

Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church



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Confesión el Sábado:
Por cita en (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen Maria—3:45pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y letanías de la Santísima
Virgen Maria— 9:40pm

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Lunes: Adoración: 7:00am y Misa 7:30am

Martes y Miércoles: Adoración 8:30am y Misa
9:00am

Jueves: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00 m o la
Oración de la Evangelización a las 10:00am

Viernes: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00am y
6:00pm

Rosario Reina de la Paz con Adoración

Sábado: Adoración: 7:00am y a las 7:30am
Misa en Honor de Virgen María



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
“The kingdom of God is at hand for you.” - Lk 10:9

14° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
“Ya se acerca a ustedes el Reino de Dios”. - Lc 10, 9

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July 3rd, 2022

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator
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Confession on Saturday:

By appointment English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary 3:45pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary: Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:40pm

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Monday: 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

Tuesday & Wednesday: Adoration 8:30am &
Mass 9:00am

Thursday: Adoration: 8:30am & Mass: 9:00am
or Prayer of the Evangelization at 10:00am

Friday During Lent: Way of the Cross 3:00pm
concluding with Mass

Saturday: Adoration: 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 a.m.
Mass in Honor of the Virgin Mary

Called to Make the Kingdom a Reality

Br. Silas Henderson

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.

—Luke 10:1

When we think about the great saints of our Catholic tradition, we realize that they very often come in pairs: Paul and Barnabas, Perpetua and Felicity, Benedict and Scholastica,

Francis and Clare of Assisi, Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac, to name only a few examples. Even within my own Salvatorian community, we often see our founder, Blessed Francis Jordan, paired with Blessed Mary of the Apostles (of the Salvatorian Sisters). To the list of martyrs and consecrated religious women and men, we can also add married couples like Isidore the Farmer and Maria or Louis and Zélie Martin (the parents of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux) — husbands and wives who proclaimed and lived their faith through the daily witness of their marriage vows and family commitments.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out seventy-two of his disciples in pairs to "every town and place he intended to visit." These disciples were to let the local communities know that Jesus and the Apostles were on their way. They were being asked to evangelize — to announce the "Good News" that Jesus was coming. (Remember that our word "evangelize" comes from the Greek word *evangelion*, which originally meant a joyful announcement — good news — that a king was coming to visit or that a military battle had been won.) And the message, the *evangelion*, that Jesus had instructed the disciples to proclaim was simple: "The Kingdom of God is at hand for you." Here. Now.

The disciples' journey and their announcement of the coming of the Kingdom — and of the King himself — was the action. But what was bubbling beneath the surface, within the hearts and souls of those early evangelizers? It was their faith in and relationship with Jesus and with one another.



When Jesus sent out those pairs of disciples as "laborers for his harvest," he wanted them to work together, to share their faith, support and encourage one another when the journey was difficult, and to witness to the fact that to be a disciple of Jesus calls for collaboration and community. This is why we see so many saints — including those listed above — working collaboratively to fulfill their mission. This Gospel passage reminds us that living our faith with integrity means that we express

what is going on in the depths of our hearts and souls in and through our words and actions. We can't live out our faith or exercise our ministries within a vacuum.

In this passage, we also hear Jesus teaching an important lesson in relationships by urging the disciples to pay attention to the response of the people they were visiting. Yes, they were to share their message about the coming of the Kingdom, but he also wanted them to watch and listen — to be in relationship with the people they visited, to be sensitive to how the Good News was being received and to act accordingly. Keeping this in mind not only helps to be sure that the Gospel is being proclaimed effectively, but it also allows us to be sensitive to the "signs of the times" and the needs of the communities we are called to serve.

In the end, the mission of the disciples was to proclaim the faith they held within their hearts and invite others — all others — to join them in building up God's Kingdom as faithful disciples. Faith and action came together in relationships — the communion and community of the Kingdom of God. The Gospel demands that we, as Christians — collaborating disciples proclaiming our interior faith through our public works of mercy and justice — make ourselves available for the task of making the Kingdom a reality within our families, parishes, communities, and country.

Bro. Silas Henderson, SDS

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

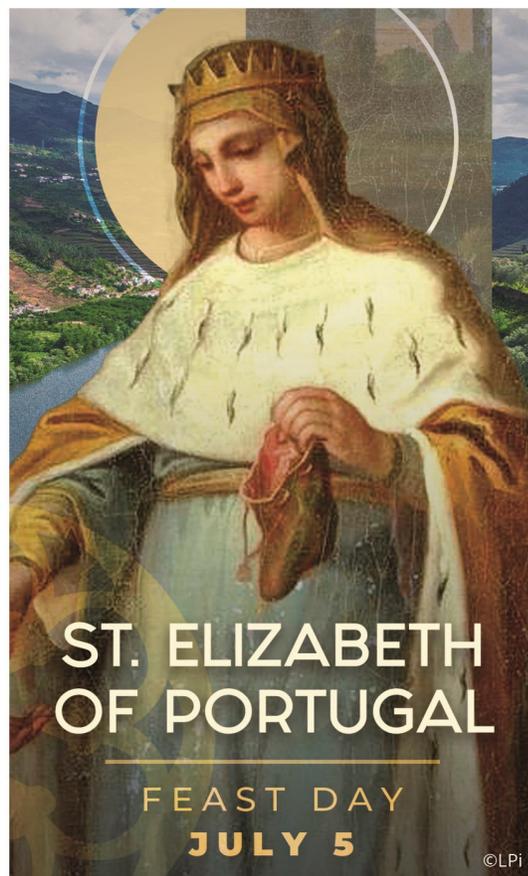
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 3, 2022

- 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

LIVE THE LITURGY

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.



ST. ELIZABETH
OF PORTUGAL

FEAST DAY
JULY 5

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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.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem
like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an
overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)



PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
(Ps 66)



SECOND READING

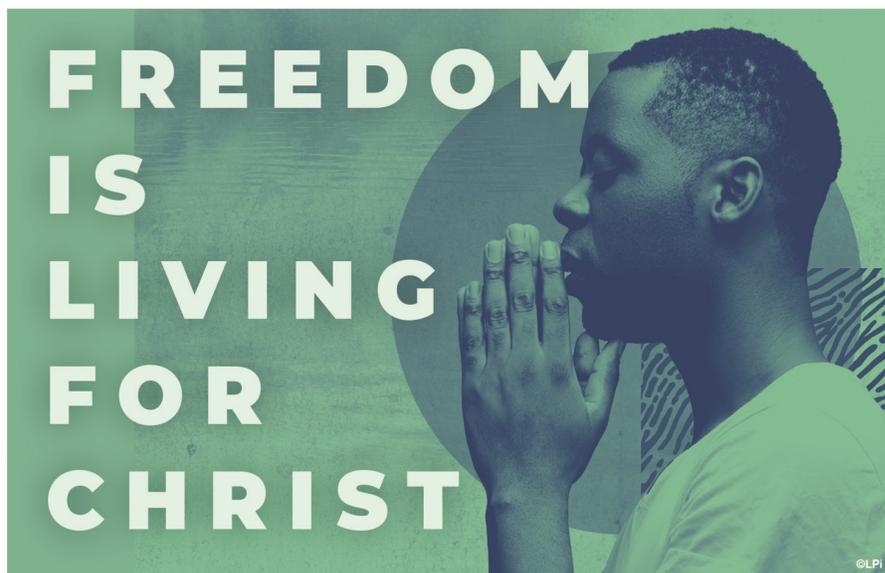
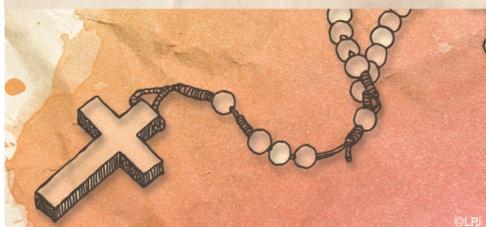
From now on, let no one make
troubles for me;
for I bear the marks of Jesus on my
body. (Gal 6:17)



GOSPEL

"Into whatever house you enter, first say,
'Peace to this household.'
If a peaceful person lives there,
your peace will rest on him."
(Lk 10:5-6)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

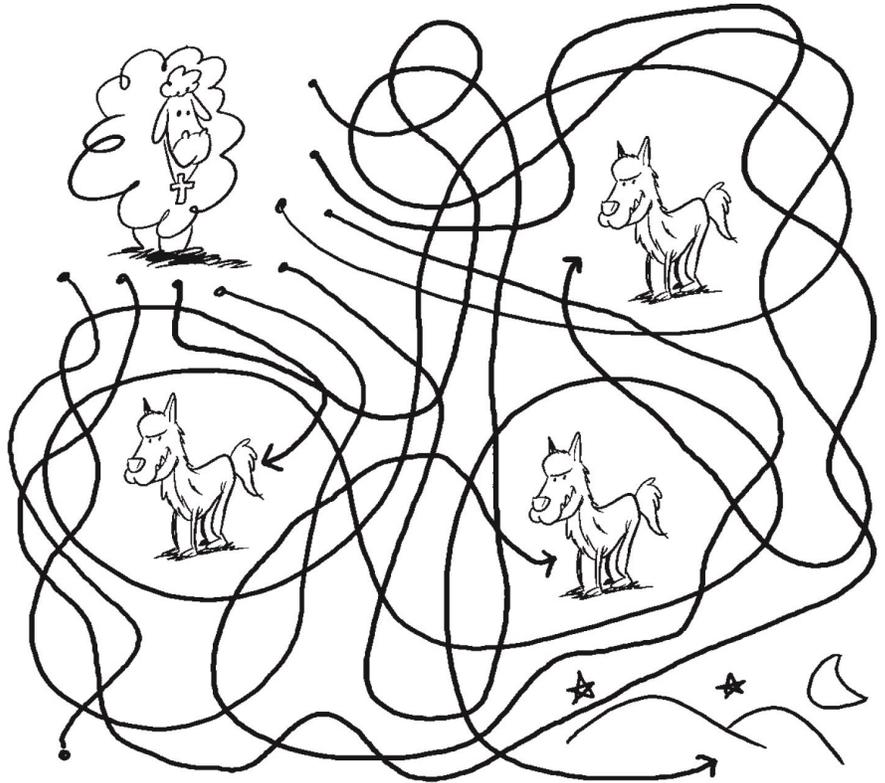
St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

KIDS CORNER

READ THE
GOSPEL AND
COMPLETE A
PUZZLE!

Find the safest way to get to the mountain.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus sent out 72 of his followers to spread the good news about God. They were not to bring anything with them - no food, no extra clothes or shoes, not even money to spend. They were to visit strangers and completely depend on God to give them what they needed. That took a lot of faith!

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to remember that you will give me what I need.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Make a card for one of your neighbors, and tell that person, "Jesus loves you!"



St. Elizabeth of Portugal

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