

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading, pleading for His mercy.

COMMUNION CHANT:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Meditation on today's Readings

*"No prophet is without honor except in his native place,
among his own kindred, and in his own house."*

(Mark 6:4)

At the beginning of His public ministry, the people of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth attempted to murder Him by trying to throw Him over a cliff (see Luke 4:29-30). Later, some of Jesus' relatives, probably from His hometown, "came to take charge of Him, saying, 'He is out of His mind'" (Mark 3:21). This may have been more traumatic than the attempt on His life. Nevertheless, Jesus went back to His hometown and taught "in the synagogue in a way that kept His large audience amazed" (Mark 6:2). However, "He could work no miracle there, apart from curing a few who were sick by laying hands on them, so much did their lack of faith distress Him" (Mark 6:5-6).

Jesus reaches out in love, forgiveness and mercy to those who hate, attack, reject, dishonor and distress Him. Sometimes these people even repent. As did some of Jesus' relatives, go into the upper room and receive a new Pentecost (Acts 1:14).

If you have rejected Jesus, there is hope for you no matter what you have done — if you only repent. If you have been rejected with Jesus, there is hope, for the Lord is changing the hardest hearts.

PRAYER: Father, in this year may I see more and greater conversions than ever before.

PROMISE: "My grace is enough for you." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

PRAISE: Praise the forgiving, merciful and risen Lord Jesus!

Taken from "One Bread One Body"

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 123:1-4; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

Monday: Genesis 28:10-22; Psalm 91; Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33; Psalm 17; Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7,17-24; Psalm 33; Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday: Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5; Psalm 105; Matthew 10:7-15

Friday: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Psalm 37; Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday: *St. Benedict:* Proverbs 2:1-9; Psalm 34; Matthew 19:27-29

Sunday: Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 85:9-14; Ephesians 1:3-15; Mark 6:7-13

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY ~ JULY 5

10 AM MASS
Intention: David Braud+

1 PM MASS - SPANISH
Intention: Florencia Gamez+

MONDAY ~ JULY 6

NO MASS

TUESDAY ~ JULY 7

6 PM MASS
Intention: Neelis & Bernice Braud

WEDNESDAY ~ JULY 8

5 PM MASS
Intention: Bill Bullock

THURSDAY ~ JULY 9

6 PM MASS
Intention: Maria Theresa I. Castro

FRIDAY ~ JULY 10

9 AM MASS
Intention: Maxie Cox

SATURDAY ~ JULY 11

6 PM MASS
Intention: Lucette Dix

SUNDAY ~ JULY 12

10 AM MASS
Intention: Laurel & Rowan

1 PM ~ MASS SPANISH
Intention: Rod Dolson

To have Mass offered for your intention,
please contact the Church Office.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday — Pastoral Council 6pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Church Office will be closed from July 10th—24th in preparation of, and for Vacation Bible School.

Regular office hours will resume on July 27th.

BREAD OF LIFE SOUP KITCHEN **Tuesday, July 8th**

Donations of potato chips, desert and drink are helpful and may be given to Jenny or brought to Bread of Life between 11am & 11:30am on Tuesday. **Servers** are always welcome. Time commitment 11am—1pm second Tuesday of each month.

Call Jenny Roberts 256-845-5631 or 256-630-2799

Financial Stewardship June 22 — June 28

Offertory	\$2,633.
Mission Cooperative	\$712.
Building Fund	\$587.
Building Fund Balance	\$453,906.
Parish Debt	\$62,181.

Second Collection

TODAY - BREAD OF LIFE

NEXT WEEK - FOOD PANTRY

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2015—2020

248 Pledges Received/632 Registered families

Thank you to all the families who have pledged to help us in this campaign to fund our Religious Education Building Project. Remember, all of us can contribute something! Pledge cards can be found in the back of the church. Please fill out a card and drop it in any collection basket or in the office.

Make checks payable to: Our Lady of the Valley Fort Payne.
Memo line: Capital Campaign - Pledge Payment
OR One Time Gift.

Any loose cash donations that are not are not marked Capital Campaign "One Time Gift" or Capital Campaign "Pledge Payment" cannot be credited to your giving.

Thank you for your great generosity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration forms for the **Totus Tuus** Summer Youth program are available at the back of the Church. **Please return those THIS WEEK.** Cost is \$1.00/day (new this year).

Contact Jenny to volunteer as a host family for our missionaries or invite them to dinner one evening. Missionaries will rise and need breakfast around 7:30am and arrive back at the home after 9:30pm Saturday through Friday.

Donations of spaghetti, sauce, snacks, cookies, drinks for the VBS week may be given to Maria or Jenny. Hardier snacks of mixed nuts, crackers, trail mix are used at the evening program for our older youth.