

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
July 5, 2020

## Reading I

ZEC 9:9-10

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

## Responsorial Psalm

PS 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The LORD lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

## Reading II

ROM 8:9, 11-13

Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

## Gospel

MT 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

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**Parish Office** Monday-Thursday 7:30am-4:00pm  
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**School Office** Summer Hours

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

***WEEKENDS***

Saturday at 7:00am and 4:30pm  
Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am

***WEEKDAYS***

Monday through Friday at 7:00am

**CONFESSIONS**

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on Tuesday,  
Thursday, and Saturday  
Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm  
Confessions also available by appointment.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The church is open for private prayer:  
Monday-Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm  
Saturday 8:00am - 4:30pm  
Sunday 1:30pm - 5:00pm.

**PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS**

Tuesday mornings at 6:50am

**ROSARY**

Public praying of the Rosary is suspended.

**BAPTISM**

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

**MARRIAGE**

Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the intended date.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC**

Please contact the parish office.

## FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

### Church Roof Update

In May, I wrote that the finance committee and I were working on finalizing the replacement of the church roof per the plan laid out in the 50 and Beyond Campaign. These funds have built up to the point that replacement of the roof is financially feasible. As you will recall, these funds are restricted solely for capital campaign expenditures. Thus, there will be no impact to the day-to-day cash flow of the parish.

I am happy to report that a vendor has been selected by our committee. We are now seeking permission of our Apostolic Administrator, Archbishop Carlson, to proceed. As soon as we receive his permission, or the permission of our new Archbishop, we will begin working with the Office of Building and Real Estate to finalize the contract.

More updates I am sure will follow. Please continue to pray and be faithful to the pledges to the 50 and Beyond Campaign.

### Communion to the Homebound

The Archdiocese has given permission for our homebound parishioners to begin to receive Holy Communion again. These guidelines will be used for these visits:

- The Eucharistic minister must wear a mask at all times.
- Communicants should wear masks, with the exception of the moment of receiving Holy Communion.
- Hand sanitizer should be present and used in the event of any contact.
- Social distancing should be adhered to in all cases outside of distributing Holy Communion.
- Communion should be received only in the hand.

Our pastoral care ministry and I stand ready to help anyone who is staying close to home due to the pandemic and would like to receive Holy Communion. If you would like me or another minister to bring you the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the parish office or our coordinator, Mary Faith Green, at 314.832.3310 or by email at [greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net).

I will see you online and in church! - Fr. John  
#SRAstrong

*Dear Father Mayo & Parishioners,  
How can we thank you for all the ways you are partnering with us at Most Holy Trinity. Your physical support with the painting of the cafeteria, the clean out/work-day & your financial gift for our chapel improvements are SO APPRECIATED.*

*We look forward to our continued partnerships to link south and north city. May God bless each of you as we work to strengthen our neighborhoods and community and parish.*

*Peace,*

*S. Janice Munier & S. Gail Quelker*  
PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR      MISSION ADVANCEMENT  
COORDINATOR

We recently received this thank you note from Most Holy Trinity in North City in gratitude for the Lenten Project. I am happy to share it with you. Thank you again for your generous response!

# Stewardship: The Bible

A Guest Column by Dave Baranowski, Director of Stewardship, Archdiocese of St. Louis

Do you want to experience the love, joy, and peace that comes from living a God-centered life? Are you trying to figure out what God is calling you to do with your life? If so, read the Bible, every day. All of the teachings on being a good steward of our gifts come directly from the Gospels, the Old Testament, and the letters of the New Testament.

Stewardship is not a new fad invented by the Church or a word just used by environmentalists. Stewardship is the way God has intended for all of us to live since the beginning of time. The Bible has always been the play-book for living a grateful and generous lifestyle.

The world is filled with many self-improvement books. Fortunately, as Christians, we have the best-selling "self-improvement" book of all-time, the Bible. (Current estimate is five billion sold and counting).

Here's the best part about reading the Bible, not only do you learn about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, but you actually grow in love and friendship with the Holy Trinity. The Bible is the living Word of God that speaks to each of us directly in our current circumstances.

Talk to daily Bible readers about their experiences, and they will frequently say that what they read in the Bible pertains to exactly what is going on in their lives at that particular moment. This is not a coincidence. God loves us and knows what we need and when we need it.

In any good, loving relationship, it takes two committed parties. God's commitment is well known. He created us, He gave us an abundance of gifts, He gave us His only Son for our redemption, and He sent the Holy Spirit to guide us today. What about our commitment? All God asks is that we invite Him into our hearts and that we clear a little space for Him to operate in our lives.

A good, loving relationship also requires balance - the appropriate amount of time spent on the appropriate number of things. During this time of pandemic, social injustice, and civil unrest, it is not good to fill up on all the bad news fed to us around the clock. It is also not good to kill time by binge watching a favorite show or reading gossip on social media. If you want to live a virtuous life in a close relationship with our Lord, then balance your day by reading the Bible.

What we put in our minds and hearts affects our thoughts and our actions. If we want good output, we need good input. If we want a good loving relationship with the Holy Trinity and with each other, then we should start with the daily reading of God's Living Word.

Faith is personal, but it is not meant to be private - we are all part of the Body of Christ. If we are unsure or uncomfortable with how to start reading the Bible, we should ask a family member or friend who is a daily Scripture reader for help. Or, we should join a small Bible study group or start one yourself. Local pastors or parish priests would be happy to help. All we have to do is take the first step.

## Three Easy Places to Begin Reading the Bible

- 1) **The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke– Walk with Jesus from His Birth to Ascension!**
- 2) **The Acts of the Apostles– See the birth and first days of the Church!**
- 3) **The Book of Tobit– Learn about our patron, St. Raphael the Archangel!**



# Mass INTENTIONS

**Sunday, July 5**

8:00am Cross and Earnhardt Families, SI  
 10:00am Marcia Matreci  
 12:00pm Celebrant's Intention

**Monday, July 6**

7:00am Judy Svetanics

**Tuesday, July 7**

7:00am Herman Sconhoff

**Wednesday, July 8**

7:00am Jeff Kreitler

**Thursday, July 9**

7:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

**Friday, July 10**

7:00am Kimling Family

**Saturday, July 11**

7:00 Elda Molina  
 4:30pm George Gray

**Sunday, July 12**

8:00am Ralph Raskas  
 10:00am People of the Parish

*"For my yoke is easy and my burden light."  
 (Matthew 11:30)*

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to share our time, talent, and treasure generously. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, but merely "stewards" of God's gifts. All He asks is that we return a small portion, in gratitude, for what He has already given.

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information was not available when the bulletin went to print.

## REMEMBER US BETWEEN YOUR GAS AND ELECTRIC BILLS THIS SUMMER

Giving to our parish online allows you to support our parish wherever you are traveling this summer. You can choose to give once or you can set up a recurring donation over many weeks or months. Please visit [straphaelarchangel.org/online-giving](http://straphaelarchangel.org/online-giving). It is quick, easy, and simple to sign up and will help us this summer to keep up with our expenses as you travel!



### FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace and hope to those who are overwhelmed by life's burdens.



### FIFTY PLUS CLUB

Please be aware, due to the current Archdiocesan guidelines, the Fifty Plus Club luncheons are postponed until further notice.



Join in our Golf Cart Raffle to support SRA School! Winner will be announced at the Watermelon Festival in August.

Raffle Tickets are 2 for \$100 or 1 for \$60 and are available for purchase online via [golfcart.givesmart.com](http://golfcart.givesmart.com).

Instructions to ensure your tickets are purchased!

1. Sign in OR sign up for an account (via "Registration" button on top of page).
2. Ensure a Credit Card is on file in your account FIRST. If not, your raffle tickets will NOT be purchased and you will NOT be entered to win. Click on the MY INFO tab to enter your Credit Card. To get to MY INFO tab from the golf cart page, click on back button "View List" at the top of page. This will take you to the main home page. You will then see a tab for MY INFO at the top of the page.
3. After you enter your credit card, then click on the ITEMS tab to get back to the golf cart page to purchase your golf cart raffle tickets. OR click the "View Items" button from the Home page.
4. Once on the Items page, click on the Golf Cart Raffle Ticket. Follow prompts to complete fields. Please be sure to tell us who referred you to our raffle!
5. Click the "Buy" button after you complete all fields. You will receive a message: "All Set!" Click the "OK" button.
6. The site administrator will process your credit card payment.

Your purchase is now complete! Thank you!



## St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic School

Formed in faith, Prepared for Life

We utilize a rigorous, measurable academic program that develops critical thinking skills, promotes imagination, celebrates individual gifts and talents, and fosters a life-long love of learning.

- Dynamic curriculum to meet the needs of every student
- STREAM approach
- Commitment to faith with daily mass schedule
- School Families to foster a close-knit school community
- Various athletics & extracurriculars

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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FALL 2020

Contact us for an opportunity to discuss what  
St Raphael will offer your family and how you  
can become #SRAstrong with us!



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT USER REGISTRATION

Go to <https://www.preventandprotectstl.org>

Click "Register" below the LOG IN button (image at right).

Enter the passcode **stlprotect** when prompted.

Select the type of location where you are a volunteer or employee

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- Non-Archdiocesan Organization

Select the specific location by name.

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If you are active at only one location, this will be your "primary" location.

If you are active at more than one location, click the ADD PARISH/LOCATION button and repeat the steps above. With more than one location, please click the "This is my main/primary location" circle to indicate where you are employed or, if you are a volunteer, where most of your ministry or service is performed.

Complete your personal information. Please enter your **legal first name** for the purposes of the background screening. *There are no credit checks and no soft hits to credit.*

Create a username, password and password clue.

Agree to the Terms of Use and click SUBMIT.

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You will then be prompted to submit information for a background screening, register for a Protecting God's Children workshop<sup>®</sup>, view two online training modules, and agree to the Code of Ethical Conduct.

\*If you have previously attended a PGC workshop, the system will find and/or ask you to confirm your previous record of attendance. You will not be prompted to register for an upcoming workshop. If, for some reason, it does not match your previous training to this account and you are prompted to register for a class, please register for "PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED-DATE NOT LISTED" and send an email to the address below. We will apply the correct training record to your account.

You may use the links in your approval checklist to access these requirements. These steps may be completed all at once or may be completed separately at your convenience. You will receive an automated email weekly to remind you which requirements are outstanding. When all compliance requirements have been completed, your account will be approved and you will be clear to work with minors and vulnerable adults.

- Register onto the site
- [Submit New Background Check](#)
- Complete "[Protecting God's Children](#)" training
- Complete "[Mandated Reporter](#)" training
- Complete "[Code of Conduct](#)" training
- Sign "[Code of Conduct](#)"

Should you need any assistance, please contact [ocyp@archstl.org](mailto:ocyp@archstl.org)

### A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Eternal God, stir our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism on this Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of your holy name and the good of our Nation and of all mankind. Amen.

Prayer offered in Congress by Chaplain,  
Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., 1974.



*One Nation*  
**Under God**

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**All volunteers working with young people are reminded that completion of this program is now mandatory in order to continue working with the youth of the parish. Please complete this program as soon as possible!**

## PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!

What good news? The Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. This fall, over 100 children and young people will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow in faith by becoming a catechist for the South City Deanery PSR. Classes are on Mondays from 6:20pm to 7:40pm, held on the campus of St. John the Baptist. As you nurture the faith of the young, you will learn and grow as well. Training and support will be provided. If interested, please contact Deacon George Wat at 314.7373.3070.

## DAILY READINGS

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26  
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38  
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7  
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23  
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33  
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

## A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: *(here name them)*. Amen.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION OF ST. ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*“We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”*



## WELCOME TO THE ST. RAPHAEL PARISH FAMILY!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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