

Dear Padre,

Does religious freedom mean we're free to worship whoever and whatever we wish? I thought Jesus gave us rules on this.

Jesus gave us the gift of freedom. Even as he hung on the cross, he didn't use force to change the minds of people or coerce them to believe in him. His example shaped the Declaration on Religious Freedom (*Dignitatis Humanae*), a document from the Second Vatican Council. The council gave us several principles that outline our beliefs about religious freedom:

First, God has made known to us the way in which we are to serve God and find salvation and eternal life in Jesus.

Second, this one true religion consists in the catholic and apostolic Church. To this Church, the Lord himself committed the obligation and duty to spread the truth that salvation in Jesus is ours.

Third, all people are bound to seek the truth, to embrace the truth they come to know, and to hold fast to that truth.

Finally, all of us have a right to be immune from coercion by individuals, social groups, or other human powers. No one is to be forced to act contrary to personal beliefs or prevented from acting in accord with those beliefs.

This also means that if people choose to reject Christ, they must not be forced to do anything against their will. The judgment for their actions must be left up to God. As a Church, we proclaim the truth of Christ and set high standards for membership in the Church, but we do not force people to convert or believe.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[Religious] freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.

VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

Calendar

Monday

JULY 5

Weekday

Gn 28:10–22a

Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday

JULY 6

Weekday

Gn 32:23–33

Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday

JULY 7

Weekday

Gn 41:55–57;

42:5–7a, 17–24a

Mt 10:1–7

Thursday

JULY 8

Weekday

Gn 44:18–21,

23b–29; 45:1–5

Mt 10:7–15

Friday

JULY 9

Weekday

Gn 46:1–7, 28–30

Mt 10:16–23

Saturday

JULY 10

Weekday

Gn 49:29–32;

50:15–26a

Mt 10:24–33

Sunday

JULY 11

Fifteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12–15

Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10

Mk 6:7–13

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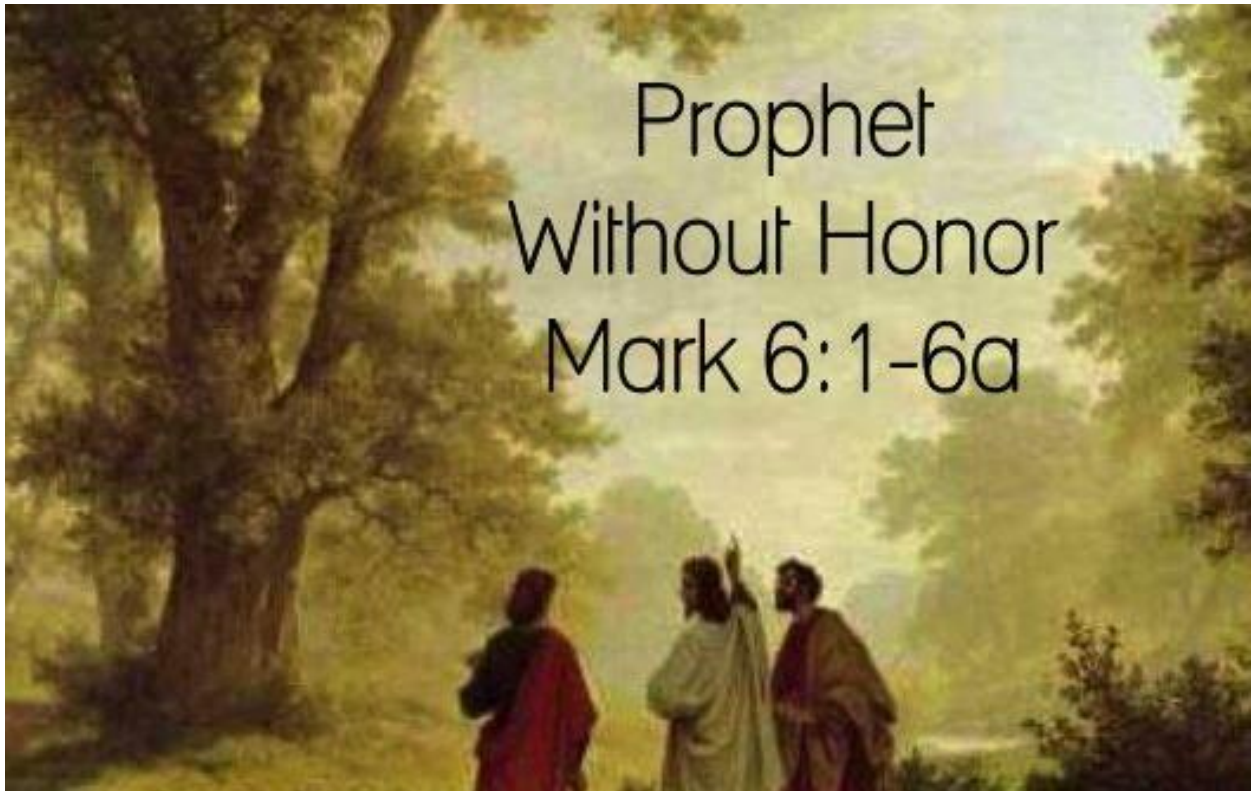
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Prophet
Without Honor
Mark 6:1-6a



St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

July 3rd Sat 5 pm Int donor

July 4th Sun 9 am Parish

July 4th 6pm Int donor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am Int donor

Wednesday Int donor

Thurs 8am Int donor

Fri 8am Juanita

July 10th Sat 5 pm Int donor

July 11th Sun 9 am Patricia Dorsey

July 11th 6pm Parish

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Int donor

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Who Do You Think You Are?

This question is not always posed in a spirit of lightheartedness. It could be hurled at someone in indignation. This indignation might be justified; the other could be assuming an unwarranted attitude of superiority. However, the fault could be our own. We might resent another's genuine insight or unquestionable wisdom. There seems to be within some of us a sense of inferiority that is threatened by the abilities of others—as if their talents diminish those of us who feel inferior. And what do we do about this? We might ignore such an individual, implying that she or he has nothing that interests us. This probably happens more often than we like to admit. Or we might try to embarrass the person, thus lowering the individual in the estimation of others. This is how some people depicted in the Gospel passage acted toward Jesus.

Prophets are not people who only look into the future. Such people are called seers. Genuine prophets have insight into the present, understanding the implications of the social forces that are operative and the challenge they might pose to religious traditions. That's why they are so often resented. We see this attitude in the passage from Ezekiel. God sent him to a rebellious people to call them to repentance. Chances are, this did not make him popular. It also did not make Jesus popular with some. So often we applaud people who have religious insight—unless we know them well. Then we

may think: *You're no better than the rest of us. Who do you think you are?*

Jesus said, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." MARK 6:4

For Reflection

- *Do you appreciate the valid insights of others, even when they challenge your own?*
- *Who do you think has insight into today's chaotic world? Why do you choose that person?*

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable

\$1,507.00 loose: \$243.00 **Total: \$ 1,750.00**

Children: \$2.41 Ach: \$5.00

OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable

\$155.00 loose: \$163.00 **Total: \$318.00**

Peter's pence \$243.00

Anniversary Mass Registration: Please fill out a registration form for those celebrating 25,30,35,40,45,50,55,60,65,70,+ years of marriage. There will be a special mass celebrated on Nov. 7, 2021 at Nativity Cathedral where a certificate will be presented. Contact Fr. David for information.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

Church Repairs for storm damage will begin this week. Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Hall during construction work.

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE
FR. DAVID WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.**

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat July 3 rd 5pm	Mike West		
Sun Jul 4 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun Jul 4 th 9 am	Kim Wood		
Sun Jul 4 th 6pm	Patricia Garrett		
Sat July 10 th 5pm	Mike West		
Sun July 11 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun July 11 th 9 am	Eddie Duran		
Sun July 11 th 6pm	Kathleen Cuavas		

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office, each Mass card is \$ 10.00 dollars. Thanks

Online learning: on-line classes for bible study class, books and videos and movies are available on this web site so please register your name there.

<https://signup.formed.org/>

- Enter your parish zip code 39503
- Enter name and email. Once you are resisted you are good to go at any time.



Bible Study and prayer group: Those who would like to join let Fr. David or Ruth know. Thanks. For more information, please contact Ruth.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo, Glinda Gardman.

Celebration Draw Down July 31st: Tickets are on sale beginning this weekend. See Father to purchase a ticket. One ticket (\$100) admits two people to the meal from 6-7:30pm, a band from 7:30-11:30 with the drawing at 8pm. Please join us! Thanks.

HAPPY HOLIDAY