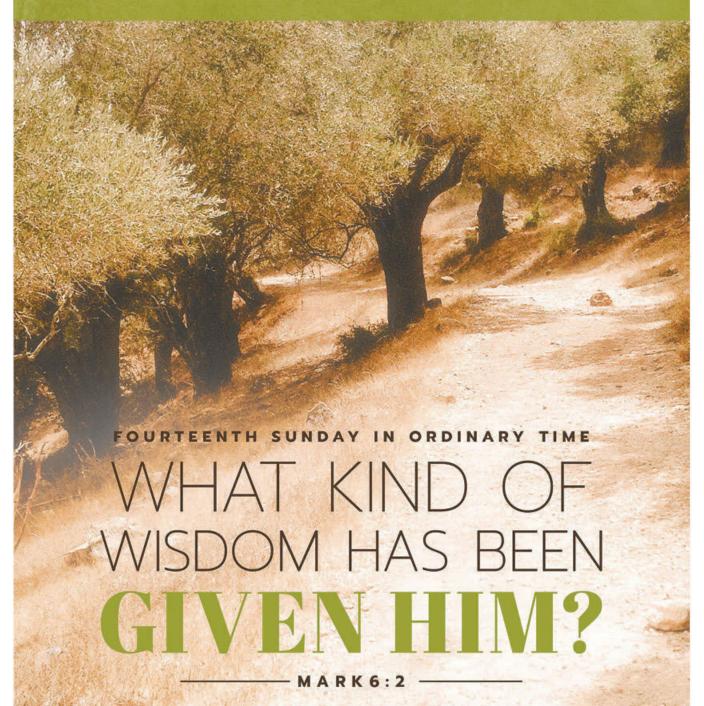
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Jesus visited His native place and went to the Synagogue on the day of the Sabbath. Since they heard good things about Him, they asked if He could say something; He took the opportunity to teach them. At first, they loved every word He preached and were astonished at His wisdom. But after a moment, they questioned His credibility and credentials. They could not believe that someone they knew could attain such wisdom and perform mighty deeds, and they took offense at Him. *Familiarity breeds contempt*. - What started as an innocent question turned into contempt, doubt, rejection, and refusal to believe and have faith in Jesus.

The readings give us a picture and example of how biases could lead to disbelief, hardness of heart, and lack of faith. This condition of the heart indisposed us to the mercy and love of God; Jesus could not perform any healing. The power was there, but if the people professed no faith, they refused to receive His grace. So, Jesus left and went to other villages to heal and proclaim the Kingdom of God.

The Lord sends the prophet Ezekiel in the 1st reading to the people of Israel to convey His message. Prophets spoke on behalf of God. They are messengers who bring the message of God, however unpopular and painful it could be, especially for the people of Israel, who are known to be obstinate and rebellious. The Lord knows their rebellious heart but does not give up on them. Through Ezekiel, God wants to convey His message and bring them back to Him. Interestingly, the people of this time are as rebellious as those of old. We are no different from the Jews during those days. Yes! We have the Sacred Scriptures and the Church to remind us of His Law and Will, yet the lack of faith and unbelief persist.

Everyone knew Jesus, His parents, Joseph and Mary, His kin, and the extended family. He is known *as a carpenter* following the trade of His father. He is the son of Mary; they know his cousins and all the family. Speaking at the Synagogue on a Sabbath, Jesus amazed His listeners with His wisdom, eloquence, power, and the authority of His teachings. They heard the mighty deeds He has done in other places; they want to see His power to heal and exorcize at work. But they could not even believe His wisdom. *They rejected Him not because of what He said or did but because He is too familiar.* They questioned His humble beginnings, credibility, qualifications, and even His family. God works through such an ordinary person. Instead of having faith in Jesus, they allowed their prejudices or biases to reign in their hearts. Do we believe that God could speak to us in ordinary events of our lives?

There is a saying in my country: When people throw stones at a mango tree, it is because of the fruits. It is sad to admit, but this sometimes applies to human beings as well. Sometimes, people throw stones at us not out of envy or bias; some do not want others to grow and ensure that no one goes really ahead or stays ahead always. Insecure people tend to pull down, slow down, and ruin others, known as the *crab mentality* in humans. Remember, sometimes people throw stones at us because we bear much fruit or stab us in the back because we are ahead of them.

Despite His kin's lack and absence of FAITH, He did not give up on them. In the same way, we must not give up on one another. Instead, *may we live a life of gratitude for all the blessings, forgiveness, and providences we received from God.* - Rejected by His *paisano*, *town mates, Jesus* could have turned angry and disgusted, but instead, He took no offense at them. The Gospel teaches us a

powerful example of not going down to the level of our detractors and not playing the ugly game of destroying and condemning. Lord, help us listen to you and speak goodness at all times. Say yes to love and life with no ifs and buts.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday July 7, 2024 Father Charles's Party Youth Ministry Retreat

Monday, July 8, 2024 Youth Ministry Retreat

- 5:00 pm PDC Meeting
- 7:00 pm Troop 432

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 Youth Ministry Retreat

- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 7:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, July 10, 2024
Youth Ministry Retreat

Thursday, July 11, 2024 Youth Ministry Retreat

Friday, July 12, 2024 Youth Ministry Retreat

Saturday, July 13, 2024



DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday 7:30 am Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12:15 pm Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

 Monday - Friday
 7:00 am - 7:25 am

 Wednesday
 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm

 Saturday
 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday - Saturday 7:00 am **Sunday** 6:30 am, 8:30 am, **1**0:30 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Closed for Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

WEEKEND MASS

Sunday 9:00 am

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Sunday 8:30 am

This Week's Worship Aide



Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 7th

7:00 am All Parishioners

9:00 am †All Souls In Purgatory

9:00 am G Priest Intention

11:00 am †All Souls In Purgatory

4:00 pm † Ana Gloria Perez

Monday, July 8th

7:30 am Mary Jaster (Thanksgiving)

12:15 pm Priest Intention

Tuesday, July 9th

7:30 am † Kim Moseley

12:15 pm † Tony Paolucci

Wednesday, July 10th

7:30 am Rufino & Jaevion Manzano

(Thanksgiving)

6:00 pm † Judy O'Malley

Thursday, July 11th

7:30 am † Mariano and Corazon

Manzano

12:15 pm Priest Intention

Friday, July 12th

7:30 am † Fr Mark Harrington

12:15 pm Priest Intention

Saturday, July 13th

7:30 am John Ismael Domingo

(Thanksgiving

4:00 pm † Kathryn Hobbes

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If charitable giving is part of your financial plan, a QCD may be a great way to satisfy your RMD requirements and optimize the tax benefits of your charitable contributions.

There are specific rules covering this kind of donation, such as funds must be donated directly from your retirement account to a <u>qualified</u> charity, such as St. Rose or St. Vincent de Paul.

If interested, contact your retirement plan custodian or other financial professional and make it happen. All qualified charities will certainly appreciate it!

SAVE*THE*DATE

Fr. Charles Ouemenga was appointed as our Parochial Vicar effective July 1, 2024.

Drop by the Parish office on July 7th after the 11 am Mass to say Hello and Welcome Fr. Charles to St. Rose and Good Shepherd Mission



Safe Environment



Hello St. Rose Parishioners,
Everyone's Safe Environment training will
expire as of July 1st. Please take time to
renew your training on
https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org/

Ministry leaders please be sure to interview all new volunteers before they complete their Foundation training.

Please call the office for the Diocese Face to Face interview questions or to have any questions answered.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Help our struggling families purchase school supplies for their children, we are asking for \$25.00 Walmart Cards or cash donations. Those donations can be placed in the collection basket marked SVDP, dropped at the church office, or placed in the secure drop slot on the side door of the SVdP pantry. Please return by July 14th so families have time to shop before school begins August 1st.



THE PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The needs of SVDP neighbors don't get to take a summer vacation! July and August are especially difficult months. The pantry does not have any food drives scheduled. We need your help! There will be a SVdP box located in the church vestibule. Please shop for items on our July Wish List or other necessary food items and place them in the collection box when you come for Mass or Adoration any time during the month of July.



Thank you in advance for your past and continued support.

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -

The Prophecy of You and Me

Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with

wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.

When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet.









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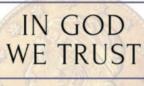






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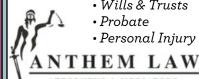
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