

July 3, 2022
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66: 10-14c
Psalm 66
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

Discern the Lord's Agenda for You.

Have you ever bargained with God? Have you made a *quid pro quo*? That is, "promise God a favor in return for something of your dictation? For example, "Lord, I promise you x if you do y."

Bargaining with God is much a waste of time if not dangerous. It is a waste of time because God is not going to grant something that is not good for you or at least useless. It might be dangerous in that you will overlook the Grace God is actually offering and therefore not benefit from it. Further, it is dangerous because you will follow a desire that misleads you.

There might be a desire to bargain with God. You might be in distress due to some circumstance. You are desperate to get out of the situation. Yet you need not bargain with God. The Lord wants to give you anything you need.

In the Prophet Isaiah, first reading, the Lord says, "as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort." You see, God wants to do for you all that is needed. He comforts by meeting people's needs.

God is good all the time. If you are alert to God's way you will be satisfied without telling God what to do. Isaiah also says, "When you see this (God's Grace at work), your heart shall rejoice and your bodies flourish like the grass; the Lord's power shall be known to his servants."

Recognizing God's goodness, we give worship and praise to God who loves us. The psalm shouts this out, "'Let all the earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!' come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam."

Saint Paul is so aware of God's Grace in Jesus Christ. In the second reading Paul states, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." Paul recognized the things of this world do not give what is lasting. However, it is not to say this creation of God is intrinsically evil. Rather, it is not the total of God's offering. Our existence goes far beyond this earthly life. It is an eternal life in Grace. Paul further says, "Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule.... The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen."

As Jesus sent disciples out to present to the world the Good News of God's Grace, he prepared them. He let

them know, "I am sending you like lambs among wolves." He gave instructions how to go about their business. They were to conduct themselves with humility. They were to accept what was provided along the way. Some people will be interested in the Good News and others not. Nothing was to distract from the mission of telling people about God.

Overall, the disciples were happy to see positive response to their mission. Spreading the Good News did bring many to God. Further, they saw how God's power overcame many evils afflicting the people. "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." And Jesus warned them of becoming too elated with their perceived success.

Jesus told them, "Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." He wanted them to look ahead to eternal life and not the great praises made of them in this world.

People, not all others are ready to come over to the Lord the moment you encounter them to come over to the Lord. At least not when they first hear of God. Moreover, where are you in your life now? Has initial fervor waned in you? Have you wandered off in another direction other than the one you first were on with the Lord? Such happens.

Pause for a moment now even if it seems you are on the correct path. Listen to God again as you might have before. Discern God's path for you. Be sure you are not dictating your own path. Let the Lord God guide you in big and small ways. Listen for God's voice in your life.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deut30:10-14; Col1:15-20; Lk10:25-37
Scripture Sharing is on Thursdays at 7:00pm.

STEWARDSHIP
Time, Talent, Tithing
It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself. It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.

Attendance last week:	
Tithes Collected:	\$3,377.00
Online Giving:	\$357.00
Total:	\$3,734.00
Per Capita:	\$15.82

2nd Collection for Peter's Pence (Holy Father's Appeal): \$550.00

Thank You!

Next week's second collection is for American Black and Indian Mission.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

Statement of Archbishop Thomas Wenski on US Supreme Court Ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson

June 24, 2022

Today's decision of the US Supreme Court overturning the fateful Roe v. Wade is certainly welcomed by all those who recognize that human life begins at conception and that this is a scientific and biological fact and not merely a religious belief or ideological theory. As such the unborn child should be welcomed in life and protected by law.

However, today's decision does not outlaw abortion in the United States. But it would return decision-making about abortion policy to the people and their elected representatives. Even pro-choice Justice Ruth Ginsburg was no fan of the legal reasoning behind Roe v. Wade which many criticized as "the justices legislating from the bench".

We hope that dismantling Roe will allow legislation protecting the unborn to move forward in our state legislatures and to survive constitutional challenges in the future.

Abortion too often is seen as the solution to an unforeseen problem, a fallback position if contraception failed or was not used. But abortion is no solution – and it is no right. It is a wrong, a grievous wrong that has prematurely ended the lives of more than 60 million souls in this country alone since 1973.

Independence Day

In our nation we have slogans and one-liners such as "In God we trust" and "One nation under God". It is good to pause and reflect on these words that have been associated with our nation of people.

From the time Europeans came here it was said they came because they sought religious freedom. Let us reflect on that notion. Have we respected the indigenous people who were here first? Is their way of finding God honored? Have they been free to worship without discrimination? Were we Roman Catholics respected?

Our nation is an ongoing experiment in governance. Let us call back to mind that the settlers sought God as the divine guide to liberty.

COMMUNITY LIFE

"Operation Utilities Bag"

Please return the bags that you have been filling over the past few weeks. The little money you saved truly

adds up for the many people the Saint Vincent de Paul Society serves every week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, Joseph Devlin, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, Judith Kolo, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahan, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Jackson Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 2

4:00 p.m. † Eugene Frank Blanski by Marylou & Paul Adams
Bridget Gillen by Daniel Murphy

Sunday, July 3

9:00 a.m. † Dorothy Arnold by Parish
10:45 a.m. † Joseph F. Murphy by Daniel Murphy
† Bob Masi by Frank & Martin

Monday, July 4

8:00 a.m. NO MASS/OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, July 5

8:00 a.m. Gloria E. Gonzalez by Selma Cardona

Wednesday, July 6

8:00 a.m. Bridget Gillen by Daniel Murphy

Thursday, July 7

8:00 a.m. Bridget Gillen by Daniel Murphy

Friday, July 8

8:00 a.m. † Estelle Murphy Schlesinger by Daniel Murphy

Saturday, July 9

4:00 p.m. † Marie Melillo by Marylou & Paul Adams
† Ligia De Chang by Jose & Isaida Choy

Sunday, July 10

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. † Linda Allen by William & Fernando
† Josefa Zayas by Tennie Perez