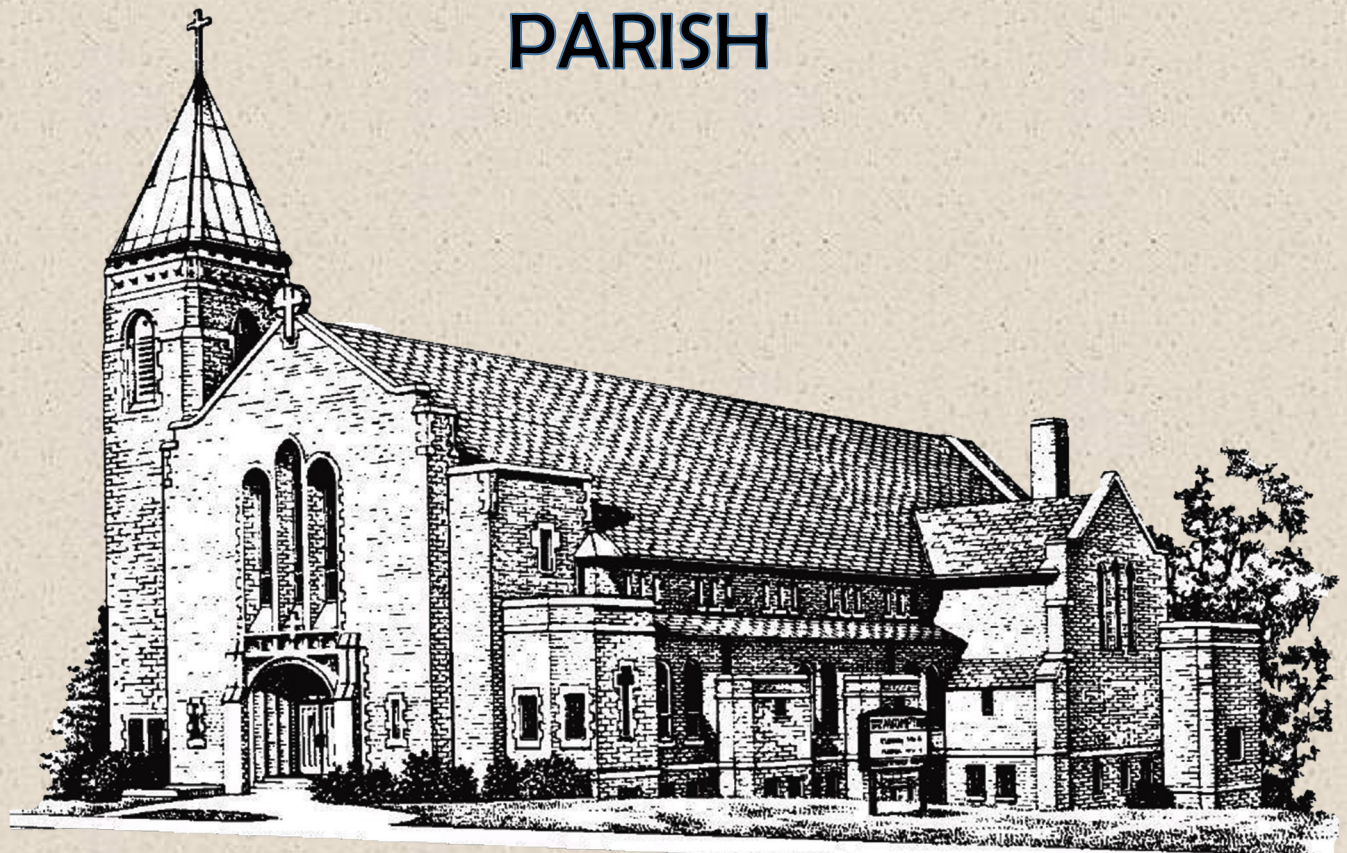




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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4th, 2021

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



July 5th-11th, 2021

Monday, July 5th

No Mass

Tuesday, July 6th

7:00pm—Mary Jean Oliveros

Wednesday, July 7th

7:00pm —Emeraldo Paulino

Thursday, July 8th

7:00pm

Friday, July 9th

7:00pm —Carlito Ferrer

Saturday, July 10th

5:00pm —Cindy Schwarzli

Sunday, July 11th

10:00am—Pedro Liwanag

12:00Noon -Zenaida Viray Fulgencio

Maria Lourdes Aitchison

Paz San Diego

5:00pm

7:15pm



Gospel Reading

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.

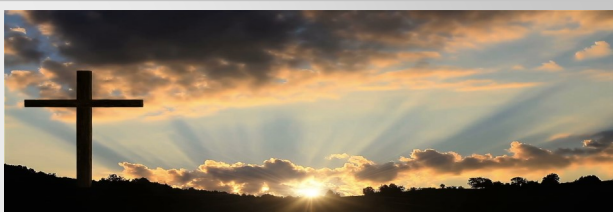
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Announcement from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops – Delegation to the Holy See – Healing & Reconciliation – December 17 – 20, 2021.

CCCB Statement Date of the Delegation to the Holy See.

Following the 10 June 2021 announcement regarding the delegation of Indigenous people to meet with the Holy Father to foster meaningful encounters of dialogue and healing, the Catholic Bishops of Canada are pleased to announce that the delegation is scheduled to take place from 17-20 December 2021 in compliance with global travel restrictions. Pope Francis is deeply committed to hearing directly from Indigenous Peoples, expressing his heartfelt closeness, addressing the impact of colonization and the role of the Church in the residential school system, in the hopes of responding to the suffering of Indigenous Peoples and the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma. The Bishops of Canada are deeply appreciative of the Holy Father’s spirit of openness in generously extending an invitation for personal encounters with each of the three distinct groups of delegates – First Nations, Métis and Inuit – as well as a final audience with all delegates together on 20 December 2021. This pastoral visit will include the participation of a diverse group of Elders/Knowledge Keepers, residential school survivors and youth from across the country, accompanied by a small group of Bishops and Indigenous leaders. Planning for the delegation is ongoing and further details will be announced when they are available. The Bishops of Canada reaffirm their sincere hope that these forthcoming encounters will lead to a shared future of peace and harmony between Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church in Canada.

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Churches Increase Capacity as Ontario Enters Stage Two

Starting today (Wednesday, June 30, 2021), the Province of Ontario enters Stage Two of its re-opening plan.

As of this morning:

- All Masses, baptisms, first Communions, confirmations and weddings can permit up to 25 per cent of capacity along with six feet of physical distancing
- Overflow rooms can now be used on Saturdays and Sundays with up to 25 per cent of capacity and six feet of physical distancing
- Meetings in parish halls can now meet with up to five people at a time along with physical distancing and essential meetings, such as twelve-step programs, can now meet with up to 10 people along with physical distancing
- The dispensation from Sunday obligation continues and those who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 are encouraged to exercise caution when leaving home
- Livestreamed Masses will still be offered in dozens of parishes across the archdiocese
- Funerals are limited to 75 people, in accordance with the direction from the Bereavement Authority of Ontario

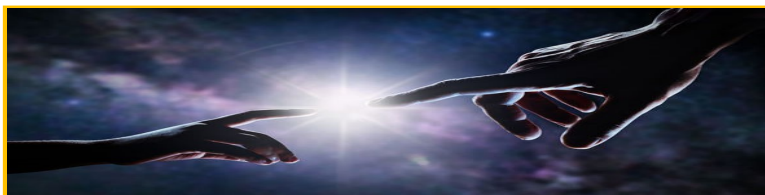
All WorshipSafe procedures remain in place and your parish will continue to use the same booking procedures.

Thankfully, over the past several weeks, there has been a great reduction in COVID-19 cases across much of Ontario. We pray that this trend continues, so we will be able to safely fully re-open our churches soon.



COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance for Catholics

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops published the following guidance on COVID-19 vaccines [on its website](#).



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