**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**Taking the Call:**

**Readings:**[**1 Kings 19:16–21**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/1%20Kings%2019.16%E2%80%9321)[**Psalm 16:1–2**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Ps%2016.1%E2%80%932)**,** [**5**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Psalm%2016.5)**,** [**7–11**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Psalm%2016.7%E2%80%9311)[**Galatians 5:1**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Gal%205.1)**,** [**13–18**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Galatians%205.13%E2%80%9318)[**Luke 9:51–62**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Luke%209.51%E2%80%9362)

**In today’s First Reading, God forgives “the reproach” of the generations who grumbled against Him after the Exodus. On the threshold of the promised land Israel can with a clean heart celebrate the Passover, the feast of God’s firstborn son (see** [**Joshua 5:6–7**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Josh%205.6%E2%80%937)**;** [**Exodus 4:22**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Exod%204.22)**;** [**12:12–13**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Exodus%2012.12%E2%80%9313)**). Reconciliation is also at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today’s Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer. In Baptism, we’re given a divine birthright, made “a new creation,” as Paul puts it in today’s Epistle. But when we sin, we’re like the Prodigal Son, quitting our Father’s house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him. Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses, to make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does. But only He can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us—like the Prodigal Son—to see God not as our Father but as our master, One we serve as slaves. God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today’s Gospel, He longs to call each of us “My son,” to share His life with us, to tell us: “Everything I have is yours.” The Father’s words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls “the ministry of reconciliation” entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church. Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father calls for His lost sons, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today’s Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.**

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**K-12 Religious Education**

***Classes began Wednesday, September 19th.***

**St. Anthony “Wish List”**

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***Renovations for “Tony’s Place”- Our CCD building is in great need of repairs! If you would like to donate towards this wish, please write “Tony’s Place” on the bottom of your check & drop in collection basket. Throw your loose change in the Big Coke Bottle too! Thank you in advance!***

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**2nd Collections for June & July**

**June 2nd- Catholic Communications**

**June 9th – Local SVDP**

**June 30th –Peters Pence- (Not tax deductible)**

**July 14th – Mission Co-op**

**July 28th – Local SVDP**

**Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?** 

[**www.kofc.org/join**](http://www.kofc.org/join)

**or**

**Call Tom Brown @**

**678-787-3028**



**Flowers this weekend and next weekend are:**

**In Memory Of:**

**Kang Sang Soon**

**Requested by:**

**Frank and Yangi Finan**

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PRAYERS FOR OUR

PARISHIONERS

***Pray for the soul of*:**

**Alanna Popovich, Bill Adamson, Glenn McFarland Jr., Linda Traupane, Billy Shaw, Louise Ciamillo, Bobby Wayne, & Amber Aiello’s grandma.**

***Please pray for:***

**Bruce Culbert, Doris McGowan, Rose Schwartz, Kathy Suvada’s daughter Nikki, Gene Bishop, Virginia Hastings, Ruth McCart, Patti LaRosa, Bob Bender, Mary Arp, Matt Guilfoyle, Lorraine Reynolds, Lou Ciamillo & Family.**

 ***Please pray for:* the safety of our marines, soldiers, sailors Luke Malonis, Sean Hastings, Phillip Thomas, John J. Banaghan, Carlos Rodriguez, Christopher, Greg Langas, Jeff Longhurst, Nicholas Horton, Josh Adkison, Chris Jones, David Rogers, Anthony Clark Yebba, Edward Bowen, Matthew & Patrick Mills, Michael Waranis, Clayton Cornell, Taylor Biggers, Anthony Difiore, & Donald P. Lozano. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF A NAME NEEDS TO BE ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE LIST. We will delete names after 30 days**



**Last week’s Collections**

**06-22-19 Offer. $2209.00**

**06-23-19 Offer. $2290.00**

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**We thank you for your continued support of our parish! If you missed a prior collection, you may drop your envelope in the next collection. We are so grateful for our wonderful parishioners and visitors!**

**\*\*Please Notice\*\***

**There will be a Mass on Thursday, July 4th at 9:00am**

**RCIA & Adult Classes**

**RCIA- Sundays 9am-10am. -See Fr. John**

**Adult Ed: Every Sunday morning @ 9:30am in the parish hall with Dcn. John.**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon. July 1st -9:00am Mass**

***Gerry Healy-RIP ![C:\Users\nbailey\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\H5SZIAJA\cross___rose_by_hitenshi16-d6gzdot[1].png]()***

**Requested by: Tom & Nanci Bailey**

**Tues. July 2nd – 9:00am Mass**

***Maria Rowse- Sp. Int. “Happy Birthday!” ![C:\Users\nbailey\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\QW85JXW1\birthday-cake-6-candles[1].gif]()***

**Requested by: Regnum Christi Sisters**

**Wed. July 3rd - 9:00am Mass**

***Raymond OKeefe- Sp. Int. “Healing” ![C:\Users\nbailey\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\KJ0KGIR3\Praying_Hands[1].jpg]()***

**Requested by: Maria Rowse**

**\*\*Thurs. July 4th -9:00am Mass**

***Jean Pharris-RIP ![C:\Users\nbailey\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\H5SZIAJA\cross___rose_by_hitenshi16-d6gzdot[1].png]()***

**Requested by: Fr. John Conway**

**First Fri. July 5th –11:00am Mass**

***Gene Horne- RIP ![C:\Users\nbailey\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\H5SZIAJA\cross___rose_by_hitenshi16-d6gzdot[1].png]()***

**Requested by: Dottie Horne**

**Sat. July 6th – 9:00am Mass-**

***Marie OKeefe- RIP ![C:\Users\nbailey\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\H5SZIAJA\cross___rose_by_hitenshi16-d6gzdot[1].png]()***

**Requested by: Maria Rowse**

**Sat. July 6th – 4:00pm Mass**

***Lorraine Reynolds- Sp. Int. “Happy Birthday!” ![C:\Users\nbailey\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\QW85JXW1\birthday-cake-6-candles[1].gif]()***

**Requested by: Maryanne Martin**

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**Food Pantry**

**We thank you for continuing to donate cans of non-perishable foods to our food bank. We ask that you please do not put food in the food box that is out of date. Thank you for helping the needy in our community!**

**Good Samaritans**

**Open Table**

**Sunday, June 30th**

**Fifth Sunday Brunch**

***All are invited to come enjoy food and fellowship on June 30th from8:30 to 1:30pm at the Senior Center at 440 West First St. next door to Blue Ridge City Hall! Sunday Breakfast is served all day and Sunday Lunch after 11:30am. No charge but all proceeds donated will for to support the local Good Samaritans of Fannin County to help the needy in our community See the bulletin board for more details.***

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**Saint Quotes**

**“We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials.”
-St. Teresa of Avila**