel's monthly bulletin. My first was in April, 2006; so now 200 articles later, this is the last. I want to close with the final words of St. Thomas More: "Pray for me as I will for thee until we merrily meet again in heaven." **Peace and blessings, +Fr Carl***

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

Birthdays: July 14 – Fr. Bill (**Happy 73rd, 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 3, 2022, during the celebration of the liturgy. All are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Mark Your Calendars! 2022 Synod – October 21-23, 2022: This year's Synod/Retreat is scheduled to be held at our sister parish, Sacred Cross Oratory, Floyds Knobs, Indiana, from Friday afternoon, October 21, 2022, through noon on Sunday, October 23, 2022. More details will follow in the coming months.

Sympathies: The parish extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Colonel Richard Black, retired Chief of Police, with the City of Glendale, Missouri. Chief Black was my boss for 25 years before retiring in 2011 after 43 years of active law enforcement service. He passed away on Thursday, June 23, 2022, after battling a long illness. Chief Black was a very good and kind man. He was very supportive of me and my ministry. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary, his children, grandchildren and many friends.

Thank you for your service! As you read in this month's "Along the Way" column from +Fr. Carl, he is retiring fully from ministry with our church. He announced his retirement from active ministry last year; however, continued to fill in for me in my absence and continued with his monthly bulletin columns. +Fr. Carl has served the church and our parish as our Shepherd, and I am eternally grateful for his wisdom and guidance. May God continue to bless him throughout his retirement. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"