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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Zechariah 9:9-10* and indicates that the humility asked for by Jesus is the kind that he himself endured, for he came in meekness and without pageantry, yet his dominion would be to the ends of the earth. The example of the humble servant is the very person of Jesus himself who invites us in the second part of the gospel to come to Him for refreshment and rest. —*A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary — A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:9, 11-13* and contains one of the most important yet often misunderstood themes of St. Paul. The hellenistic dichotomy between the lower and higher nature is not found here, for flesh and spirit mean the whole man and the whole man stands in need of redemption by Christ. The Pauline teaching is not that part of man is redeemed and part of him is damnable. Rather man's whole personality is redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ. The vocation of the Christian, both "body" and "soul," is to conform his already redeemed person to the same Spirit he has already received at baptism. —*A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary — A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 11:25-30*. Pagans and Jews had the same hardships of life to face as we have, and even greater ones. They earned their daily bread with the sweat of brow and body. Their illnesses were more frequent and less bearable than ours, for they had not the medical helps that we have. Death came to young and old then as it does now, but for them it was a final parting from loved ones, and no hope of a future happy meeting served to lighten their sorrow. All their crosses were crushing weights, sent to make life more miserable. Life on earth was passed in gloom and darkness and there was no shining star in the heavens to beckon them on or give them hope.

Surely God is good to us, to put us into this world at this day and age, and give us the light of faith, and the knowledge of God and of His loving plans for us, which make the burdens of this life so relatively light and even so reasonable for us. We still have to earn our bread. We still have sickness and pains. We still have death stalking the earth, but unlike the people before Christ we now see a meaning to all these trials.

The yoke of Christ is not really a yoke but a bond of love, which joins us to Him, and through Him, to our loving Father in heaven. The rule of life which He asks us to keep, if we are loyal followers of His, is not a series of prohibitions and don'ts. It is rather a succession of signposts on the straight road to heaven, making our journey easier and safer. He does ask us to carry our cross daily, that is, to bear the burden of each day's duty, but once the cross is grasped firmly and lovingly it ceases to be a burden.

Ours is a world which is in an all-out search for new idols. It is a world which has left the path marked out by Christ, and forgotten or tried to forget, that man's life does not end with death. To be a Christian and to have the light of faith to guide our steps in this neo-pagan darkness, is surely a gift, and a blessing from God, for which we can never thank Him enough. Thank you, God, for this gift. Please give us the grace and the courage to live up to it and to die in the certainty that we shall hear, as we shut our eyes on the light of this world, the consoling words, "come you blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you."

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Schedule of Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

SJB **4:00 PM**
+ **Francis Boudreau**

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

SP **9:00 AM**
+ **Clem Burke**

Friday, July 10, 2026

HGA **11:00 AM**
+ **Gerard Taylor**

Saturday, July 11, 2026

SJB **4:00 PM**
+ **“Stephen” Charles Landry**
SP **5:30 PM**
+ **Willie A. & Gertie Landry**

Sunday, July 12, 2026

SH **9:00 AM**
HGA **11:00 AM**
+ **Eileen & Liam Madden**

Receipts

St. John the Baptist **June 27, 2026**

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 918.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 918.00</u>

St. Peter's
June 27, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 871.00
Candles	8.00
Cemetery	25.00
Donation	50.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 954.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels
June 28, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 670.05
Candles	21.60
Dues	20.00
Candidates for Priesthood	5.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 904.00</u>

Community News

A Statement of Support from Knights of Columbus Council #14280. On the Auspicious Occasion of the Ordination of Seminarian Joseph MacMaster.

As our brother in Christ, Joseph MacMaster, has answered the Lord's call to discern and pursue the Holy Priesthood with humility, dedication, and faith; and whereas, throughout his years of formation, Joseph has demonstrated a deep love for the Church, a profound commitment to the Gospel, and a heart modeled after the Good Shepherd.

The Knights of Columbus Council #14280 has been privileged to witness and support Joseph on this sacred journey the last two years and recognizing the immense grace and joy his upcoming ordination on August 6, 2026, brings to our parish, our diocese, and the wider Church. "God will guide him in his future ministry as a priest. Let us continue praying for more vocations-trusting that God's call is never silent" (Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick, Bishop of Antigonish, June 14, 2026 bulletin)

The Knights of Columbus parallels and echo's the statement of Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick, our Bishop of Antigonish, and our Grand Knight, Officers, and Brother Knights of Council #14280 declare our full, enthusiastic, and prayerful support for Seminarian Joseph MacMaster as he approaches the Altar of God to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

We invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests, and our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, praying that the Lord will pour out His abundant graces upon Joseph, granting him health, strength, and deep spiritual joy in his sacred calling.

Confraternal submitted in Faith, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Knights of Columbus Father Vincent de Paul Council #14280
June 25, 2026

SP: The family of the late Danny Madden sincerely thank everyone for their sympathy and support during our time of loss. Thanks to all who sent prayers, Mass cards, sympathy cards, donations and food, it was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Father Yake, Father MacDow and Father Lamey, the choir, lectors and K of C for the beautiful Mass.

The Madden family

From Jordan Sekulow
Executive Director
American Center for Law and Justice

Our brothers and sisters in Christ are crying out after an extremely bloody month of June – and the world is looking away. We just took action.

In the Congo (DRC), Islamic jihadists are conducting a village-by-village extermination of Christians. In just the last several weeks, over 100 Christians have been hunted down and slaughtered – beheaded, executed in groups, or dragged from their homes.

Over 1,200 believers have been massacred since December 2024. The jihadists' ultimatum is savage: Deny Christ or die.

In Nigeria, ISIS terrorists slaughtered dozens as they bowed in prayer and went about their day. Among the 39 killed were a doctor and his patients. And horrifically, beloved math teacher Michael Oyedokun was beheaded.

The violence sparked a national outcry, and Nigerian Christians responded with a period of mourning. Tragically, the persecution didn't pause.

We JUST took your voice to the U.N. and delivered an oral intervention before the Human Rights Council, calling on Nigeria to take action to protect Christians. We refuse to allow these deaths and human rights abuses to be forgotten.

And

Evil Bill Passed

From Jordan Sekulow

The most EVIL assault on newborn life America has ever seen is silently spreading.

California, Washington, and Minnesota have already changed their laws to allow the murder of abortion survivors. Some are quietly changing words like "prenatal" to "perinatal" to allow babies to be killed up to 28 days after birth, while others are stripping existing protections for abortion survivors. They're legalizing infanticide.

These barbaric laws protect the next Kermit Gosnell, the monster who brutally murdered newborn babies after failed abortions – snipping their spinal cords.

Planned Parenthood and the abortion lobby are expanding this attack to other states, but we are fighting back with everything we have.

Our legal team is confronting this evil in state Supreme Courts, working with attorneys general, and filing FOIA lawsuits. We recently filed testimony with the

Maryland legislature to once again successfully defeat a bill that would "effectively legalize infanticide."