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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH UPDATES-05 JULY, 2026

PARISH MINISTRY

Mass Intentions/Activities

04July	Sat	**6:30pm**	Holy mass	**08July**	Wed	**6:00pm**	No Mass
				09July	Thu	**6.00pm**	
		7:30pm	Syro-Malabar Mass				
05July	Sun	**10.00am**	All Parishioners	**10July**	Fri	**6.00pm**	Holy Mass & Adoration
06July	Mon	**6:00pm**		**11July**	Sat	**6.30pm**	
07July	Tue	**6.00pm**					

Syro-Malabar Holy Mass on the 1st and 3rd Saturday at 7:30 PM. Adoration every Friday after Holy Mass.

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Mass Readings for Today:

First Reading: **Zechariah 9:9-10** "Lo, your king comes to you, humble and riding on a donkey".

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps.145:1-2,8-11,13cd-14(R.1b)** "I will bless your name forever, my King and my God".

Second reading: **Romans 8:9,11-13** "if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live".

Gospel: **Mathew 11:25-30** "I am gentle and humble in heart".

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

Parents who wish to prepare their children for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the coming year are kindly requested to register their names with the parish. This will

assist us in planning the program and arranging the necessary materials and books. Application forms are available at the entrance of the Church.

SANTACRUZAN CELEBRATION AND FIESTA – AUGUST 8–9, 2026

The **Canadian-Filipino Association of the Yukon (CFAY)** and **Our Lady of Victory Parish (OLOV)** are delighted to invite all parishioners and friends to participate in this year's **Santa cruzan Celebration and Fiesta**, to be held on **Saturday and Sunday, August 8–9, 2026**. The **Santa cruzan** is a cherished Filipino Catholic tradition that honors the **Blessed Virgin Mary** and commemorates the finding of the **Holy Cross** by **Saint Helena**. More than a cultural celebration, it is a joyful expression of our faith, bringing together families and the entire parish community in prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship. Everyone is warmly encouraged to take part in this special celebration. Your presence will help make this occasion a meaningful witness to our Catholic faith and a joyful celebration of our rich cultural heritage.

RETURNING BABY BOTTLES

We kindly remind everyone who has not yet returned their baby bottle for the Pregnancy Care Yukon fundraiser to please do so as soon as possible. Please return your baby bottle directly to the parish priest or to Carole. **Kindly do not leave your bottle unattended in the entrance of the church**, as we want to ensure that every donation is received safely. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has participated in supporting this important ministry. Your generosity helps provide hope and practical assistance to mothers, babies, and families in need.

SIXTH WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY – SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

On Sunday, July 26, 2026, the Church throughout the world will celebrate the Sixth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, established by Pope Francis in 2021 and observed each year on or near the Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is: **"I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15).** Through these beautiful words of Scripture, God reminds every older person that they are deeply loved, cherished, and never forgotten. This special day is an invitation for all of us to express our gratitude for the invaluable gift of grandparents and the elderly, whose lives, faith, wisdom, and loving witness continue to enrich our families, our parish, and our community. Let us take time to pray for them, visit them, listen to their stories, and assure them of our love and appreciation. May God bless them with good health, peace, joy, and the comforting presence of His enduring love.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

July 05 - St. Maria Goretti – a patron of young women. Maria Goretti is a saintly example to the Church that holiness is not a matter of age, formal learning or material wealth. Rather, holiness is living a life of total faith in God and living only to do his will in one's life.

July 09 - St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions - they were canonized Pope John Paul II.

July 11 - St. Benedict – is considered the Father of Western monasticism. **Patron Saint of Europe:** Proclaimed by Pope Paul VI in 1964 for the Benedictine order's massive role in preserving learning and Christian civilization during the Middle Ages.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: For respect for human life –

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

POPE LEO XIV

ON RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE: Prayer Intention for July

Reference:

Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life) – Summary

In *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*), Pope John Paul II reminds us that every human life is sacred because it is a gift from God. From conception to natural death, each person is created in the image and likeness of God and possesses inherent dignity and worth. The Pope strongly calls on all people to respect, protect, love, and serve human life—especially the most vulnerable: the unborn, the sick, the elderly, the poor, and those who are marginalized. He warns against a "culture of death," where human life is often undervalued, and invites us instead to build a "culture of life" rooted in love, justice, compassion, and truth. As Christians, we are called to be defenders of life in both word and action. This means promoting peace, caring for those in need, protecting human dignity, and recognizing Christ in every person. The Gospel of Life challenges us to become instruments of God's love, helping to create a world where every life is welcomed, valued, and cherished.

Reflection: Human life is God's precious gift. From the unborn child in the womb to the elderly nearing the end of life, every person bears the image and likeness of God and deserves love, dignity, and protection.

In a world where human life is often ignored, discarded, or treated as less valuable, we are called as Christians to become witnesses of the Gospel of Life. Respecting human life means more than opposing harm—it means actively choosing compassion, mercy, justice, and love. May we learn to see Christ in every human person: in the weak, the sick, the poor, the forgotten, and the voiceless. Let us ask God to soften our hearts so that we may protect life, defend dignity, and build a culture where every life is welcomed, valued, and cherished.

"PRAY WITH THE POPE"
JULY: For Respect for Human Life

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amén.
Lord of life,
You created us in love and called us to live in fullness.
Each person is a sacred gift that reflects your face,
from the first instant of existence
to the final breath of their journey on earth.
Today we ask for the grace to recognize and protect

the unique and unrepeatable value of every human being.
May we learn to welcome life unconditionally,
to tenderly care for fragility,
to accompany each stage with respect,
and to bravely defend those who have no voice.
Forgive us, Lord,
when we fall into indifference or the culture of discard,
when we fail to see in others a being worthy of love.
Give us a new heart, always ready to choose life,
and generous hands that protect it through concrete actions.
Make your Church a living witness of the Gospel of life,
an open home where every life is celebrated,
where no one feels unwanted,
and where dignity is always honored and protected.
Lord Jesus,
may we love life as You love it:
with tenderness, fidelity, and self-giving.
May we proclaim, in words and actions,
that every human life is worth the total gift of ourselves.
Amen.