



"Which of these three,
do you think,
was a neighbor
to the man
who fell into the hands
of the robbers?"

He said,
"The one who
showed him mercy."

Jesus said to him,
"Go and do likewise."

Luke 10.36-37

July 10, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14 | Col 1:15-20 | Lk 10:25-37

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My favorite line in "The Wizard of Oz," in the climactic scene when Dorothy realizes "there's no place like home," comes from Glinda: "You've always had the power to go back to Kansas," she tells Dorothy. In the first reading today, Moses tells the Israelites something similar about wisdom and power. He tells them the secret to peace and prosperity isn't "mysterious" or "remote." He says "it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts." In the Gospel, when the scholar asks Jesus about the secret to eternal life, he answers his own question by reciting the two great commandments: love God with all your heart, being, strength, and mind, and your neighbor as yourself. "You have answered correctly," Jesus tells him. At our baptism, the Holy Spirit placed the wisdom and power to have the fullness of life in our hearts. The key is to "carry it out," as Moses advises the Israelites. Jesus echoes this message: We must "do this" - love God and our neighbor - to enjoy the life God wants for us today and eternal life with him in the future.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

One of the most heartbreaking things about being a parent is seeing children set limits for who's in and who's out. My daughter was in Kindergarten when she came home in tears, excluded from playing with her friends because she didn't color a picture exactly as directed by another classmate. Our loving Father also sees our pain when we are excluded from being loved, and so when the scholar asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus refuses to set boundaries for who to include and who to exclude. In using the parable about the Samaritan, Jesus tells us that we are to treat everyone as neighbor, even our enemies. The Samaritans were enemies of the Jews, and those listening to Jesus would have been shocked that a Samaritan was the compassionate hero. This parable challenges us to consider the boundaries we set for who we consider neighbors - those worthy of our compassion and help, and perhaps those we consider "other," or whom we feel we can ignore or reject. And to recognize how the boundaries we set prevent us from sharing the Good News of God's mercy to those he seeks to heal.

PRAY Ask the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to discern who you may be excluding as a neighbor. Pray these words from Dorothy Day: "Dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as well as our friend."





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Let Us Pray

- For the sick, today we pray for: Betty Anne Tomney, Celena Komarnicki, Ana Maria, Maren Bradford, Ron Hittel, Larry Shepel, Monsignor Stanley Urbanoski, Dominic Zyla, David Jimenez, Marc Cheriyan, Leon Hartman, Bob Kudel, Bernie Kudel, we pray to the Lord.
- For all those who have died, today we remember: Brigitta Beck, Denise Weinberger, Lillian Stefaniuk, Hilda Sander, Mary Saskew, Jenny Samaniego, Craig Murphy, Guenther Classen,
- And on the anniversary of death, Norma Kratchmer, Catherine Gomez, Candace Briens, we pray to the Lord.



Adoration - everyone welcome!
No Wednesday evening Adoration in July and August
Fridays @ 9 am - 12 noon
Sundays @ 1pm - 4 pm



Join Us for
Weekday Mass
Tues. - Fri. @ 8:30am

“As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.”



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July 06, 2022 / Feast of St. Maria Goretti

Updates on ticketing for events relating to the visit of Pope Francis to Canada, July 24 – 29, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Diocese of Saskatoon:

I join with you in excitement regarding the recent updates released on events related to the visit of Pope Francis to Canada, July 24-29, 2022. This morning the first block of tickets for Mass at Commonwealth Stadium (July 26th), along with details regarding access to other events, were announced.

More information regarding these details can be found at the following link:
<https://www.papalvisit.ca/tickets-access/>


Planning for the Diocese of Saskatoon's bus trip to the Edmonton area to attend the Pope's visit to Maskwacis (home to the former Ermineskin Residential School) on July 25th, and the Lac Ste. Anne pilgrimage site on July 26th is well underway, with further updates forthcoming. This trip will prioritize participation by Residential School Survivors.

Preparation is also ongoing for the Diocese of Saskatoon's one-day event on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 – the Feast of St. Anne – for those not making the trip to Edmonton. This event will take place at St. Mary's School and Wellness Center, at 327 Avenue N South. It will feature a recording of the events from July 25th and a live feed on July 26th. During this day, other presentations and celebrations will occur.

Please join me in continuing to pray for a blessed and Spirit-filled time of preparation for this pilgrimage.

Yours in our One God,

✠ Mark A. Hagemoen

 In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.

MINISTRY OF CARE



If you need prayer, support, a visit (with the Eucharist or otherwise), Anointing of the Sick, or assistance with funeral planning, Ministry of Care is just a phone call or email away. Please contact:

Kelly Wormsbecker kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca 306-374-1425

Pastoral Associate, Ministry of Care

Have a safe and blessed summer!



Truth and
Reconciliation
Commission of Canada

This concludes our '94 Calls to Action' ! If you have been following along you now have read the complete document. You are encouraged to print out a copy of the complete document and keep it handy and encourage others to read it. We can all be part of the change beginning with education and awareness.

Pdf: [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#)

BUSINESS AND RECONCILIATION

92. We call upon the corporate sector in Canada to adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a reconciliation framework and to apply its principles, norms, and standards to corporate policy and core operational activities involving Indigenous peoples and their lands and resources.

NEWCOMERS TO CANADA

93. We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with the national Aboriginal organizations, to revise the information kit for newcomers to Canada and its citizenship test to reflect a more inclusive history of the diverse Aboriginal peoples of Canada, including information about the Treaties and the history of residential schools.

94. We call upon the government of Canada to replace the oath of citizenship with the following: "I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, her heirs and successors, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples, and fulfil my duties as a Canadian citizen."



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TOGETHER**

POPE FRANCIS CANADA
24 - 30 JULY 2022

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24 - 30 JUILLET 2022

For more information regarding the papal visit to Canada check out the papalvisit.ca

**Pope Francis
in Canada**
_ Walking together _
July 24 - 29,
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At home or the office on our desktops, laptops as emails, on our phones as text messages! It is hard to distinguish between real and fraudulent messages. At Holy Spirit we receive these messages and we get calls from people asking if texts or emails are legitimate. The answer is always 'No!'

Priests, Deacons, Bishops, Do Not, DO NOT, ask anyone for money or gift cards. They never send you an invoice to open. If you are unsure if something is a real message or you don't know why they are making a request look for signs such as unfamiliar language, weird requests (asking for money, to meet them or to call a number or reply to an email). No signature and especially the email address from the person sending the message. If you have to search these things it usually means it is a SCAM. If you ask yourself, is this real? It means it isn't. If it is church related call the office to make sure it is legitimate (306) 374-1425.

If you receive these SCAMs block the sender and delete the message. Don't open attachments! If you are a victim of a SCAM please report it to the police.

Below are sample emails received by the office to all the staff at one time or another. All of them are fraudulent!

Fr. Joseph Salihu Pastor <churchgiving12@gmail.com>

SERIOUS

Greetings,

Are you less busy at the moment? There's a surprising task I want you to help me with today.

I will be going into a prayer meeting in a few minutes. No calls kindly reply back via this email immediately....

Late payment of invoice no.9H986234T

Good morning,

I have attached the statement for this month. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

Rev. Ken Beck

Fr. Joseph Salihu <j.salihu@rcdos.ca>

Good morning Karen,

Are you free at the moment? Let me know

Regards,
Fr. Joseph Salihu

Pastor :Fr. Joseph Salihu <onlinechurch5777@gmail.com>

Hi there,

Are you available? I need you to complete a task for me.

Thanks

Pastor : Fr. Joseph Salihu

Fr. Joseph Salihu <officemail31013@gmail.com>

Karen Klein

Hello, how are you doing? I have an assignment I need you to do for me immediately. Let me know if you are available. so kindly respond back via email.

Fr. Joseph Salihu <lutherbilbo786565329@gmail.com>

Gift Card Request!

Can we get this done right away?

We need to send out some Gift Cards to some well deserved people. Is it possible to get them immediately? please advise, so I can tell you what kinds to buy.

I am in a meeting at the moment, so just respond here.

Regards,

Fr. Joseph



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
Questions or want to join? questions call:
Margaret Schwab 306 227-8930

[2022 JUNE NEWSLETTER](#)
[HOLY SPIRIT CWL WEBPAGE](#)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 8905

Thinking about joining?
Have questions? Call:
James Nestmann (306) 260-8206
Bob Wacholtz (306) 933-9499



ATTENTION LADIES - CWL Golf Monday July 25, 2022 @ Greenbryre Golf Course



There will be three tee times booked beginning at 8:30 am, two for 12 holes and one for 6 holes. If you are interested in joining please **contact Adele @ 306-374-7524 by July 20th** so we know how many tee times we need. This is open to all, not just CWL members. We will have lunch after at Greenbryre Clubhouse. Those that don't golf are welcome to join for lunch around 12pm!



Visiting the Sick

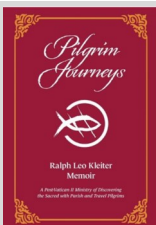
Those who are suffering in hospital or facing a difficult diagnosis, can often feel very alone.

Hospital Chaplaincy coordinator Jackie Saretsky, Fr. Emmanuel Mbah and other priest chaplains, along with a team of trained pastoral care volunteers are on hand to visit those who are sick, including patients from out of town at Royal University and Saskatoon City Hospitals.

For pastoral visits, spiritual care, and/or hospital chaplaincy, including requests to see a priest at Royal University Hospital and Saskatoon City Hospital please call Jacqueline Saretsky at **306-292-5531** or e-mail jsaretsky@rcdos.ca.

For St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon, where Spiritual Care is a

[Hospital Chaplaincy - Diocese of Saskatoon \(rcdos.ca\)](http://www.rcdos.ca)



A good read for the summer: **Pilgrim Journeys** by Fr. Ralph Kleiter.
For more information and how to order your copy go to: www.pilgrimjourneys.ca
Kindle version on Amazon.ca



2022 INFANT BAPTISM

Do you have a new baby and would like to baptize him/her? Perhaps you expecting a new baby? If either of these are true for you. I would love to hear from you!

If you have attended a baptism preparation session in the past couple of years you may not need to take prep sessions before the baptism. If you are brand new parents or have not taken any baptism prep sessions. please contact me to register for the prep sessions and the baptism of your child at 306-374-1425 or email me at spowell@rcdos.ca. We have one last baptism date until the Fall: **July 31**. I am happy to answer any questions you may have and we can talk about both the prep sessions and the celebration itself. I am looking forward to hearing from you! ~ Sharon Powell – Faith Formation Coordinator



CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN

For the past few years we have had inquiries from parents of a number of children who have not been baptized as infants and now the child is showing a keen interest in receiving the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion). Is this happening in your home too?

We, at Holy Spirit Parish, are trying to meet this need and have created a process for children 8 to 15 years who would like to explore the possibility of being baptized and also receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. If your child has been questioning I would love to talk with your family. I look forward to telling you more about this encouraging and gratifying process. Please either call or email me at spowell@rcdos.ca or 306-374-1425.



CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS - RCIA

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Have questions about our Catholic faith? Do you know someone who would like to learn about the Catholic faith? Call 306-374-1425 or email egratton@rcdos.ca.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Witness to Love is a new approach to marriage preparation and renewal. This program connects couples to their parishes through mentors and powerful online resources. It prepares couples for a sacramental marriage and fosters their transition

into a welcoming community of faith before and after they are married. For information and to register contact Nicole Gursky at 306 229-0384 or email ngursky@sasktel.net.



Click the image to check out their website.

Holy Spirit and McClure United have a shared covenant in the spirit of Ecumenism. To keep in the loop with our friends and neighbours we have exchanged website information so that we can all keep in touch. Please keep McClure United Church staff and parishioners in your prayers!

DONATING TO YOUR PARISH



Holy Spirit Parish

Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon

ways to submit parish donations:

- 1. Sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving** Registration forms are available at the church office, online on our parish website, or via email. Donate using debit or credit card. **Form**
- 2. Interac e-Transfer using online banking:** send e-transfer to finance@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca (it is directly deposited, no password needed). **Please put your full name and envelope number in the message box along with any special offering designation.**
- 3. Parish Offertory:** <https://dscf.ca/parish-offertory/>
- 4. Mail envelopes to the church:** 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 3V7
- 5. Drop envelopes off at church:** Put envelopes into the office door mail slot.



Another option to donating to your parish online:

PARISH OFFERTORY QR CODE

A Stained Glass Window in Canada's Parliament

Remembering Children who went to an Indian Residential School

For more than 100 years, the Canadian government took more than 150,000 Aboriginal children away from their families and put them in residential schools that were far away from their homes. At these schools, the children were not allowed to speak in their own Aboriginal language which they spoke at home. They had to wear different clothes and eat different kinds of food. They didn't get to see their families for a long time.

On June 11, 2008, the Prime Minister of Canada apologized to the former students, their families and their communities. On behalf of all Canadians, he said sorry for the hurt that some students experienced. He asked the Aboriginal people to forgive Canada for making such a big mistake.

In October 2012, a stained glass window was installed in the Parliament buildings. This window will teach visitors to Parliament about this sad time in Canadian history. The window also gives us hope for a better future for all Canadians.

The window was designed by Christi Belcourt, a Métis artist (www.christibelcourt.com). For more information on the stained glass window, visit www.aandc.gc.ca/window.

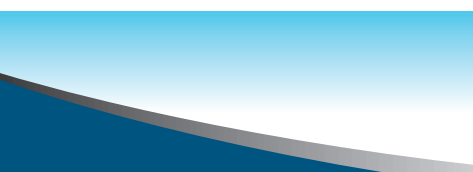


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**Vitrail au Parlement
commémorant les séquelles
des pensionnats indiens**

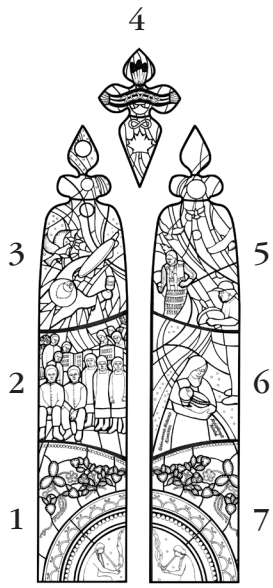
**Stained Glass Window in Parliament
Commemorating the Legacy of
Indian Residential Schools**



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Sunday, Jul 10, 2022

Right neighborly of you

Mister Rogers sang to children daily about the pleasure and importance of being a good neighbor. A Presbyterian minister, Fred Rogers was aware of the biblical power in identifying others as neighbors—rather than competitors, outsiders, or enemies. Jesus flips the traditional meaning of the word when he claims the true neighbor not as one who is geographically near to us, but one who is dear to us and merits our compassion. We recognize our neighbors not by who they are or where they live, but who we are and how we treat them. Choose to be a neighbor to everyone you meet.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37 (105). *"Because he wished to justify himself, [the scholar] said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'"*

Monday, Jul 11, 2022

Worth pondering, as a rule

Saint Benedict, the "Father of Western Monasticism," established Christian monasticism as we know it with the founding of the Benedictine order in the sixth century, making it the oldest religious order in the Western Church. For 1,500 years, Benedictine women and men have been living communally in monasteries all over the world according to the *Rule of St. Benedict*, a succinct guide that emphasizes prayer, work, simplicity, and hospitality. They take unique vows of stability and ongoing conversion. Draw from the ancient wisdom of the Benedictines by reading the *Rule* yourself and see how this way of life might enrich your own.

MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1 (389).

"Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward."

Tuesday, Jul 12, 2022

Education for everyone

The United Nations has decreed today International Malala Day—after the Pakistani activist, Malala Yousafzai, who wowed the world with her address to the U.N. on July 12, 2013, which also happened to be Malala's 16th birthday. Only the year before, the young woman was shot in the head by the Taliban for her advocacy of young girls getting an education. Malala was later an attendee at the 2015 U.N. General Assembly, listening as Pope Francis gave his first address there and insisted that the "right to education—also for girls, excluded in certain places"—be "ensured first and foremost." Learn how Caritas Pakistan continues Catholic advocacy for women and children.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). *"Take care you remain tranquil and do not fear; let not your courage fail."*

Wednesday, Jul 13, 2022

Let nothing hold you back

On this day in 1918, Carlos Manuel Rodríguez Santiago was born into a Catholic family in Puerto Rico. While two of his siblings entered religious life, he was unable to achieve his goal of becoming a priest due to poor health. Even so, he maintained a fervent devotion to promoting the faith, running a magazine and discussion groups covering Catholic liturgy. Illness prevented him from completing college, but he nevertheless became a musical

master and anticipated the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council by promoting active lay participation and vernacular celebrations. He died at age 44 from cancer in 1963, shortly after the Council began, and was beatified in 2001. May Blessed Carlos ever intercede for us to persevere in faith and inspire greater devotion among the faithful!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27 (391).

"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to the childlike."

Thursday, Jul 14, 2022

Make cultural connections

Today's saint, Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680), suffered the distrust of both of the cultures she belonged to. Many among her tribe of Mohawks rejected her embrace of Christianity. French Canadians, who dominated the Montreal church that she joined, sometimes held her at arm's length—when she and a devout companion, also indigenous, proposed founding a religious order, church authorities nixed the plan. But as a woman with a foot in both worlds, Kateri is seen today as a bridge between indigenous and European cultures in North America. Reconciliation between different groups is sorely needed today: Saint Kateri, pray for us!

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, MOHAWK

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30

(392). *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."*

Friday, Jul 15, 2022

Know your net worth

"If you do not know your own dignity and condition, you cannot value anything at its proper worth," says the wise Saint Bonaventure, noted 13th-century Franciscan theologian and doctor of the church. Take time to think about that admonishment today. Tally your credits and debits—the good and bad you've wrought, your accomplishments and failures. Then remember that nothing goes unnoticed by God: "Even the hairs of your head are all counted" (Matt. 10:30). Why? Because you are God's alone. Let that knowledge shape your understanding of everything. As Bonaventure puts it: "Every creature is a divine word because it proclaims God."

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8 (393).

"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

Saturday, Jul 16, 2022

Choose a path of devotion

The Third Order of Carmel is an association of lay persons who live according to the spirit of the Carmelite Order and share in its mission. Their charisms are prayer, community, and ministry. Lay Carmelites attend a monthly meeting in which they wear the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel as a sign of their dedication to the Virgin Mary. If possible, they participate in daily Mass and try to spend a half hour in meditation each day, reflecting on scripture. Lay Carmelites also pray the Morning and Evening Prayer of the Divine Office. Though they are not professed religious, they practice the virtues of poverty, chastity and obedience. Pray to Our Lady of Mount Carmel to inspire your own spiritual practice.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21 (394). *"Many people followed him, and he cured them all."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Bringing Home the Word

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

July 3, 2022

The "Gospel" of Health and Wealth

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

There's a current in modern Protestantism that is popularly called the "prosperity gospel." Although rejected by many Protestants, it still has its disciples. Its basic tenet is that if you're faithful and generous with God, he will bless you with prosperity in this life. The kind of prosperity expected is usually health and wealth. The natural conclusion is that economic blessings are signs of your faith. The opposite would also be true. If you are poor, you just might lack faith or God's favor.

Without a doubt God promises us prosperity. Just look at the prophesy of Isaiah in today's reading. Yet, as always for Christians, we have to read the Old Testament in the light of Christ and his revelation in the New Testament. The life of Jesus, the Son of God, was the most prosperous life ever lived. Yet, he wasn't rewarded with material wealth. In fact, he was downright poor. Although he was faithful and generous, God blessed him with challenges and, ultimately, the cross.

Paul didn't glory in his apostolic successes but in the cross of Jesus. He knew that the victory of the cross was his greatest treasure. He saw in his difficulties not a curse, but a sign of his true authenticity as a follower of Christ.

We should no doubt strive for sufficient material progress and prosperity for ourselves, our family, our business, and our nation. But above all we should strive for eternal prosperity, which is living and rejoicing that our names are written in heaven, whether we are materially wealthy or not.

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A Word from Pope Francis

If politics must truly be at the service of the human person, it follows that it cannot be a slave to the economy and finance. Politics is, instead, an expression of our compelling need to live as one, in order to build as one the greatest common good....

Address to United States Congress, Washington, DC, September 24, 2015



Sunday Readings

Isaiah 66:10-14c

For thus says the LORD: I will spread prosperity over [Jerusalem] like a river, like an overflowing torrent.

Galatians 6:14-18

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or Luke 10:1-9

[Jesus] said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Is material wealth too much of a concern of mine?
- How can my family and I learn to focus on eternal treasures?

Perfecting a Vision, Pursuing a Dream

By Paige Byrne Shortal

This week, as we celebrate American Independence Day, I've been thinking about the poem, "The New Colossus," written by Emma Lazarus and inscribed on the Statue of Liberty:

"Give me your tired, your poor,
your huddled masses yearning to
breathe free,
the wretched refuse of your
teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost
to me.

I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Several years ago our family had the opportunity to visit Washington, DC. One warm evening we sat on the high steps of the Capitol and listened to Judy Collins sing "Amazing Grace." As her lovely voice rang out, "Through many dangers, toils and snares we have already come . . ." I thought of the dreams of the founders of our country.

These holy visions of freedoms lived only in dreams before the dream-come-true of America. Our founders were Utopians, trying to create heaven on earth, but the dreams were flawed because they were exclusive: In our young nation, I could not have voted, nor my Hispanic sons, nor could people without property. But a good vision is worthy of appropriation, so women and people of color and the poor struggled and fought and gained the rights we take for granted today.



Just in my lifetime our country has made enormous strides toward living out those original ideals. Our children may find it hard to imagine a world where a black child drank from a different water

fountain or attended a separate school. Our daughters cannot imagine a time when a university education was only realistic for their brothers.

Our family also visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. One exhibit memorialized the passengers of the *St. Louis*, which sailed in 1939 with 937 passengers, most of them Jewish people fleeing Germany for Cuba. Only 22 were allowed entry. Cuban officials claimed the remaining passengers' visas, bought from corrupt German officials, were invalid. For five days the ship lingered in the waters within sight of Florida and freedom, petitioning for sanctuary, but the United States had strict quotas and they were sent back to Europe. At least 250 died under Nazi occupation.

On Independence Day, our nation celebrates the conviction and the vision of those who founded our country. As much as we feel burdened by a struggling economy and the threat of terrorism, still we are a place of

refuge longed for by many. There are no borders when it comes to human dignity—no borders of race or gender or national origin or religion or wealth. As we celebrate the progress toward the realization of our founders' ideals for all citizens, perhaps we can also pray for the wisdom, courage and generosity to help others realize the dream of America.

The passengers of the *St. Louis* never saw the statue Emma Lazarus called *Mother of Exiles*. I wonder if any of them knew her poem. Emma Lazarus was Jewish.

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or gender or national origin
or religion or wealth.***

PRAYER

*Ever living God, give us the grace
to protect the gift of freedom
and bless our efforts to embrace
a freedom that brings abundant
life for all and leads us to
true happiness in you. Amen.*

From *Prayers for Our Country*,
by Deborah Meister and Paige Byrne Shortal

WEEKDAY READINGS

July 4–9

Monday, Weekday:
Hos 2:16, 17b–18, 21–22 / Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday, Weekday:
Hos 8:4–7, 11–13 / Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday, Weekday:
Hos 10:1–3, 7–8, 12 / Mt 10:1–7

Thursday, Weekday:
Hos 11:1–4, 8e–9 / Mt 10:7–15

Friday, Weekday:
Hos 14:2–10 / Mt 10:16–23

Saturday, Weekday:
Is 6:1–8 / Mt 10:24–33

Bringing Home
the **Word** 

July 3, 2022

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World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2022

PLENARY INDULGENCE

On the occasion of the 2022 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, the Church grants plenary indulgence.

This means that the faithful obtain remission of their sins' punishment.

They can obtain it: for themselves, or for the souls in purgatory.

How can I get it?

You can obtain a plenary indulgence doing the
FOLLOWING ACTS ON JULY 24:



I am an elderly person:

Participating in Rome's or the dioceses' World Day.



I am elderly person, but I have health limitations:

It is enough to follow the World Day by watching it on television, radio or online.



I am not an elderly person:

By visiting or accompanying the elderly who are alone. It is a work of mercy!

These acts must be accompanied by the usual conditions for indulgences:



Communion



Confession



Praying for the Pope's intentions



Rejecting all sin

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