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Remembering Freedom

By: Fr. George Corrigan, O.F.M.



OK, pop quiz time. Who were the "Freedom Riders?" My random (and quite small) sample yielded some interesting answers. The most common was a speculation that it was an organized motorcycle ride akin to the "Rolling Thunder" ride in Washington D.C. around Memorial Day. As it turns out the initial "Rolling Thunder" ride was officially titled "Ride for Freedom." These rides are a way to bring full accountability for prisoners of war (POWs) and missing in action (MIA) service members of all U.S. wars. It was a good guess and, in their way, the Rolling Thunder rides honor those who struggled to preserve our freedom. But they are not the "Freedom Riders."

On the 4th of every July, as a nation, we celebrate freedom. OK...another pop quiz: what is freedom? Before reading on, pause here and give it some thought. Merriam-Webster initially defines it as "the quality or state of being free." I don't think that advances our understanding very much, but they do go on, offering, "the absence of necessity, coercion, or constraint in choice or action." That is a lot closer to the understanding offered by Anselm of Canterbury some 1,000 years ago. Anselm wrote that if one's idea of freedom is centered on choice – however true – it is an impoverished sense of freedom. Continuing on, Anselm offered that to be truly free is to be unburdened. Unburdened so that there are no obstacles, barriers, or obstructions to impede your journey to God, so that arriving before God you can experience the great paradox. To be truly free is to have no choice at all. There is only Love.

I am old enough, and having grown up in the South, to still remember the water fountains in Belk's and JC Penny's labeled "Colored" and "Whites Only." I can recall the overt and covert rules of racism in the ways in which buses were ridden, sidewalks traversed, and the one that confused me the most: calling an adult black man or woman by their first name. I never could bring myself to do that. I would at least add Mr. or Mrs. before their first name. When one tells these stories to my nieces, nephews, and their children, it is kinda' fun to see their expression. It is a look of disbelief and "what planet did you grow up on?" And I am glad that it is that way for them.

Back to the quiz. Who were the "Freedom Riders?" The year was 1961 when a group of 13 African-American and white civil rights activists launched the Freedom Rides, a series of bus trips through the American South to protest segregation in interstate bus terminals. The Freedom Riders, who were recruited by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), a U.S. civil rights group, departed from Washington, D.C., and attempted to integrate facilities at bus terminals along the way into the Deep South. African-American Freedom Riders tried to use "whites-only" restrooms and lunch counters, and vice versa. The group encountered tremendous violence from white protestors along the route, but also drew international attention to their cause. Over the next few months, several hundred Freedom Riders engaged in similar actions. In September 1961, the Interstate Commerce Commission issued regulations prohibiting segregation in bus and train stations nationwide.

On Mother's Day, May 14th, 1961, a Greyhound bus carrying Freedom Riders arrived in Anniston, Alabama. There, an angry mob of about 200 white people surrounded the bus, causing the driver to continue past the bus station. The mob followed the bus in automobiles, and when the tires on the bus blew out, someone threw a bomb into the bus. The Freedom Riders escaped the bus as it burst into flames, only to be brutally beaten by members of the surrounding mob.

In 1961, the Freedom Riders weren't risking life and limb simply around choice, they were taking aim at the burdens carried by people of color then – and now. They were striving for freedom in the deepest sense of its meaning, to be unburdened, to turn their energies away from navigating the burdens of racism dictating where they could walk, have a drink of water, or

sit. They strove to live without unneeded obstacles, barriers, or obstructions. They wanted to live free.

We often reflect on the great price our military men and women have paid in order that we live as free people, enjoying the freedoms of life in this country, where we enjoy freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and so many other freedoms enshrined in our Constitution. And we should reflect upon and be grateful for their service and their lives given for our freedom.

Let us also then remember Corporal Roman Ducksworth, Jr., US Army, a military police officer stationed in Maryland, on leave to visit his sick wife when he was ordered off a bus by a police officer in Taylorsville, Mississippi and shot dead on April 9, 1962. The police officer thought Ducksworth was a "Freedom Rider."

Let us not forget freedom's price, its history, and that when together we are unburdened from our presumptions, fears, and prejudices, then, and only then, can we be truly free. There will be no choice; only Love.



St. Francis House Corner



St. Francis House an Outreach Program from St. Francis of Assisi Parish 2606 Heth Court, Dumfries, VA 22026 703-221-6344 Francia Salguero and Angelica Silva

St. Francis of Assisi Outreach Ministry

As of June 1st the USDA program that donated perishable food boxes to people in need has ended. We are still experiencing a high volume of clients in need of food. We are in dire need of your help. If you would like to contribute to the food pantry, below you will find items that we can use to keep running our food pantry. Also, you can provide monetary assistance through our electronic giving program. You will find the directions on the Parish website (www.stfrncis.org).

Item of the Month: Toilet Paper

- **Paper Towels**
- Mac & Cheese
- Jelly
- **Pasta**
- **Canned soup**
- **Canned fruit**

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity. For more information, please contact Francia Salguero at 703-221-6344 or francias@stfrncis.org.



Meals for the Shelter

Thank you very much for your continuing support with the homeless shelter. For more information or to signup, please visit the following Sign-Up Genius link: https:// www.signupgenius.com/

go/904094EA5A622A3FD0-shelter or Sign-Up Genius forms can be found on the parish website: www.stfrncis.org under Meals for the Shelter.

For more information or to support our meal program for the shelters in Prince William County, please contact the Director of St. Francis House and Meals Coordinator, Francia Salguero at francias@stfrncis.org or 703-221-6344.

Boletín Semanal

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Ministerio de Asistencia Social de San Francisco de Asís

A partir del 1 de junio, finalizó el programa del USDA que donaba cajas de alimentos perecederos a personas necesitadas. Seguimos experimentando un gran volumen de clientes que necesitan alimentos. Necesitamos su ayuda con urgencia. Si desea contribuir a la despensa de alimentos, a continuación puede encontrar artículos que podemos usar para seguir funcionando nuestra despensa de alimentos. Además, puede brindar asistencia monetaria a través de nuestro programa de donaciones electrónicas. Puede encontrar las instrucciones en el sitio web de la parroquia (www.stfrncis.org).

Articulo del Mes: Papel Higienico

- Papel Toalla
- Macarrones con queso
- Mermelada
- Pasta
- Sopa enlatada
- Fruta enlatada

Gracias por su continuo apovo y generosidad. Para obtener más información, no dude en comunicarse con nosotros al 703-221-6344 o francias@stfrncis.org.

Please Pray For All those who are sick:

Santiago and Norma Llobrera:

Bill Myers; Sue Long; Joseph O'Connor; Paul Coangelo; Lilly Diaz; Laurie Zeiszler; Aaron Childs; Gary Ward; and Richard McClevey.

And those recently deceased: Art Slavinski (husband of Sharon Slavinski); and Evelyn Clark (mother of Colleen Wells).

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Leo N. Company: and S. Defibaugh.

The Lion's Club has 2 donation drop boxes located on the window sill in the vestibule. Please consider donating your used eyeglasses to the Lion's Club. Your unwanted glasses will help someone see better. Thank you for always being so generous.



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Faith Formation Office

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246 Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Religious Education for 2021-2022



Religious Education Registration for the fall is up and running on our website! Classes will be in person. For the online option, payment must be made either by credit card or debit card. We also will have the paper forms up on the website so that you can pay with a check by mail or cash or drop off at the church.

https://www.stfrncis.org/welcome-and-introduction/

**Just a reminder that registration for RE is encouraged for all children grades 1st-8th and not just for sacramental years. The curriculum used depends on a continuation of classes to ensure a proper faith foundation. So much information and spiritual growth is lost when there are skipped years! For more information, please call our RE Office at 703-221-3127.

Religious Education is in need of Catechists (Teachers) for the upcoming 2021-22 School year. Many long time Catechists are moving from the area. Training and materials provided and no experience is necessary. Please contact Marianne Hayes, DRE at 703-221-3127 or recoor@stfrncis.org. All RE fees are waived for Catechists and Co-Catechists.



High School Youth Ministry

REAL Youth Ministry is happening ONLINE!

REAL Time Online (Youth Group)
Wednesday, July 7th—8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
All Teen Grades 9-12

Text @sfacym to 81010 to sign-up for *Remind* and get texts with meeting information.

Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at bjubar@stfrncis.org.



Saint John Paul the Great has immediate employment opportunities for the following positions:

Admissions/Enrollment Director— Help to spread the good word of John Paul by leading our admissions/enrollment efforts. Experienced working in an admissions/enrollment capacity preferred.

Full, Part time, and Occasional Bus Drivers—CDL training will be provided as needed!

Full Time School Counselor—candidate must possess a Masters Degree in School Counseling and have an Educational Counseling License (or capable of receiving it within 2-3 years of employment)

Part Time Clayworks Instructor

Summer Camps at John Paul the Great!

JP Summer Camps are back for 2021! Sign your elementary and middle school-age children up for a variety of athletic and enrichment camps during the month of July. Camps include Robotics, Photography, Leadership, Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Soccer and more! Visit jpthegreat.org for details and registration information.

Attention Class of 2021: The

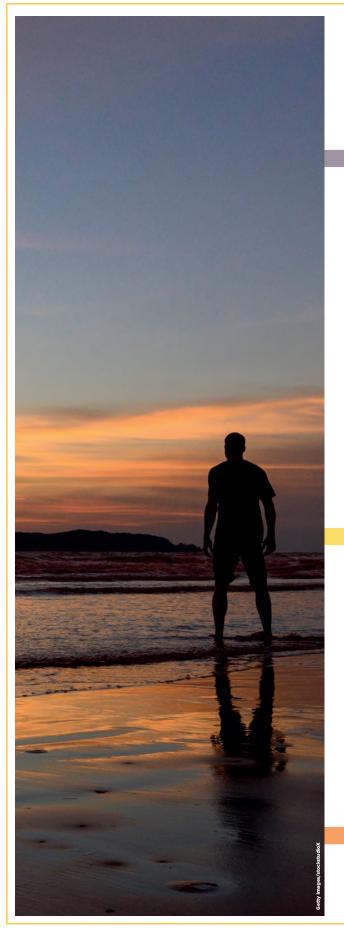
Associates of St. John Bosco invites rising college freshmen to attend a College Night at one of the following parishes:



July 7th—Nativity
July 21st—St. Mary's Old Town
(held at St. Mary's Lyceum)
July 28th—St. Mary's Fredericksburg
(held at Holy Cross Academy)

College Nights are free to all students and provide resources and support for keeping your Catholic faith when entering college this fall. Catholic student representatives from George Mason, UVA, the University of Mary Washington, William & Mary, Virginia Tech and other private and public schools will be on hand to share their experiences of being a Catholic college student. This is a great opportunity to network with other Catholic students and to receive resources for the transition to college only a few months away. The Nights begin at 7:00 PM, and students are encouraged to wear their college t-shirt to the event! To register for one of the College Nights and for additional information, visit our website at www.asjb.org. Registration is limited to 50 students per night.

** Our College Nights will be held according to all Virginia Covid-19 Guidelines for social distancing and group size.



July 4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5 | 2 Cor 12:7-10 | Mk 6:1-6

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I'm struck by phrases in today's first and second readings: The prophet Ezekiel is told that those to whom he will be sent are "hard of face and obstinate of heart"; and Saint Paul aptly describes a "thorn in the flesh" as having been given to him. He even refers to this thorn as "an angel of Satan." These are descriptive images! So, I wondered, What do these images look like in practice? The Gospel gives us a clear example: those who grew up with Jesus refuse to see him as a prophet. At one time in my life, I might have said to myself: "Wow, I can't believe people of his own time would reject Jesus!" However, as I grow older, I'm conscious not only of more physical aches and pains, but the "thorn in the flesh" of patterns I'm not particularly proud of - cynicism, pessimism, even hard-heartedness and a closed mind. The "they" in today's readings hits closer to home and strikes me more as "we" than it used to. And yet, as Saint Paul reminds us, we can bring our imperfections to God and pray for grace to give us strength in our weakness, hearts open to God's love, and ears ready to hear the Gospel and be transformed by Jesus.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When Jesus returned to his hometown, he was not exactly greeted like a "hometown hero." His contemporaries could see him only as a carpenter, and not the Messiah: "So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith." We know that Jesus went on to perform the mightiest of deeds – dying and rising from the dead. And yet, even today, he would be "amazed at our lack of faith." Today's Gospel and the other readings encourage us to do a check-up of our spiritual health and pray for the grace to continue to grow in faith. We can also pray for others who may be questioning or have lost their faith, inviting them to consider coming to church with us or simply offering to pray with and for them.

REFLECT For a more intentional look at whatever thorns might be in your side, and what weaknesses those contribute to, consider doing a retreat. Attend an in-person retreat at a local retreat house, or look into online options for a guided retreat at home.



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SATURDAY,	July 3—St. Thomas, apostle
4:00 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Alice Tippit
	†Rocco Nuzzo
	†Spencer Sagudan
SUNDAY,	July 4—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	
9:30 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
11:00 AM	
12:30 PM	†Gerardo Ponce
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
	†Otella Creegan
MONDAY,	July 5—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Albert Gelinas
	†James E. Scoggins
TUESDAY,	July 6—Weekday
8:45 AM	Gretchen May
	Sarah Ecklund
	†Robert S. Stokes
•	July 7—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Kathryn Gonsorcik
	†Thomas Austin
THURSDAY,	July 8—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Frank Kovalchik
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	July 9—Weekday
SATURDAY,	July 10—Weekday
4:00 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Alice Tippit

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†Michael Polster

†John McCann

Mass	Intentions on Sunday, Ju
8:00 AM	†Evelyn Clark
9:30 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Loretta Frankowski
	†Evelyn Clark
11:00 AM	†Evelyn Clark
	†Otella Creegan
	†Stacy Williams
12:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
	†Loretta Frankowski

†Evelyn Clark



Readings for the Week of June 27, 2021

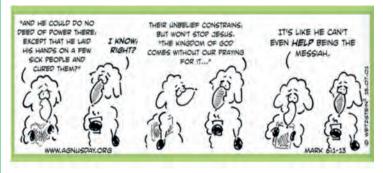
Monday	Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday	Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday	Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a;
	Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday	Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5;
-	Matthew 10:7-15
Friday	Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday	Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a;
-	Matthew 10:24-33
Sunday	Amos 7:12-15;
-	Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10: Mark 6:7-13

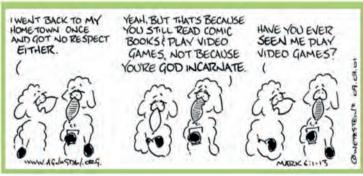
Agnus Dei for Mark 6:1-13

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th of July 2021

Gospel for Sunday July 4th Mk 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.





FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Today < K D'S > Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 6:1-6a Not everyone in Jesus' hometown treated Him with the honor and respect He deserved. Jesus said to them "only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor". He went on to other places where people had more faith in Him. KORNER Always honor & respect God, our parents/families, our communities, country and world.

Draw you and your family/friends on the ground watching fireworks as we gather in our hometowns

MAY JESUS ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE OF HONOR IN MY HEART.

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