

Ordinary Time

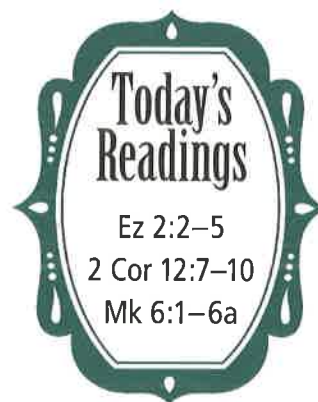
July 5, 2015 + Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

My mother always thought I was a little bit stubborn. “Not stubborn,” I said, “but sometimes, I think things should be done a different way.” What I usually meant by that was that things should be done my way. “I know,” she said, “stubborn.” I recalled that conversation when my daughters reached the same age that I was when I thought my mother was dumb and didn’t know anything and my desire was to do always what I thought best. They have since conceded that I might know a little, just as I gave my mother that same credit as I got older. We all have our periods of stubbornness. Sometimes we are right; sometimes we can be persuaded differently, and sometimes we have to persist until our mistakes become evident even to us, even if that means we suffer the consequences of our folly.

The people of Nazareth were astonished at Jesus’ teaching and wisdom. Their stubborn refusal to believe in him grew out of their familiarity. “We know him and his family,” they thought, “He can’t possibly have this power.” Stubbornness is a hard thing to overcome. Mark records that Jesus was amazed at their refusal to believe. Their very refusal made it difficult for him to perform mighty deeds (a phrase used of God in the Old Testament), and so he did what he could: He healed a few sick people. Some of us still have a stubborn streak. Has that ever interfered in our recognition of God’s power? Do we hang on to our belief that our way is best even if that hurts us? Reflect on that.

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 5, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT 5:15 PM LOIS WINGLE – 2ND ANNIVERSARY
 SUN 7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 9:00 AM ELI IEZZI
 11:00 AM EVELYN HAIGHT GIORDANO
 MON NO MASS
 TUE NO MASS
 WED NO MASS

THU 7:00 PM RITA DURNING
 FRI 7:30 AM SOPHIA & ANDREW LAKATOSH
 SAT 5:15 PM MARY DOLAN – 2ND ANNIVERSARY
 SUN 7:30 AM ESTHER PRIBANICK – 11TH ANNIVERSARY
 9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 11:00 AM BILL FLANAGAN

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Honor of St. Anthony
 In Memory of Linnford "Pete" Wood*

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Zubik 5:15 Costanzo 7:30 Kasperowicz 9:00 Carvalho 11:00 Hafer

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Mike Austrevich	Joe Bailey	Chris & Lindsay Surkosky, Michael Beitz
SUN	7:30am	Pam Amos	Sean Werner	Mason Cambria, Josh Piccarreta, Samantha Reitnour
	9:00am	Brian Hannon	Barrie Pease	Ian Haynes, Ethan Kraycik, Austin Lobaugh
	11:00am	Bob Newman	Barbara Romig	Aaron Gulla, Diego and Jacob Santos

The second collection next week is the Monthly Collection

ICC Altar Server Clinic

Friday, August 14th

9:30am-12pm in the church

Any parish child in grades 6 through 12 can become an altar server. To enroll, please complete the form below and return to Msgr. McCann by August 12th.

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent's Work Phone: _____

Grade for 2015/2016 School Year: _____

School: _____

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, John Iezzi, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Andrew Martin, Alice Smyk, Barbara Pease, Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Irene Wade, Patricia Winkel, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Roger Villano, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary and Phil Morici, Curt Miller, Bob Hocker, Joe Lukac, Linda Domergue, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Scott Strunack, Linda Ritchie, Tom Hafer

Please pray for the recently departed: Joe Cuccaro

Please congratulate the recently baptized: Anita Marie Koren and her family

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS: Monsignor McCann, Deacon Hiryak, Deacon Bardi and Deacon Giordano visit our parishioners who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or homebound regularly. If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please call the parish office at 610-582-2411.

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Sat 07/11 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please be advised that there will be no daily Mass on Monday July 6th, Tuesday July 7th or Wednesday July 8th. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.



Immaculate Conception Church

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

Immaculate Conception Academy

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00am to 1:00pm

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR SUNDAY BEST?

Dressing appropriately for Mass shows mindfulness toward God, as well as respect for the sanctity of the church and the worship experience of fellow parishioners. When getting dressed for Mass be mindful that you are preparing to present yourself to God. Think about it – the angels hide their face before His Majesty – and what have we just pulled off the hanger? If we're dressed for the beach, the gym or a back yard barbecue, we need to back up and try again! It'll only take a minute, and God will bless us for the effort.

RESORTS AC TRIP: FRIDAY, JULY 17th
LEAVE CHURCH PROMPTLY AT 9:30AM
PAY \$31 - GET \$25 BACK

CALL CAROL J AT 610-775-4447 IF INTERESTED

Immaculate Conception Academy Aftercare Program is looking for someone willing to work several hours per week from 3pm to 6pm. Must have completed a "Protecting God's Children" class and obtain required background checks and clearances. Please call Laura DeFalco at 610-463-8157.

Confirmation Date Announced: Bishop Barres will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of our parish family of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 4:30pm.

Building a Culture of Vocations

PRAYER FOR MY VOCATION – Heavenly Father, You have a great and loving plan for our world and for me. I want to do my part in your plan. Help me to see the signs that You give me. Open my heart to respond to You. Grant me the courage to follow your call. Give me the strength to serve You and your people with generosity and love. Amen.

Traveling this summer? Visit www.masstimes.org for Mass schedules from all over the world.

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday at Noon
bulletin@icbvm.org

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We are grateful to our parishioners who have already made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$300 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and generosity to those who are less fortunate will allow the ministries of our diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. You can make your gift online at www.2015baa.org or pickup a pledge form at the back of Church.

Immaculate Conception Academy and Early Education 2015-2016 Registrations

We welcome everyone to join us if you have a student entering preschool (age 3) through 8th grade. Academy Tours are available by contacting Shannon Villa at shannon.villa@icaknights.org or 610-404-8645. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record to registration.

Kindergarten students must be aged 5 by 10/15/15 and 1st Grade students aged 6 by 10/15/15.

ICA offers a full day Kindergarten

TRANSFER GRANTS: Any public, private or charter school student who transfers into Immaculate Conception Academy, grades 1 through 7, will receive a Bishop's Tuition Transfer Grant of \$1,500 over two school years (\$1,000 for the first year; \$500 for the second). Call Shannon at 610-404-8645.

WIN \$10,000 CASH!! The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. Only 350 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held on Friday, October 9th during the Extravaganza 2015 event. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend, please call the Extravaganza Office at 610-374-1695 or email Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org.

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor...You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 x 245.

Redner's Save-A-Tape – In order for ICC to receive the 1% credit 1) you must use your Pump Perks card 2) please submit the entire receipt and 3) do not use a highlighter on the totals as this erases the number.

MOVING OUT OF THE AREA?

Please call 610-582-2411 so we can say goodbye and update our records.

July 5, 2015

Dear Padre

Should we confess sins of the past?



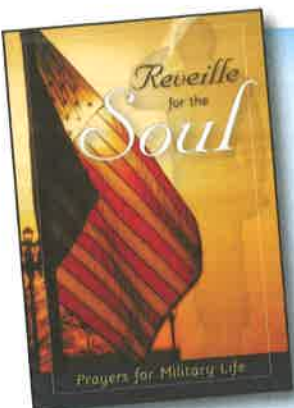
I keep reading that people with scrupulosity shouldn't confess sins from the past they're sure they confessed, but is that true for the general population?

Scrupulosity is religion-based obsessive-compulsive disorder. People with scrupulosity obsess about sin and thus feel a need to confess past sins over and over. They may fear that they have not confessed correctly or even doubt the mercy and love of God. But the Bible teaches us that God is slow to anger and rich in mercy (Exodus 34:6).

If a person goes to confession and honestly confesses the sins he remembers, then his sins are forgiven. We all have left the confessional and then remembered something we should have said. As long as this was unintentional, we can trust in God's love and mercy and simply mention the sin at our next confession. God understands that we do not have a perfect memory. However, people who intentionally omit a sin are lying in the confessional and not showing true contrition, so their sins have not been confessed—and still need to be.

It's OK for people who don't have scrupulosity to recall past sins that they've confessed as long as doing so educates them on their weaknesses and sins and helps them avoid those sins in the future. However, people with scrupulosity should trust their confessor when he tells them they've completely confessed their sins and need not confess those sins any more.

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A Serviceman's Prayer:

"Almighty God, you've blessed me with a wonderful family who loves and supports me in this mission to serve my country. Now, as I find myself separated from them by many miles, their welfare weighs on my soul. Dear God, bless them every day. Keep them safe in your arms. Remind them of my great love for them..."

—Excerpted from *Reveille for the Soul: Prayers for Military Life* (818783)

Share God's hope and promises with our men and women in uniform.

For every individual purchase of *Reveille for the Soul* (#818783) made at Liguori.org, Liguori will donate a copy to our armed services. Exclusions apply. Expires August 15, 2015



Monday
JULY 6
Weekday
Gn 28:10–22a
Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday
JULY 7
Weekday
Gn 32:23–33
Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday
JULY 8
Weekday
Gn 41:55–57;
42:5–7a, 17–24a
Mt 10:1–7

Thursday
JULY 9
Weekday
Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29;
45:1–5
Mt 10:7–15

Friday
JULY 10
Weekday
Gn 46:1–7, 28–30
Mt 10:16–23

Saturday
JULY 11
St. Benedict, Abbot
Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a
Mt 10:24–33

Sunday
JULY 12
Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Am 7:12–15
Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10
Mk 6:7–13

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