



A Prayer for Independence Day

Guide us as we work together to build a society in which everyone has the opportunity to live with dignity and hope. Help us to be witnesses of Christ's love by practicing charity and promoting justice and peace throughout the world. Strengthen us with fortitude to choose the values of our faith as we exercise Our responsibility as citizens. Inspire us to build a world of greater respect for human life and dignity. Restore us when our spirit grows weary, and bless us in our journey home to You.

† **Summer Service Schedule June-August:**

Sunday in Healy Outdoors at 10:00am

Sunday in Nenana Indoors at 1:30pm

Outdoor Services in Healy Will Continue Throughout the Summer Months

During rainstorms, windstorms, or snowstorms the Healy service will temporarily move indoors.

Indoor services in Healy will require MANDATORY masks and there will be no singing/music.

If you do not have a mask, the church has provided disposable masks at the entrance.

*** *General dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in effect.***

We ask that those who are not able to attend Mass in person please use social media or other online resources to find a service you enjoy.

If you would like a blessing or to receive communion privately, please stay after the service or arrive at 11:15am in Healy or 2:45pm in Nenana to see the visiting priest or deacon.

Protocols From the Bishop for Attending Mass or Communion service:

- stay six feet apart from non-household members;
- wash hands frequently;
- sanitize and clean high touch surfaces frequently;
- stay home if you are sick, and get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms;
- wear a face covering in public places when near others; and
- be mindful and respectful to those Alaskans that are most vulnerable to this virus, including Alaska's senior population and those with existing health conditions.



Don't Forget to take a *Word Among Us!*

Follow this link to learn more about this monthly devotional book: <https://wau.org/>

Giving thanks For Our Many Blessings:

Thank you Candace for your beautiful music!

Thank you Barb, Renee, and Peggy for keeping our church clean!

Thank you Brian and family for your continued grounds maintenance!

Thank you parish council members for leading our church through these strange times!

Thank you parishioners for being a kind and supportive community!

July 2020 - Overview for the Month

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/07.cfm>

The month of July is dedicated to **The Precious Blood of Jesus**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of July 2020

Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance. (See also [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#))

Focus of the Liturgy

The Gospel readings for the Sundays in July 2020 are taken from St. Matthew — all are from Year A, Cycle 2.

For each daily reading, please visit <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>

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| July 5th - 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time | In today's Gospel Our Lord tells us that His yoke is easy and His burden light. |
| July 12th - 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Jesus tells the parable of the sower. |
| July 19th - 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Jesus continues with the parable of the mustard seed. |
| July 26th - 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Jesus says the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. |

Highlights of the Month



July is usually hot and a time for relaxing. It is also the time when crops planted in the Spring are maturing and growing. Just as the crops are dependent upon summer rains not only to grow but to survive so our spiritual development is dependent upon our frequenting the sacraments and receiving the Blood of Christ.

A Time of Regeneration

The Blood that coursed through the veins of Christ was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne are honored this month. (July 26). Our Lord's blood poured out on the Cross purchased our salvation, washed clean the robes of the martyrs, and gave birth to the Church as it flowed from his wounded side. The Precious Blood of Christ — now pulsing through his Mystical Body — continues its salvific work, preserving and purifying, repairing and providing nourishment for regeneration and renewal of its members.



July's longer and warmer days also provide us with the opportunity for renewal, both interior and exterior. Schedules relax and pressures ease, inviting travel. But, whether we travel or not, like the missionary, St. Junipero Serra (July 1), we preach to others — by our conduct, our speech, even the clothes we wear. May we be modest in everything we do, imitating St. Maria Goretti, the young martyr for purity (July 6), and “preaching” Christ to everyone we meet.

The summer Readings of Ordinary Time remind us that our earthly pilgrimage is also a journey, a great adventure towards union with Christ, the Beginning and the End of our journey. Each Sunday with its Easter renewal becomes a mile marker along the way, linking where we have been with where we are going. May the Precious Blood of Jesus sustain us as we journey to our true home, with Mary and the angels as our companions on the way.

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