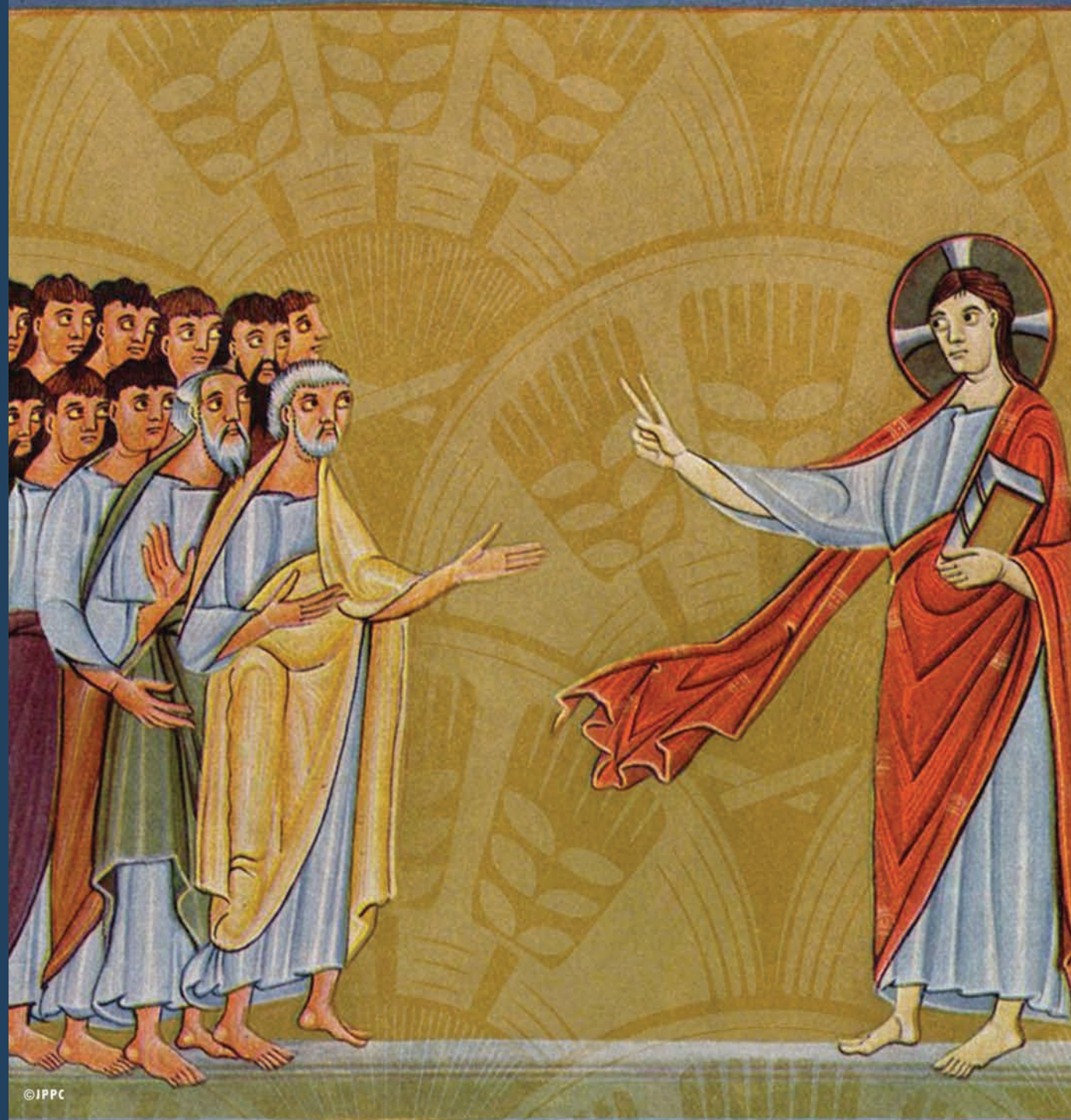


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LUKE 10:2



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**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 JULY 3, 2022**

SATURDAY, JULY 2

The Mass of Anticipation for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, JULY 3

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Beatrice Alfano—Memorial
 9:00AM Thomas J. Brescia—10th Anniversary
 10:30AM Stephen P. Lynch, Sr.—1st Anniversary

MONDAY, JULY 4—INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday
 8:30AM Michael Devlin—84th Anniversary

TUESDAY, JULY 5

Weekday; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
 7:30AM David Gardner—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

Weekday; St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr
 7:30AM Thomas J. Brescia—10th Anniversary

THURSDAY, JULY 7

Weekday
 7:30AM Jean Ingraham—5th Anniversary

FRIDAY, JULY 8

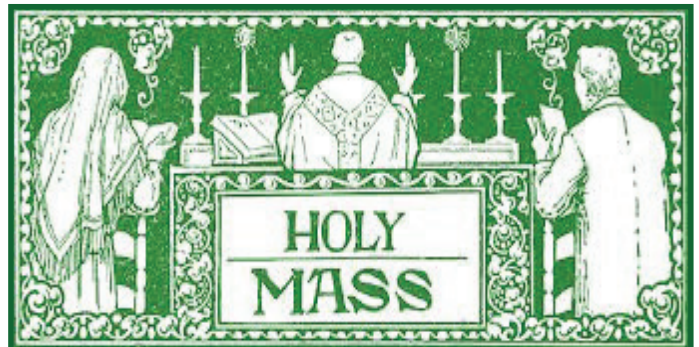
Weekday;
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Weekday; St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs; BVM
 8:30AM Tom & Estelle Ryan—Memorial
The Mass of Anticipation for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Deceased of the Robert's Family—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 10

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
 9:00AM Armando Ruzzo—Memorial
 10:30AM Cheryl Zola—Birthday Remembrance





Dear Parishioners:

I wish you and your families a Happy Independence Day! We rejoice and pray for our nation as we recall the Declaration of Independence and commemorate its ratification by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The Second Continental Congress declared that the Thirteen Colonies were no longer subject and subordinate to the monarch of Britain, King George III. We threw off the shackles of British imperialism and declared our independence.

The Continental Congress voted to approve independence on July 2 and adopted the Declaration of Independence two days later, on July 4, 1776. The Declaration states: *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*

Of course, these words take on new meaning in light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court Dobbs' decision on abortion. As the U.S. Catholic Bishops stated after the decision: *"For nearly fifty years, America has enforced an unjust law that has permitted some to decide whether others can live or die; this policy has resulted in the deaths of tens of millions of preborn children, generations that were denied the right to even be born."*

America was founded on the truth that all men and women are created equal, with God-given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This truth was grievously denied by the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v.

Wade ruling, which legalized and normalized the taking of innocent human life. We thank God today that the Court has now overturned this decision. We pray that our elected officials will now enact laws and policies that promote and protect the most vulnerable among us."

Regrettably, the Dobbs ruling changes nothing in Rhode Island concerning abortion. In 2019, the General Assembly passed legislation that codified *Roe v. Wade* in an extreme abortion-on-demand bill that allows abortion up until birth. Now there is a renewed effort to force all Rhode Island taxpayers to pay for the evil of abortion with their tax dollars.

While the Supreme Court has recognized that abortion-on-demand was never part of the Constitution and, thus, state legislatures around the country are no longer prohibited by the now-overturned *Roe v. Wade* decision from passing and enforcing laws that protect preborn human life, there is much work to be done in Rhode Island.

Bishop Tobin's statement on the SCOTUS decision stated: *"While rightly insisting that abortion is evil, the Catholic Church also recognizes the particular needs that many women encounter when pregnant. For several years already, the Diocese has responded to this need with important programs such as St. Gabriel's Call, which provides personal and material assistance to pregnant women, new moms, and their infant children; and also the Cabrini Fund, which offers financial scholarships to assist parents with child care*

expenses. For many years, these programs have supported women and children, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

In light of the ongoing needs of women and their children, I have directed our diocesan staff to increase the support we can offer to women and children through these already existing diocesan programs and be alert to other and new ways of assisting women, children and families in the days to come."

We, too, must renew our commitment to the sanctity of all human life with more prayers for an end of abortion and prayers for all expectant mothers, especially those in crisis pregnancy and those living in poverty. We must also redouble our efforts to support them with greater charity and more good works.

Our call to build a culture of life that truly protects the sanctity of life of every human being has not ended with the Supreme Court decision but must be renewed with an even greater determination. Let us *"pledge ourselves to continue our service to God's great plan of love for the human person, and to work with our fellow citizens to fulfill America's promise to guarantee the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people,"* born and unborn.

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless America! Happy Independence Day!

Father Healey



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially **Marjorie J. Perretta** and **Vilma Marie Frances Patrucco** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated last week.



PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY


God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared life and liberty are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.

Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth.

Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Prayer from "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers" dosp.org




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	Total=\$13,945.00
Outreach.....	\$1,354.00

June 27, 2021

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In response to the Supreme Court of the United States issuing its ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Pro-Life Activities issued the following statement:

“This is a historic day in the life of our country, one that stirs our thoughts, emotions and prayers. For nearly fifty years, America has enforced an unjust law that has permitted some to decide whether others can live or die; this policy has resulted in the deaths of tens of millions of preborn children, generations that were denied the right to even be born.

“America was founded on the truth that all men and women are created equal, with God-given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This truth was grievously denied by the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* ruling, which legalized and normalized the taking of innocent human life. We thank God today that the Court has now overturned this decision. We pray that our elected officials will now enact laws and policies that promote and protect the most vulnerable among us.

“Our first thoughts are with the little ones whose lives have been taken since 1973. We mourn their loss, and we entrust their souls to God, who loved them from before all ages and who will love them for all eternity. Our hearts are also with every woman and man who has suffered grievously from abortion; we pray for their healing, and we pledge our continued compassion and support. As a Church, we need to serve those who face difficult pregnancies and surround them with love.

“Today’s decision is also the fruit of the prayers, sacrifices, and advocacy of countless ordinary Americans from every walk of life. Over these long years, millions of our fellow citizens have worked together peacefully to educate and persuade their neighbors about the injustice of abortion, to offer care and counseling to women, and to work for alternatives to abortion, including adoption, foster care, and public policies that truly support families. We share their joy today and we are grateful to them. Their work for the cause of life reflects all that is good in our democracy, and the pro-life movement deserves to be numbered among the great movements for social change and civil rights in our nation’s history.

“Now is the time to begin the work of building a post-Roe America. It is a time for healing wounds and repairing social divisions; it is a time for reasoned reflection and civil dialogue, and for coming together to build a society and economy that supports marriages and families, and where every woman has the support and resources she needs to bring her child into this world in love.

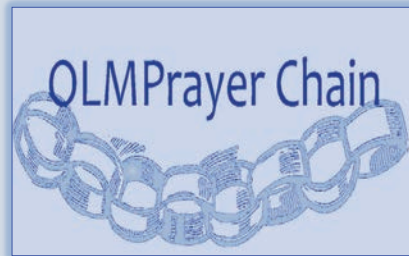
“As religious leaders, we pledge ourselves to continue our service to God’s great plan of love for the human person, and to work with our fellow citizens to fulfill America’s promise to guarantee the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people.”

Outreach Update

• OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House.

• **OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 4:00PM** in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.

• For information , please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at 2hart@cox.net.

If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Happy
the nation
whose God
is the Lord,
the people
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PSALM 33:12



Monday, July 4, 2022-Holiday Schedule

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