



Dear Parishioners,

On the Fourth of July, we celebrate Independence Day and give thanks to God for the many blessings we enjoy as citizens of the United States. This national holiday commemorates the birth of our nation and reminds us of the sacrifices made by those who fought for liberty and self-government. We remember with gratitude the courage of our nation's founders, men and women of our military, and all who have worked throughout our history to preserve the freedoms we cherish today. Their courage and dedication remind us that freedom is precious and must never be taken for granted.

As we gather with family and friends this Fourth of July, let us remember that our rights come with responsibilities. We are called to be faithful citizens who contribute to the common good, protect the dignity of every human person, care for the vulnerable, and work for justice and peace in our communities. Our Catholic faith challenges us to bring the values of the Gospel into public life through our words, actions, and witness.

On Independence Day, and each day, we should pray for our nation, its leaders, and all who work to promote justice, peace, and the common good. Let us remember those who have given their lives in service to our country and those who continue to protect our freedoms today. Let us also remember that our ultimate homeland is not found on earth but in heaven. As citizens of the United States and disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to live with gratitude for our earthly freedoms while keeping our hearts fixed on the Kingdom of God.

God bless America, and may God continue to guide and protect our nation.