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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 25– JUNE 26)

Donation	\$4,647.00
Donation Online	\$1,770.00
Maintenance Fund	\$60.00
Debt Reduction	\$0.00
Total Donation	\$6,477.00

**2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL
\$24,876, Gifts Received \$26,080.00**



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**Blessed
is the nation
whose God is
the LORD.**

PSALM 33:12

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Homily by Fr. Peter Doan

On this fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church draws our attention to the need and importance of peace in our world. She also reminds us that Christ is the source of our peace.

One of humankind's natural desires is to live a peaceful life. Ordinarily, one would expect humanity to enjoy more peace and harmony with all the scientific discoveries and inventions in our world. Unfortunately, it has not been so. This is because peace comes from God. So, it must be appreciated, nurtured, and preserved. In the first reading of today, the Lord calls on the people of Israel in the midst of their pain and suffering to turn to Jerusalem for comfort and love. It was the message given to the Israelites fifty years before they were set free and allowed to go back home from their Babylonian captivity and five hundred years before Jesus Christ. The message was God's promise and hope to the Israelites who had suffered unbearable hardships, famine, oppression and humiliation and who had been cut off from their land and God during their captivity. God in his infinite goodness offers them peace: "Now towards her (Jerusalem) I send overflowing peace like a river." Jerusalem is mentioned over eight hundred times in scripture more than any other city. It is often also referred to as Zion, the chosen place to which God descended and in which He found his resting place, namely, heaven. When we allow this peace from heaven to flow into our hearts and guide our lives, we become fulfilled, satisfied, and our communities and the entire world become a wonderful place. Therefore, God calls us to be messengers, instruments, and agents of this peace. It must flow from and through us to others.

Unfortunately, most of us today have lost the mark. This is by assuming that peace comes from material or physical wealth, how many cars, houses, clothes, or how much money one has in their account. According to Jürgen Moltmann, "Peace is the blessed joy of a successful life. It is the fullness of life in the presence of the living God. It is the fullness of life in the mutual love of human beings. It is the fullness of life in the community of creation with all other creatures." This can only flow from Jesus Christ, the prince of peace.

In the second reading, Paul prays, "Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God." This means that peace comes to our hearts, homes, communities, societies, and world when we work in harmony with the will of God. It comes to all who bear the marks of Christ as Paul did. So, we must make room for peace so that our joy may be complete in Jesus Christ.

Today's gospel acclamation is a prayer from Paul: "May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts!" The absence of peace in any heart, family, community, society, or nation leaves it devastated. Peace advances our communities. Any community that welcomes peace welcomes an opportunity for both spiritual and material prosperity.

In today's gospel, Jesus equips us with the message we must bring to our world: "Peace be with this house." It is a gift we must offer to our world. Jesus knows very well that this is what our world needs most, and he is ever ready to let us have it. With the peace that Christ offers us, we must be prepared to transform our world from a culture of war and hatred to a culture of peace. He invites us to be instruments of his peace. What we must bring to our world is the good news of the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, peace is precious and golden. Like joy, it is contagious. If we have peace, it must affect others positively. Therefore, like Francis of Assisi, let us pray: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 3, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
- Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday:** Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

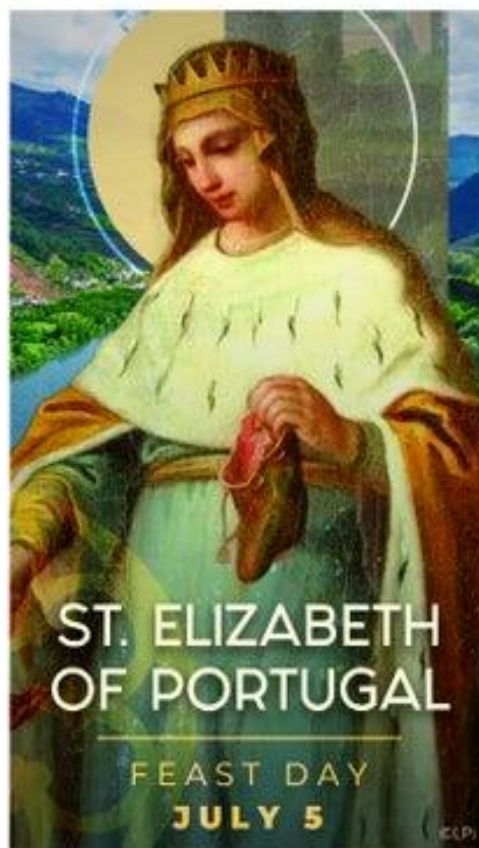
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 3, 2022

- Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Thomas, Apostle
- Monday:** Independence Day
- Tuesday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Wednesday:** St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Inspiration for the week

The celebration of our country's independence gives us cause to reflect on the gift of freedom. We treasure the liberties our country provides, but are they the real source of freedom? True freedom is a gift given to us by God, not by the world. In fact, the world robs us of freedom by tethering us to a need for money, power, possessions, and prestige as vehicles to success and measures of self-worth. Even though we possess certain liberties, we are held captive by a system that sees no value in the Cross of Christ. It is no wonder Jesus sent his seventy-two disciples into the world with only what they were wearing. The freedom given to us by God is a matter of the heart and requires detachment from the very things we think we cannot do without. A heart secure in God's peace is something no one can take away and something really worth dying for.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband's infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pious queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal.

Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men.

After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.

Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to 5 July since 4 July is Independence Day, a national holiday.