



**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
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**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 5, 2026**

*Jesus declares, "All things have been handed over to me by my Father." The pinnacle of this is the handing over of "the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead." Christ assures us that what the Father has handed over to him is the ability to console those "who labor and are burdened." These things of heaven are "revealed to little ones" because they refuse to rely on themselves, and thus they remain best disposed to receive all that God is eager to give. They "rejoice heartily" and "shout for joy" at the coming of our meek King, who by his very presence "proclaims peace to the nations."*

*See, your king comes to you humbly.*

**First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10** <sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from E'phraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**Psalms 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14** **R/ I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

<sup>1</sup>I will extol thee, my God and King, and bless thy name for ever and ever. <sup>2</sup>Every day I will bless thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever. <sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup>The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. <sup>10</sup>All thy works shall give thanks to thee, O LORD, and all thy saints shall bless thee! <sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and tell of thy power, <sup>13</sup>Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. <sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

*If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

**Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13** <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God really dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you. <sup>12</sup>So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body you will live.

**Alleluia, Alleluia,** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
 you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia, Alleluia**  
*I am meek and humble of heart.*

**Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30** <sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; <sup>26</sup>yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**Father Cody's Corner:** *Last week's column was the last one for Fr. Cody's Corner before he journeys on to his new assignment(s) in Helena. God Bless and protect you on your journey, Fr. Cody.*

**12:00 noon Sunday Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Harlowton, MT.**

**Daily Mass on Thursdays at noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Harlowton, MT.**

**\*\*\*Confessions before Sunday Mass beginning at 11:30 am or by appointment. Please join us to pray the rosary for our nation and community 1/2 hour before Sunday Mass.**

**Sunday Mass at 9 am at St. Bartholomew, White Sulphur Springs & 4:30pm at Holy Cross, Townsend.**

**\*\*\*Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays – join us anytime between 12:30–3:30 pm.**

**Youth Group meets each Thursday from 7 to 8:30 pm.**

**Please join us for our monthly parish potlucks on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Mass - 7/26/26; 8/23/26; 9/27/26**

## Mark Your Calendars:

**No Mass on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### Some help needed:

*seeding the dirt areas with grass seed*

*installing gutter guards on the back gutters*

*cleaning the walls and doors of the basement/ RE area*

### Please pray for our seminarians:

Riley Helgoe

Jamie Severson

Matt Keck

Liam Aippersbach

Jake Smith

Carter Anderson

James Semling

Ryan Frampton

Anthony Olmes

Shae Bills

Carson Gorton

Mason Yochum

*Congratulations to Fr. Kaleb Mitchell & Fr. Dillon Armstrong on their ordination to the priesthood! Please keep them in your prayers*

## A Yoke for the Childlike: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Readings: Zechariah 9:9–10; Psalm 145:1–2, 8–11, 13–14; Romans 8:9, 11–13; Matthew 11:25–30;

Jesus is portrayed in today's Gospel as a new and greater Moses.

Moses, the meekest man on earth (see Numbers 12:3), was God's friend (see Exodus 34:12, 17). Only he knew God "face to face" (see Deuteronomy 34:10). And Moses gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed Himself and how we are to live (see Jeremiah 2:20; 5:5).

Jesus, too, is meek and humble. But He is more than God's friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a law-giver, presenting Himself today as the yoke of a new Law and as the revealed Wisdom of God.

As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth (see Proverbs 8:22; Wisdom 9:9). And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God (see Wisdom 10:10).

In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the "childlike"—those who humble themselves before Him as little children (see Sirach 2:17). These alone can recognize and receive Jesus as the just savior and meek king promised to daughter Zion, Israel, in today's First Reading.

We, too, are called to childlike faith in the Father's goodness as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church.

We are to live by the Spirit we received in Baptism (see Galatians 5:16), putting to death our old ways of thinking and acting, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. Our "yoke" is to be His new law of love (see John 13:34), by which we enter into the "rest" of His kingdom.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we joyously await the day when we will praise His name forever in the kingdom that lasts for all ages. This is the sabbath rest promised by Jesus—the rest first anticipated by Moses (see Exodus 20:8-11), but which still awaits the people of God (see Hebrews 4:9). ~ Dr. Scott Hahn

### Suggested Prayer of the Faithful page 72 July Magnificat

*(Each local community should compose its own Universal Prayer but may find inspiration in the texts proposed here.)*

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

**With confidence, we now pray:**

*That the Church may ever more perfectly display the truth of God's love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*For government leaders throughout the world: that they pursue justice, peace, and the true good of the human person.*

*For an increase of vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated life.*

*For those burdened by poverty, hardship, oppression, and persecution: that God will rescue them and lift them up.*

*For all who are traveling in these summer months: that the Lord will keep them safe and preserve them in his grace.*

*For the grace this week to turn to Jesus in moments of weakness.*

**Loving Father, make us faithful in following your law of love, and bless us with your peace and mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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**We have the Holy Spirit living within us. We pray:**

**R/ Make us worthy temples, Lord.**

*That the way we live our lives may have a great impact on those around us:*

*– may we live good and holy lives. R/*

*For those who look up to us:*

*– may we be good examples. R/*

*When we are tempted to infidelity:*

*– help us to live in purity. R/*

**Personal intentions**                      **Our Father....**

**Heavenly Father, you cannot be outdone in generosity, for you have given us the gift of life in the Spirit. Give us the grace to be open to this gift, that we may serve you and our brothers and sisters. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**MEDITATION OF THE DAY**    **Humble of Heart**    pages 79-80 July Magnificat

There are two kinds of humility in Christ as regards his divinity. The first is that he willed to become a human being and so took upon himself that same human nature which had been banished and condemned to the depths of hell. He willed to become one with this nature in the unity of his person, with the result that everyone, whether good or evil, can say, "Christ, the Son of God, is my brother." The other kind of humility as regards Christ's divinity is that he chose a poor maiden and not the daughter of a king to be his mother. Thus it was that that poor maiden became the Mother of God, of him who is Lord of heaven and earth and of all creatures. Moreover, of all the works of humility which Christ ever did it can truly be said that God did them.

Let us next consider the humility which, by means of grace and divine gifts, was in Christ as regards his humanity. His soul with all its powers bowed down in reverence and homage before the exalted might of the Father, and a heart thus bowed down is a humble heart. As a result, Christ performed all his works for the honor and praise of his Father and in no way sought glory for himself as regards his humanity. He was humble and subject to the Old Law and to its commandments, and sometimes even to its customs when that was fitting. For that reason he was circumcised and was taken to the Temple to be redeemed, as was the custom, and he paid the tribute money to Caesar just like the other Jews. He was also humble and submissive to his mother and to Joseph, serving them with genuine humility in all their needs. He chose poor and insignificant persons as his companions, to go about with him and convert the world. These were the apostles, and he was lowly and humble among them and among everyone else. He was thus at the disposal of all persons whatever their needs, whether interior or exterior ones, just as if he were the servant of all the world. ~ Blessed John of Ruusbroec    Blessed John of Ruusbroec († 1381), born near Brussels, was a priest and one of the Flemish mystics.

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**We trust in the Lord and always look to him for help.**

**We pray:**

**R/ Jesus, King, save us!**

*From vanity and exaggerated self-importance,*

*– deliver us. R/*

*From weakness and fear,*

*– deliver us. R/*

*From self-deception,*

*– deliver us. R/*

**Personal intentions**                      **Our Father....**

**May God keep us firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (cf. 1 Cor 1:8)**

**Marian Antiphon**