

Ordinary Time

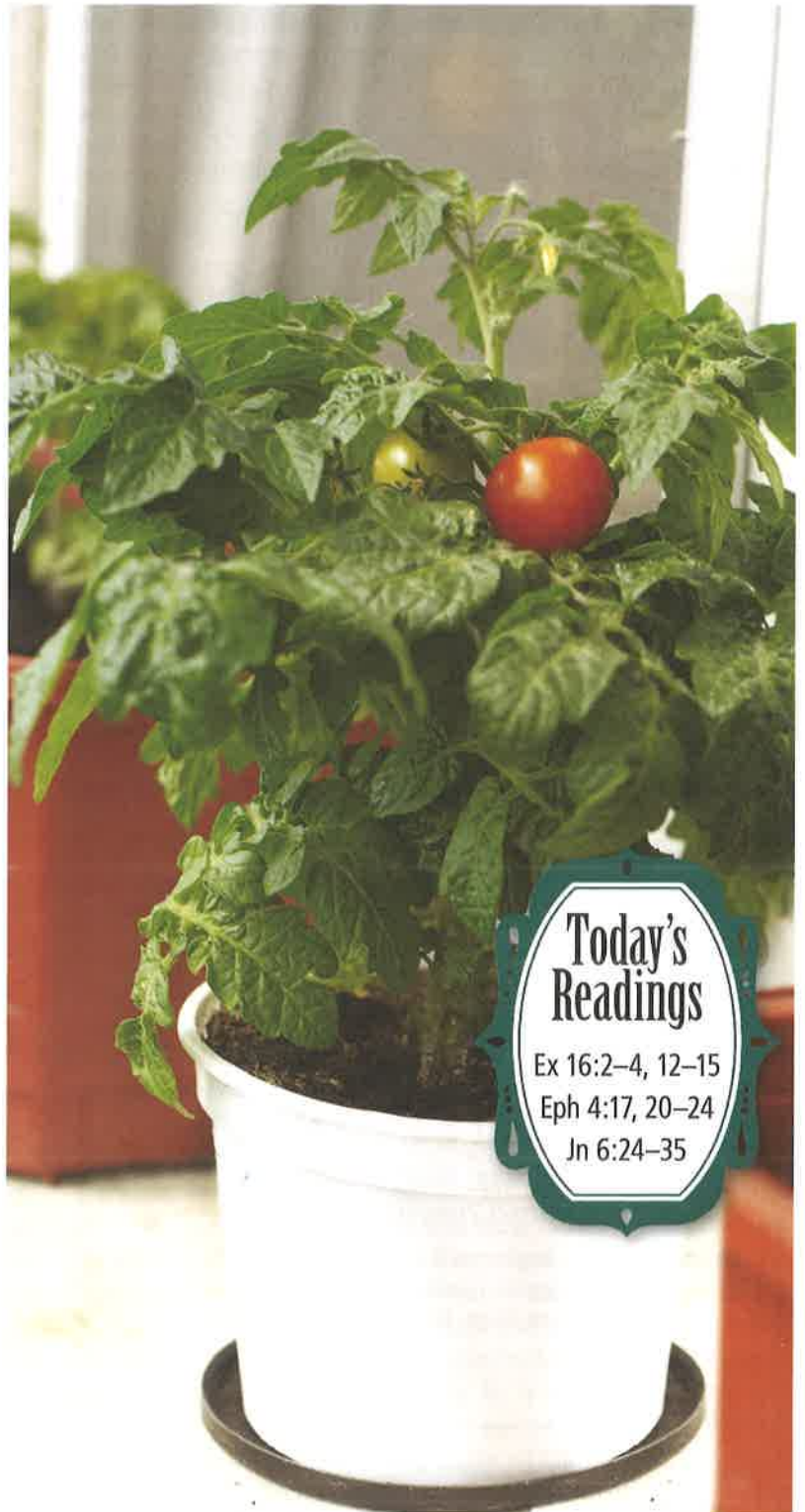
August 2, 2015 ♦ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Where does food come from? In an effort to teach our children that food didn't come from grocery stores, my husband and I helped them plant tomatoes, cucumbers, and green beans in our back yard. The yield was small, but the reward was great as they tasted the work of their hands. We had somewhat more difficulty explaining the source of our protein, though they did learn how to fish. We cooked what they caught. I think they grew in appreciation of the hard work it took to put food on the table. We also learned the importance of sharing what we had by cooking for others and collecting canned goods for our local pantry.

The Israelites in the desert wondered where food was going to come from as well. The desert they wandered through was a far cry from Egypt. They forgot their enslavement and remembered only the food that they had, which seemed like a banquet compared to what the desert provided. There was nothing to plant and no place to plant it. The Israelites had to rely solely on God. God did not disappoint. First he sent quail, then a miraculous bread that was as much as they needed. It was a lesson in faith we all need to learn.

As city dwellers, we have grown to rely on the farmers, butchers, and fisherman who supply our daily food. As Christians, we again must rely solely on God for our spiritual nourishment. He sent us his Son, Jesus, who is the true bread from heaven. If we come to him, we will never hunger.

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 2, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	GLORIA GILL	THU	NO MASS
SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	FRI	NO MASS
	9:00 AM	REGINA KELLY	SAT	5:15 PM A. ELIZABETH & WILLIAM WAGNER
	11:00 AM	ANTONIO BARLETTA	SUN	7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON		NO MASS		9:00 AM ANTHONY DIGUGLIELMO
TUE		NO MASS		11:00 AM BOB MULDOWNEY
WED		NO MASS		

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Duane Madrzykowski
 And also In Memory of Eli Iezzi*

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Porambo 5:15 McNamara 7:30 Schwendt 9:00 Grieco 11:00 DeFalco

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Ann Marie Arbo	Shirley Wheeler	Matthew Dugan, Carson Endy, Beppy McGee
SUN	7:30am	Dan Sweeney	Dennis Piontek	Nicholas Donnelly, Aiden Reber, Tim Stewart
	9:00am	Val Romasanta	Pam Amos	Sean Hannon, Anna and Matthew Lambert
	11:00am	Becky Shemanski	John Peterson	Alyssa Boraten, Amy Carvalho, Avery Lang

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, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Roger Villano, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary and Phil Morici, Joe Lukac, Linda Domergue, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Linda Ritchie, Tom Hafer and Susan Gregory

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:

Thurs 08/06 11am ICA Uniform Exchange

Sat 08/08 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no daily Mass Monday, August 3, 2015 through Friday, August 7, 2015 due to the Youth Group Kentucky Mission Trip. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.

The next Baptism Class will be August 4th, 7-8:30pm in the lower level of the Office Building. Call Rita at 610-582-2411 to register.

CCD Registration - Registration forms are available at the Academy or online at www.icbvmccd.org. Need help? Contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or email ccd@icbvm.org.

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

ICC Early Education Center has a position available for a part-time Pre-Kindergarten Aide. If interested please contact Rhonda Ouimet at 610-823-1295.

Immaculate Conception Academy is now accepting applications for part time teaching positions and substitute teaching positions. Qualified and interested persons should call Christine Prinzo at 610-404-8645.

Youth Group Mission Trip

Today eleven members of our High School Youth Group departed for Louisa, Kentucky where they will participate in a Summer Mission Trip at the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center in the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. For over 60 years, Monsignor Ralph Beiting worked in the Appalachian Mountains creating dozens of wonderful programs and services benefitting all people in need, especially families struggling with poverty and addiction. Today, that work continues through the efforts of volunteers who commit their time and talents to help the poor and those most vulnerable.

During their weeklong stay in Kentucky, our Youth Group members will be engaged in a series of home repair projects. They will also participate in daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and moments of prayer and reflection. Each of our teenagers will also have the responsibility of preparing a meal for the whole group. The Mission Trip is designed to be a week of service, prayer and community. The goal of the trip is to afford our young people an opportunity to deepen their faith through service to others.

Please pray throughout the week for our young people and the adult chaperones making this journey. Pray that they have a safe journey as they put their faith into action – improving lives, bringing hope and proclaiming the transforming love of God.

Thanks too for your support of the Youth Group's Spaghetti Dinner and Car Wash that raised funds for this trip.

Please come to the Boyertown Rita's August 2nd, 11am-10pm to help support the Hafer family! 10% of all sales will be donated to the Hafer family. Basket Raffles, 50/50, games, baked goods, hot dogs and more! Please contact Mary with any questions at 484-366-4501.

FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students

Over the course of the past two years our parish family of the Immaculate Conception and many of our parishioners have provided both spiritual and financial support to Vicki Allison, a young woman from our parish and a graduate of Immaculate Conception Academy who has served as a FOCUS Missionary. FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, has a presence on over 100 college and university campuses across the United States. Through their work on college campuses, these young men and women, all of whom are recent college graduates, are witnessing to their faith and forming our future leaders, so that these graduates will not just go on to be lawyers, teachers, and business people, but Catholic lawyers, Catholic teachers, and Catholic business people who will impact society, and the world by spreading the fullness of truth found in Jesus Christ and His Church. FOCUS is one of the best examples of the New Evangelization today, letting loose the power of the Gospel for the transformation of the world. As a FOCUS Missionary, Vicki Allison served at Southeast Missouri State University and most recently at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. We proudly congratulate Vicki on her efforts to help students to live committed Catholic lives while in college and for the rest of their lives. We also extend our prayerful best wishes to Vicki and her fiancé Joseph Gardner who will be married on August 15th at Saint Peter's Church in Saint Charles, Missouri.

We are now pleased to announce that another parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church, Garrett Coatney, has likewise made the commitment to serve as a FOCUS Missionary for two years. Garrett, who was just married this month (congratulations Garrett and Katie!) will be a missionary on the campus of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Garrett will be home the weekend of August 8th and will speak at all the Masses about his work as a FOCUS Missionary and his motivation for doing so. I invite you to support Garrett with your prayers and to prayerfully consider supporting his missionary work financially. Garrett will be available after all Masses with information about FOCUS.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - The Light of Christ keeps glowing brightly when we share it with others especially those desperately seeking it. These are the thousands of people being served through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We are called to pay attention to their needs and help mend any brokenness. This includes providing learning centers for children with special needs; soup kitchens for the hungry; care for infirmed priests; adoption services; support for veterans and their families; scholarships for Catholic education; counseling; fostering vocations; and immigration services. Pope Francis said that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. The people served through your generous contributions are not knocking on your door. They are coming to our Catholic Charities offices and Special Learning centers and ecumenical kitchens; places that share the Light of Christ that they have received from you. We are called to be beacons of this Light and reflect the light and love transmitted to us through God's Word and Sacraments, and the more we share Christ's light with others, the greater the light will shine in our own hearts, for it is in giving that we receive. Thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. When we share the Light of Christ, it makes the world brighter!



August 2, 2015

Dear Padre

Monday

AUGUST 3

Weekday

Nm 11:4b-15

Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

AUGUST 4

St. John Vianney,

Priest

Nm 12:1-13

Mt 14:22-36

or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

AUGUST 5

Weekday

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1,

26-29a, 34-35

Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration
of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mk 9:2-10

Friday

AUGUST 7

Weekday

Dt 4:32-40

Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

AUGUST 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Dt 6:4-13

Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

AUGUST 9

Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51

What does “there but for the grace of God go I” mean?



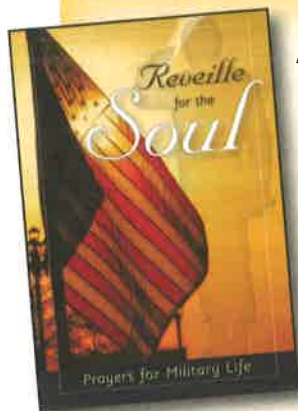
Could you explain the phrase, “There but for the grace of God go I?”

We all have our natural talents and abilities. We have our strengths and our weaknesses. It is part of the virtue of humility to know the truth about ourselves. However, our natural abilities are finite and limited.

Because we are finite and limited, we sometimes fail to do the good we would like to do, or we might even sin because we have not judged a situation correctly. However— thanks be to God—grace builds on nature. So if we are open to God’s grace, we have access to overcoming some of the finite effects of nature. This does not mean you can fly like Superman. But it does mean you might be able to judge a situation more clearly; have insight into what is right, good, and true; or that you might have a renewed inner strength.

So when a person uses this phrase, he is not saying that the person he is speaking about is not open to God’s grace, but he’s acknowledging that without God’s help in his own life, he could be in the same or worse situation due to his own weakness. Thus, we need to be open to the grace of God working in our lives.

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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.

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