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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (JUNE 18– JUNE 19)

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| Donation | \$3,868.01 |
| Donation Online | \$1,620.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | \$40.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$0 |
| Total Donation | \$5,528.01 |

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL
\$24,876, Gifts Received \$25,760.50

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SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER

Today we take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a significant way to support the Universal Church. This collection, supported by Catholics around the globe, helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world. It also supports the - ongoing activities of the Holy See. Please be generous today.



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Following Christ Means Transferring Our Security

Homily by Father Joseph Vu

Jesus is traveling to Jerusalem for the last time.

Along the way, he meets three men who have heard his call in their hearts.

- These encounters teach us three tough lessons about what it means to follow Christ.
- Today I would like to focus on just one of them.*

To follow Christ, we have to transfer our sense of security. We have to relocate it from ourselves to God.

- We have to unlearn the lesson we have been taught our whole life long, to rely only on ourselves for success and happiness.
- We have to learn to rely wholly upon God, plugging all our efforts in life into his grace.

This is what Jesus means when he says that "foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to rest his head."

- Christ is trustworthy, but he is not predictable.
- When we follow him, we have to agree to go one step and one day at a time - he refuses to give us a full-life outline in advance.
- When we follow him, we have to stop pretending that we can keep our lives under control by our own efforts.
- By accepting Christ's friendship, we agree to follow him, to put our lives under his leadership.

Even foxes and birds have the security of their instincts and natural habitats, but Christians are on an unpredictable adventure.

- We simply don't know where God will lead us or what he may ask us to do.
- When we join Christ's army, we have to hand him a blank check.

Keeping Christ First

This transfer of security can be misinterpreted.

- Through the centuries, some Christians have mistakenly used it as an excuse to be irresponsible.
- "God will take care of me," they say, "so I don't have to do anything."
- This is not true.
- Jesus calls us to put our hands to the plow, to do our part, to use our minds, talents, and opportunities intelligently and efficiently.

But he always wants us to keep him first, to follow his example and the teachings of the Church, because only he can give our lives dependable stability and security.

- Sometimes following the Ten Commandments is not the most convenient or comfortable alternative. In those moments, we have to trust that God knows what he is talking about.
- Sometimes loving our neighbor as ourselves is a difficult, costly task. Those are the moments when we show that we are truly followers of Christ, not just superficial, hypocritical, cardboard-cut-out Christians.
- Sometimes forgiving our enemies makes our hearts bleed. Those are the times when we can follow Christ most closely, and hang with him on the cross.

We don't know ahead of time what path God will choose for us - we are not foxes or birds.

But we do know where that path will lead us: closer and closer to Christ, closer and closer to the fulfillment, the interior peace, and the lasting happiness that we all long for and that we can't achieve by ourselves.

Today, when Christ comes once again in Holy Communion to strengthen us for the journey, let's renew our promise to follow him, to anchor our hopes in him.

Today, let's hand him the blank check of the rest of our lives.

After all, his bank account is more secure than ours.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant.
(1 Kgs 19:21)

PSALM:

You are my inheritance, O Lord. (Ps 16)

SECOND READING:

For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters.
(Gal 5:13)

GOSPEL:

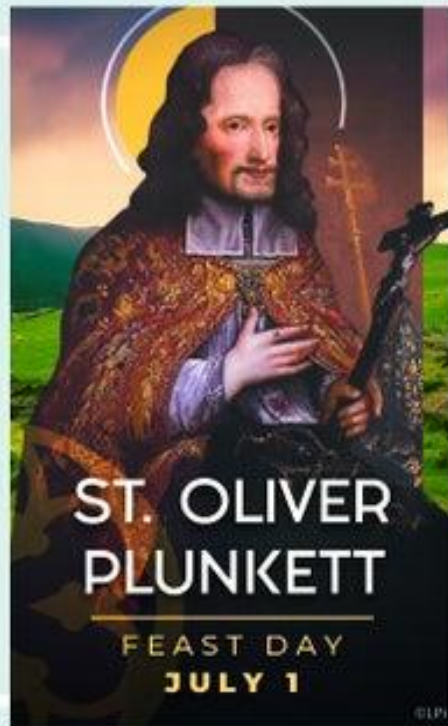
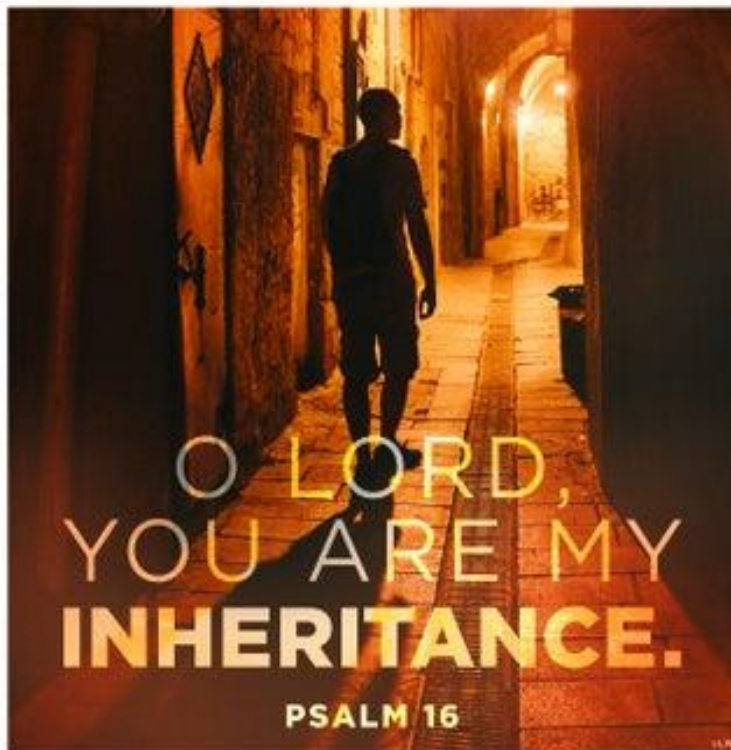
As they were proceeding on their journey someone
said to him,

"I will follow you wherever you go." (Lk 9:57)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2022

- Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Thursday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Friday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Thomas, Apostle



Saint of the Week

Saint Oliver Plunkett was the last Roman Catholic Martyr to die in England. He was canonized in 1975, the first new Irish saint in almost 700 years.

Oliver was born in Loughcrew, Oldcastle, County Meath in November 1625, the son of the Baron of Loughcrew. As a young man, he wanted to become a priest, but it was illegal to travel to the continent to enter seminary. Even so, he undertook the dangerous journey with four other young men and a Papal Envoy. They were pursued by English privateers, storms at sea, and robbers on land. However, Oliver entered Rome in 1647, and was admitted to the Irish College. He was an excellent student and was ordained on January 1, 1654. Oliver remained in Rome, studied law and served as chaplain at Sapienza University, ministered at Santo Spirito hospital, and cared for the poor and ill. By 1657 he was a professor of Theology and later of Apologetics or Controversies at Propaganda College.

The 1650s were a difficult time in for Catholics in Ireland, the majority of population, as Cromwell passed many penal laws against them, and the practice of Catholicism was banned. During this time Oliver was appointed by Irish bishops to be their agent in Rome. Following the Restoration of Monarchy, Pope Clement IX appointed Oliver Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland 1669. Oliver returned to a country where the Catholic Church was in disarray and divided. He had to travel largely incognito and perform his duties in makeshift locations. He is credited with unifying the Church and in traveling across the eleven dioceses under his purview, confirming thousands, and ordaining several priests.

In 1673 persecution of Catholics was again on the rise and bishops were banned. Oliver went into hiding, but in 1679 he was arrested and charged with treason. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn in July 1681. Before his death he publicly forgave those responsible.