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## THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Independence Day



When the sabbath came he began to teach  
in the synagogue, and many who  
heard him were astonished.

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00 am.  
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

### Daily Mass

#### Monday, July 5

9:00 AM† William & Carmela O'Boy  
5:30 PM † No Mass

#### Tuesday, July 6

7:00 AM† Rev. Edward A. Colohan  
5:30 PM† June & Thomas Talarico

#### Wednesday, July 7

7:00 AM† Joseph Valerio  
5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon

#### Thursday, July 8

7:00 AM Intention of Jim Danaher  
5:30 PM In Thanksgiving

#### Friday, July 9

7:00 AM† The Souls in Purgatory  
5:30 PM† Robert Graf

### Sunday Masses

#### Saturday Vigil, July 10

5:15 PM† Regina Bolduc

#### Sunday, July 11

7:30 AM Intention of Daniel Provokovic  
9:00 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living  
& Deceased

11:30 AM† Christine A. Gaudio  
5:00 PM† Josephine Cunningham

**Celebrant**  
Fr. Ralph

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Fr. Mirek



The Sanctuary Candle burns  
July 4<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup>  
for A. Ken Phelan.



We still have Masses & Candles  
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Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and  
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

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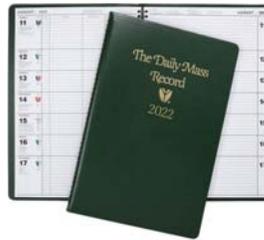
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their families & friends.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2021	2020
<b>June 28</b>		
Collection	\$3,488.00	\$4,143.00
On-Line	\$2,413.00	\$2,506.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,869.00)	(\$1,867.00)
<b>Net Retained</b>	<b>\$4,032.00</b>	<b>\$4,782.00</b>
<b>Votives</b>	\$ 153.00	\$ 113.06

### Diocesan Assessment

The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on all gross receipts. For our 2021 fiscal year, the annual Cathedral Assessment is \$89,705. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,869. This represents an annual increase of \$104.00 from the prior year.



The 2022 MASS BOOK is now open. Only 2 Saturday Vigil/Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until September 1, 2021. Phone or email requests may also be made.

Please check the parish website for the latest updates to traffic on East Avenue & the surrounding area. We will post all announcements given to us as they are received.



Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>,  
the parish offices are  
closed. There is one mass  
at 9am. No Adoration or  
Novena Mass  
Have a fun, safe holiday!

## Banns of Marriage III

Michelle Montano & Douglas Fetteroll

### Rectory:

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski  
Pastor

Rev. Ralph Segura  
Parochial Vicar

### Office Hours:

Appointments 10-3 Monday through  
Thursday & Friday 10-12  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

### Rectory Staff:

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**REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH**

The readings for this weekend, though there are three, provide as one, a very simple point of reference for us in light of the times in which we live. As you know, there is, regarding our culture, society, institutions, our government, the international community, and even within the Church, conflict, controversy, uncertainty, and corruption. It seems that just about everything we know and have known is in some way, one great disappointment, and the Word of God for this weekend addresses any concern we might have about the future, for the Church, for all those we know and love, and the salvation of souls.

In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, God reveals His plan to provide us with the prophetic voice and vision so that we may understand our need to turn back to God. In the second reading, St. Paul helps us to understand that none of us are perfect, that we are weak, and, the only means available to us so that we can live the life to which God calls us is through the power of His grace. And finally, in the Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that He cannot help us if we don't listen to Him.

Now, I realize that this may strike any one of us as an oversimplification, and we can easily indicate the numerous issues that we face today, and there isn't necessarily anything wrong with pointing them out; especially if it has anything to do with the practice of our faith, whatever is an impediment to the ministry of the Church, and the persecution of the people of God; but more importantly, or should I say, more fundamentally, the cause of what we face today has to do with the fact that the human family has turned away from God and refuses to hear what God has to say.

The key to it all is what we read in the Gospel. Notice that when Jesus spoke to the people in a synagogue, their place of worship (that's important for us), those who heard Him asked a series of questions, which at first, I would argue were reasonable. It seems that they knew Jesus only in a merely human or natural way. But then we read that "they took offense at him." Well, what was so offensive? Simply put, the reason "they took offense at him" was because He knew more than they did, and pride prevented them from listening to Him, and therefore, they failed to understand Jesus at a deeper level.

Now, with all this in mind, what is it that we can do about the numerous problems that we face today? Can we really solve them? All of them? Any of them? And if we set out to do so, even with the best intentions, will we do so according to God's will? Thus far, it seems that every effort made by society and our institutions is an attempt to deal with our situation through human ingenuity, immediately, pragmatically, without God, with considerable compromise of Divine Revelation; and therefore, without God's guidance, and most importantly of all, without God's grace. As Catholics, this must not be so. At the heart of it all is not so much any specific issue with regard to any given problem; rather, it has more to do with the very cause itself, which is, as we read in the scriptures today, fallen human nature and pride.

It is for us as Catholics, then, that whatever response or effort made on our part be according to the will of God and the teachings of His Church. It is true that we can cooperate with the various means available to us in American society, but we must not allow our efforts to be tainted or corrupted according to the influences and schools of thought that are in stark disagreement with our way of life, or even worse, imposed upon us by any institution that persecutes us for what we believe.

We are called as adopted sons and daughters of the Father and as disciples of Jesus Christ to contribute to the improvement of the human condition without compromising what we believe, no matter how good the intentions or how positive the results may seem. We must always allow the Sacred Scriptures, the Church Fathers, the spiritual masters, the sacraments, the teachings of the Church, in fact, Divine Revelation as a whole, and ultimately, Jesus Christ Himself, to lead us and guide us as we continue on our journey of faith, keeping in mind what Jesus tells us today: "*a prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.*"

*Father Ralph*



If you would like to arrange a baptism, please call the office at (203) 866-3141. If this is your first baby, you will need to complete the Pre-Baptism class with one of our priests. We will work with you to find the best day and time to fit your schedule.

**MEMORIAL MASS OR FUNERAL**

We are scheduling Memorial Masses for those who died during the virus period. Anyone who wishes to arrange for a Memorial Mass is asked to call the office in order to plan the mass. If you would like a full funeral mass, please let your funeral home know your wishes so they can contact us to schedule. We will continue to have graveside only service as an option.

**PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country**



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**Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps**  
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**LCDR James Lyons, US Navy**  
**CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army**  
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### Prayer Requests!

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### Baptisms or Weddings

Please call the Rectory during regular weekday business hours for more information or to make arrangements. To reserve the church for your desired wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 9 months to 1 year in advance.

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory anytime.

### Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM      Weekdays: By appointment



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## PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

If you would like to be added to or removed from this prayer list, please email or call the office.

Please pray for the sick of our parish that may be restored to health and that all who ASSIST and CARE for them will be given the strength to continue their Christian service. Please remember the following in your prayers:

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