



**Saint Paul**  
the Apostle



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**JULY 4, 2021**

**FOURTEENTH  
SUNDAY**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

*When the Sabbath came,  
Jesus began to teach  
in the synagogue, and many  
who heard him were astonished.*

*Mark 6:2*



*Dear SPA Family,*

The ancient Greeks valued the beauty of the human body and cared about physical fitness. They began the Olympic Games. Olympic winners were honored as heroes. Their statues were placed in public squares. These statues were often salt in the eyes of envious competitors. One of them, under the cover of night, decided to destroy the statue of the winner with which he competed and lost. With great difficulty he moved the statue, which fell to the ground and crushed the unfortunate jealous. **He was killed by envy and jealousy, which he nurtured in his heart and then put him into action.**



And one more, contemporary example. Marian came from Poland a few years ago to the United States. He was an agile and wise man, full of initiative. Upon his arrival, he met his compatriot Janusz. They celebrated the meeting very cheerfully. In the first days, Janusz helped Marian take his first steps in a new land. Marian found himself in the new environment very quickly, he soon established his own company, which prospered very well. And that was the reason for the end of friendship. Janusz couldn't reconcile the fact that his friend was on his feet so quickly, he was consumed by envy. **He was swamped by envy which, like poison, kills friendship and takes away inner peace.**

Christ came to his hometown of Nazareth, and according to the Jewish custom, he went to the temple on the Sabbath where, after reading a passage from the Scriptures, he began to teach. Everyone was astounded by His wisdom and by what they had heard so much about Him. But they were not willing to accept either Jesus or His teachings. Why did this happen? There can be many reasons for this attitude of Christ's compatriots. Perhaps one of them was jealousy and envy. *Is He better than us? His brothers and sisters and his mother live here. He is one of us, so why does He magnify Himself?* **Jealousy and envy prevented them from accepting Christ.** Because of their envy, they missed the grace of a saving God.

We are reluctant to admit feelings of jealousy and envy. We recognize that jealousy and envy are wrong. However, as all evil, **jealousy and jealousy act deceitfully**, in order to expose them, it is worth asking ourselves a few questions: *Can we enjoy the success of our neighbor? Do I see good in my neighbor? Are we able to praise them? Does a critical attitude towards our neighbor dominate our attitude? Are we happy when my neighbor bears misfortune? Are we trying to find fault in our neighbor's success where there isn't any? Are we changing the conversation when it begins to mention about our neighbor's success?*

There are many such and similar questions. And a sincere answer to them will also be the answer to how much we've managed to overcome the feeling of jealousy and envy. **Envy and jealousy not only destroy inner peace** but also create a split between people and can lead to a failure to meet the saving God.

*Have a blessed week! Fr. Chris Ciastoń*

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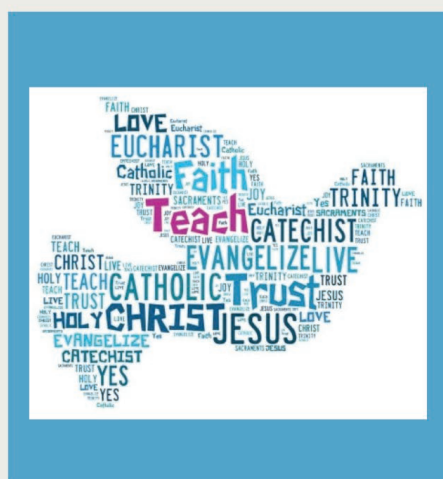
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# SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT- WELCOME HOME!

BY: MARY PENICH

Every year, sometime before the Independence Day fireworks begin, I find a comfy place to steal away. From the time I first realized the value of contemplation, I've withdrawn to consider the impact July 4 has had on me throughout my life. I've shared before that my dad passed away on July 4. I was eight years old. Though one would expect this holiday to elicit a dark mood from me each year, the opposite is true. The fireworks are to blame. Because of this connection with my dad, fireworks have shouted "Resurrection!" to me for most of my life. While I reflect, I close my eyes and visualize the significant fireworks from my past: shows from my childhood at Soldier Field and Columbus Park; the Bicentennial Celebration in Washington, D. C.; that very special display ten months after September 11, 2001. I still remember the Statue of Liberty standing in all of her glory as fireworks of every color formed a sparkling halo around her head.

Still, it isn't just the fireworks that are to blame. The Statue of Liberty first conjured noble sentiments within me when I was in high school. I participated in Special Chorus. We performed vocal pieces for select events. One favorite was drawn from *The New Colossus*, the poem by Emma Lazarus which is inscribed on the base beneath Lady Liberty's feet. The poem declares, "...Give me your tired, your poor; your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless tempest-tost to me; I lift my lamp beside the golden door." Young as I was when I sang these lyrics, my heart swelled every time these words passed through my lips. I admit to those feelings again as I write today. Lady Liberty's proclamation is awesome, indeed. Our display of these mighty words demands quite a commitment from those of us who call these United States of America our home.

My mother's parents were born in this country. Still, just a few branches back on her family tree are the names of immigrants from Canada, Germany and France. My father's family immigrated from France to Canada and then to the United States. When they were young, his parents frequently ventured back to Canada to celebrate their roots. As adults, my dad and his siblings returned to Canada as well to show their own families the place from which they'd come. The good deacon and I visited Croatia, Sicily and Canada to celebrate our parents' origins with family members

who still live in each of these places. This is the reason that our welcome of those who hope to call this country home has always comforted me. The welcome our parents' families received inspired their own welcoming natures and their deep appreciation of our home here.



Having a place to call home is a basic need all of humanity shares. This is the reason that, every July 4, I celebrate my own home, my home in this country and the peace which I find in both. This is also the reason Jesus experienced such pain when he returned to his hometown. When he attempted to share his life's work there, Jesus' onetime neighbors withdrew their welcome and rejected him...

According to Mark's gospel (Mark 6:1-6), it was early in Jesus' ministry. Still, Jesus had cured many who were sick and worked wonders which attracted quite a following. Jesus returned to the place where he grew up, perhaps for some much needed rest and a bit of encouragement. Surrounded by his own family and neighbors, Jesus certainly felt free to be himself and to relax. At home, he should also have felt most comfortable sharing his mission without restraint. Home, indeed... Sadly, it was at home where Jesus was made to feel unwelcome. Though among his own people with whom he'd lived and grown up, Jesus seemed too good to be true. It was far easier for them to dismiss Jesus than to recognize that God might be at work in their friend and neighbor. Sadly, their lack of faith pushed Jesus away. Still, though his heart was heavy, Jesus didn't condemn. He simply left to continue his mission elsewhere.

Every day, in everything we do, opportunities arise which invite us to welcome, to support and to comfort those around us. We know the rejection Jesus felt far too intimately to allow it to touch others. So it is that today's gospel challenges us be the fireworks and to be Lady Liberty, to display the warm glow of resurrection and to light up the night sky. For as long as it takes, it's up to us to get one another safely home.

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St. Paul Family,

I am tremendously thankful for the last five years we have walked the path of life and faith together. It has been a real gift in my life to be able to call this parish my home. A home should be a place of acceptance, welcome and unqualified love. Thank you for being that type of home for me. I hope that our shared journey has been as much of a blessing for you as it has been for me.

Your kind words, generosity, and hugs were a real gift as I celebrated my “final” Mass with all of you. I cherish your words of encouragement and treasure your assurances of prayer as I prepare for my new ministry with the Sheil Catholic Community at Northwestern University. I am grateful, too, to be able to be wrapped in the warmth of the love of the St. Paul community with the custom hoodie that you gifted me with me.

While I take leave of our community, we continue on the journey of discipleship together. Know of my prayers for each of you and should you ever find yourself in Evanston, please know that the acceptance, welcome and unqualified love I found at St. Paul will be waiting for you at Sheil.

Be blessed. Be a blessing.

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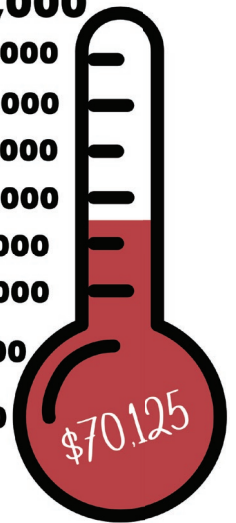
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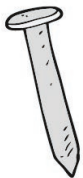


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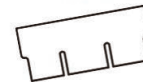
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**SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021**

**7:30AM:** Patricia Mauro | Thomas Mauro

**9:30AM:** Caroline Shebenik | Steven Dulak  
Robert Chester Buttrey

**11:30AM:** Randy, Laura, Kellen & Keaton Price  
Patricia Machak | Mark Obey

**MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021**

For the Parish Family

**TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021 (Monday/Wednesday Intentions included)**

**7:30AM:** Paula Werner

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021**

For the Parish Family

**THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021 (Friday Intentions included)**

**7:30AM:** Kathleen Conneely | Mary Roehl  
Rev. John Finnegan

**FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021**

For the Parish Family

**SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021**

**5:00PM:** Charles Suhling | Emily & Walter Macrowski  
Jack Henderson

**SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021**

**7:30AM:** Victor Peccioli | Nick Salley

**9:30AM:** Anna Morien | Alberto Montoya | Marilyn Maricle

**11:30AM:** Chuck Gresser | Carmen Durban | Mark Obey  
Michael Richard Schmitz | Yolanda Abante  
Renato Lim | Lialyn Javier

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

**Psalm** — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

**Second Reading** — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

**Gospel** — "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6a).

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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PLEASE KNOW THAT WE PRAY FOR ALL OF THE SICK AT EVERY MASS. HOWEVER, IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME OR THAT OF A SICK LOVED ONE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST ABOVE, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL KERI AT THE PARISH HOUSE.

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“We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love.”  
—St. Francis de Sales

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:**

Gn 28:10-22a

Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab

Mt 9:18-26

**TUESDAY:**

Gn 32:23-33

Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15

Mt 9:32-38

**WEDNESDAY:**

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-

7a, 17-24a

Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19

Mt 10:1-7

**THURSDAY:**

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-

29; 45:1-5; Ps

105:16-21;

Mt 10:7-15

**FRIDAY:**

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30

Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40

Mt 10:16-23

**SATURDAY:**

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a

Ps 105:1-4, 6-7

Mt 10:24-33

**SUNDAY:**

Am 7:12-15

Ps 85:9-14

Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]

Mk 6:7-13



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WEEKDAY MASS:  
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY  
7:30AM

SATURDAY EVENING:  
5:00PM

SUNDAY:  
7:30 | 9:30 | 11:30AM

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TUESDAY/THURSDAY MORNINGS  
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