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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

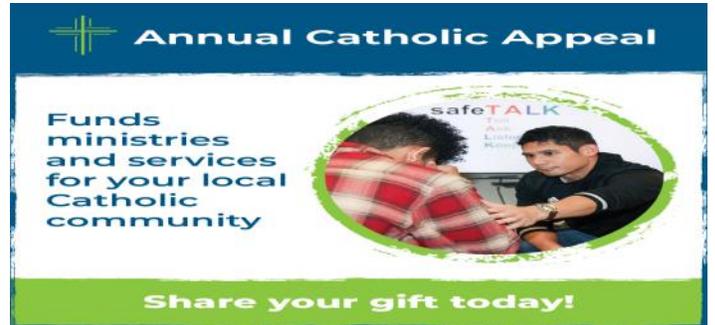
CONFESSIONS

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (JUNE 24TH - JUNE 25TH)

Donation	\$5,564.00
Donation Online	\$1,430.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$6,999.00

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 GOAL \$36,577
 As of 6.29.23, Gifts Received \$10,521
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SPECIAL COLLECTION: PETER PENCE COLLECTION June 24th & June 25th
Total Amount Collected: \$4,010.00

THANK YOU for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

Dear Father Peter,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK!
 WE APPRECIATE YOU SO VERY MUCH!



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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.



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Homily by Father Joseph Vu The Hard Path Is the Best Path

It's hard to follow Jesus Christ, to be a Christian, but it's worth it. That sums up the message our Lord is trying to communicate to us in today's Gospel passage - and it's a message that we constantly need to be reminded of.

At first, it almost seems like Jesus is trying to discourage us from following him.

- He warns that friendship with him is demanding.
- To be a true friend of Jesus Christ means that everything else has to be put in second place.
- Everything has to be put on the table, even personal dreams, even family ties.
- The demands of our friendship with Jesus Christ will require us to carry a cross, to sacrifice self-gratifying desires, maybe even to endure great suffering.
- That sounds hard, painful, maybe even unreasonable.

But God knows what he is doing!

- And if he calls us to this kind of life style – which he does – it's only because he knows that this is the path to lasting happiness.
- If we are truly living for God, to give him glory and to build up his Kingdom in the world, then God will take care of us.
- We will not lose our reward.

St Paul understood this.

- This is why he tells us in today's Second Reading that to share Christ's life – the life of the redeemed soul, the new life of grace won for us by Christ's passion and resurrection – we must also share Christ's death.
 - We have to die to self, to put to death all selfish and self-centered desires, in order to rise with Christ, to live the life of the Spirit, the life that gives true meaning and satisfaction to our lives.
- Yes, it is hard to follow Jesus, but it is worth it – nothing else even comes close.

Identifying Our Cross

Jesus is inviting all of us, once again, to take up our crosses and follow him.

He knows that by following him, even though it's hard, we will discover the meaning and lasting happiness that we long for.

Let's not leave this Mass without responding to this invitation.

And we can't respond to it unless we identify what cross he is asking each one of us to take up, and unite it Christ's own cross.

- Maybe your cross is an illness, or the illness of a loved one.
 - If so, when Jesus comes in the Eucharist, unite your suffering to his.
- Maybe Jesus is asking you to leave behind a sinful habit – dishonesty, lust, greed, or neglect.
- Habits are always hard to change, but with God's grace, all things are possible.
 - God knows that sin only makes us miserable in the end, and spreads pain and disaster in its wake.
 - If that is the cross he is asking you embrace, he will give you the strength you need to do so.

Maybe he is calling you to a new project, or to set out on a new path.

- Maybe you feel fearful at the prospect, at the uncertainty, at the risk.
- That's why Jesus wants to come to you today in Holy Communion.
- He wants to be your strength, your confidence, your courage.
- And so he feeds your soul with his soul, your body with his body.
- This is the love of our God – a love that makes himself present in our lives, no matter what.
- It is a love that never leaves us alone, and that never leaves us to carry our crosses alone.

Yes, Jesus asks us to take up our cross, but only so that, by dying with him, we can also rise with him, and live with him, meaningfully, here and earth and forever in heaven.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there."
(2 Kgs 4:9-10)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:3-4)

Gospel:

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me." (Mt 10:40)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our relationship with Christ is the ultimate starting point. The wellspring. Every good quality in our character, every kind action of our lives, every devout practice of our day must flow from this place where we encounter him in our hearts.

Observances for the week of July 2, 2023

- Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Tuesday: Independence Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Thursday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Servant of God Fernando Rielo Pardal was a philosopher, mystical poet, author, and founder of the Idente Missionaries of Christ the Redeemer. He also founded a metaphysical school of thought called the Genetic Metaphysics of Fernando Rielo.

Prayer

Father, who granted Your son Fernando the grace of following Your voice and that of Your Son, Jesus Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, when You said, "Be holy, son, as I, Your Father, am holy" (Mt 5:48), grant that I, too, following his example, may fully live the love to which You call me and, in imitating your Son, Jesus Christ, or Firstborn Brother, make Your name known so that all of us, on feeling ourselves to be children of the Father, may worship You.

I ask You, Father, to glorify your son Fernando and to grant me, through his intercession, the grace which I request. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.idente.org/postulation-of-the-cause/?lang=en>)