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**JUNE 20, 2021**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### WELCOME

Please introduce yourselves and register in order to become a member of this community of believers. We welcome your gifted presence in the life of our parish.

### OUR MISSION

Holy Cross Parish, a community centered in the Eucharist, is committed in faith and love of Jesus Christ to fulfill the profoundly human and spiritual needs of its parishioners and the larger community it serves. We seek to inspire all, through deeds and by example, to do the work of Christ: to make God known, loved, and served.

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday 9:00am

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am

#### Holy Days of Obligation

9:00am, 7pm

#### Confession

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45pm  
Other by Appointment



# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This 12<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time we honor extraordinary men in our lives that often emulate God's love by loving us, their children, grandchildren, and God children. Happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers, and God fathers. Thank you for sharing God's love for you by living out of God's love and sharing God's love with us. Love is a great and powerful gift we have been given and entrusted with from Jesus, the Father, and their Holy Spirit to be used to give, sustain, nurture, and encourage life among us. I realize from ministering with you that not all fathers and mothers are good models of love, but the majority are good and holy people. I pray for adult children who were harmed physically, emotionally, and often spiritually by parents' lack of love, and trust that God's unfailing love will bring them healing and new life by other caring and loving people in their lives. Love is a beautiful and sacred gift. Let us be good disciples and share God's gift of love well in everything that we say and do that is good.

Many of you have met my mom, Donna, during one of her visits to Easton over my first six years here in the parish. I can't believe I am starting year seven this July 1<sup>st</sup>. None of you ever go the chance to meet my dad, Jim, who passed away March 9, 2009, at the age of 59 after a lengthy illness that began when I was in middle school. My father was an elementary school teacher and then principal for the South Bend Community School Corporation. He was never my principal but kept an eye on my sister and me through his many friendly spies in our schools. Some of my fondest memories with my dad are sledding on the crisp January moonlit snow in our neighborhood, teaching me how to drive on country roads and then wash the car inside and out, and sharing his smile and sense of humor. He loved hummingbirds and I think of him often out in the garden when I see them buzzing around me to and from the nectar feeder. It really is a little slice of heaven out back behind the rectory. The picture to the right is from my high school graduation June 7, 1992.



Our love for others is also being lived out through our care and generosity in this year's "*Time to Gather, Time to Heal, Time to Love*," 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Appeal in the Diocese of Fall River. The annual appeal funds many great works of charity throughout the diocese across all ages and stages of life. Our parish goal this year is \$37,149 and to date parishioners have already given or pledged \$29,295 (79% of goal) so that means we have \$7,854 to go over the next week and a half. Hopefully the Flocknote video I sent this week (which we watched in-Mass at the kickoff of the campaign) will help us all better appreciate the need and great ministry being done through our generous care and giving to this year's appeal added to the thousands of other donors from the Diocese's 79 other parishes supporting the annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you for your donations.

God Bless,  
Fr. Brad



## JUNE 20, 2021

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June 9, 2021



Brothers and Sisters,

“Without the Lord’s day, we cannot live!” His Holiness, Pope Benedict, in his homily at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen in Vienna on September 9, 2007, quoted the Abitiniian Martyrs, who during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian were arrested for celebrating Sunday Mass. The martyrs responded to the magistrate: “Sine dominico non possumus!” – without the Lord’s day, we cannot live! The Pope went on to say: “For these Christians, the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment, but an inner necessity. Without him who sustains our lives, life itself is empty. To do without or to betray this focus would deprive life of its very foundation, would take away its inner dignity and beauty.”

Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province, (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19 and 20, 2021.

We are mindful of the Lord’s statement: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Mt 18:20). While we certainly can pray alone, there is both strength and blessedness in communal prayer.

We do also note that attendance at Mass is our way of following the third commandment of the Decalogue: “Remember the sabbath day – keep it holy. For six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.” (Ex. 20:8,11)

We call to mind the many times we see Jesus observing the sabbath by going to the synagogue and teaching there (Mt 13:54, Mk 1:21-28, Lk 4:16-30, Jn 6:22-59). It is a desire of every Christian to conform his or her life to the life of Jesus, and Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath.

Most significantly, receiving the Eucharist is the center of every Catholic life. The Lord commands us to take and eat, and to do it in memory of him. (Mt 26:26-30, Mk 14:22-26, Lk 22:14-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26, CCC 1324). The Eucharist is food for our difficult journey through life, filling us with joy, and strengthening us to embrace our suffering. It transforms us from the inside out and creates a unity among us that is a strong witness to the whole world.

Therefore, it is with great confidence and trust in the Lord that we reinstate this Sunday Mass obligation. It has been a long, difficult year. People have experienced great pain and suffering throughout this pandemic. Loss of life has been immense. People continue to recover from the long-term effects of the virus.

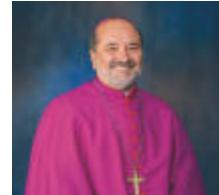
The heroes among us, our nurses, doctors, first responders and all medical professionals, were a source of enormous comfort. Priests brought the Sacrament of the Sick to COVID patients. Now we are able to join together remembering the lives changed and the sacrifices made. Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist.

In this year of Saint Joseph, who was always a faithful observer of the sabbath, we chose Father’s Day as an appropriate day to encourage all of our people, and especially our families, to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration. Parishioners should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation.

To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass.

Thank you, and God bless you.



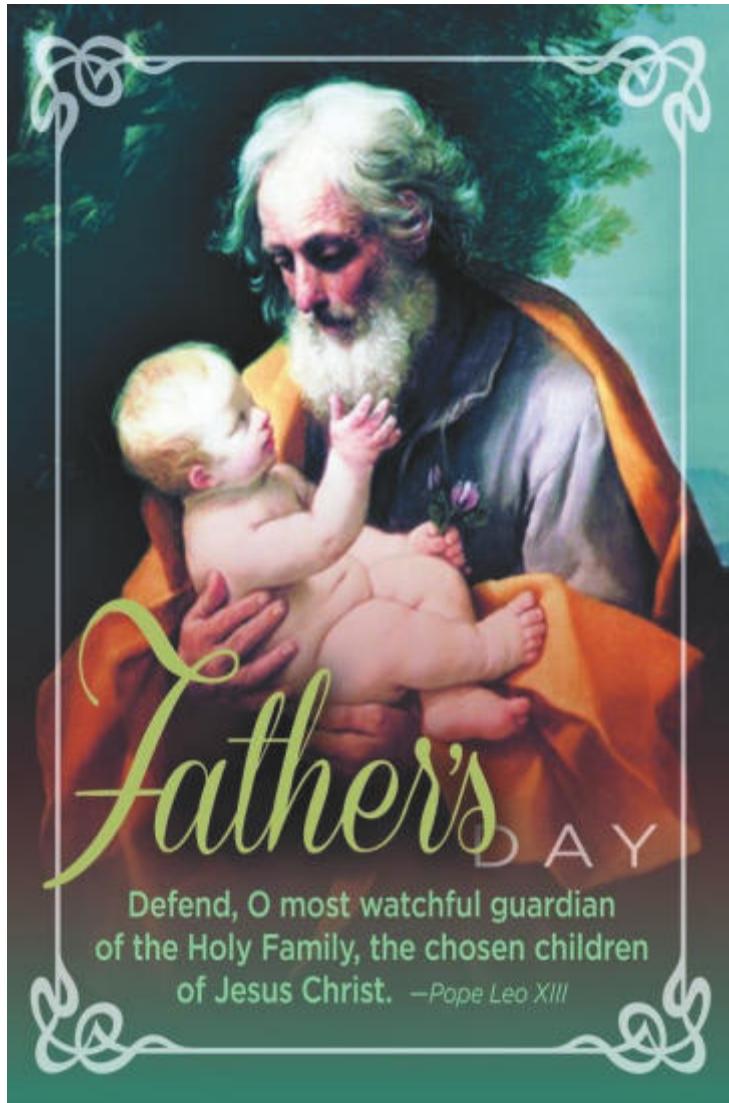
## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Thank you to the following parishioners  
who sponsored a day in June:**

**New Total-\$52,740**

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Thomas & Cheryl Puopolo	Linda Lawler
Veronica Lamb Family	Simoneau Family
Fred Clark & Carrie Kulick-Clark	

*Thank You*



## MASS INTENTIONS

**†Saturday, June 19**

4:00pm Cheryl Zorotheos  
Requested by Teresa Connor

**†Sunday, June 20**

8:30am Philip and Jacqueline Fanjoy  
Requested by Family

10:00am

**†Monday, June 21**

9:00am Filemon I. Allid Jr.  
Requested by Gary and Catalina Angeles

**†Tuesday, June 22**

9:00am Ruth Dacaret  
Requested by Elena Latlippe

**†Wednesday, June 23**

9:00am Mr and Mrs. Fred Paradis  
Requested by Claire and Harold Smith

**†Thursday, June 24**

9:00am Criselda Mendoza Trono  
Requested by Gary and Catalina Angeles

**†Friday, June 25**

9:00am

**†Saturday, June 26**

4:00pm Therese Donnelly 5th Anniversary  
Requested by Family

**†Sunday, June 27**

8:30am Norma Angeles 1st Anniversary  
Requested by Gary and Catalina Angeles

10:00am Patrick Folan 1st Anniversary  
Requested by Family

If you are a family member whose loved one is being remembered in the Mass and would like to bring the gifts to the altar, please see one of the priests or ushers prior to the start of Mass.



**St. Vincent De Paul**  
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Please consider a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society baskets at the doors of the church as you leave today.

Thank you for your support of our charitable works.

### **THE CONFITEOR**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### **READING I Jb 38:1, 8-11**

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said:

Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands? When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door, and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!

### **READING II 2 Cor 5:14-17**

Brothers and sisters:

The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

### **GOSPEL Mk 4:35-41**

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples:

"Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

### **THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Catholic Appeal is in full swing, and to date we have raised \$29,295. There is still time to participate! Your contribution helps the Diocese fund vital programs and ministries that serve the needy of southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and the islands – one person and one family at a time. Your contribution makes a difference – it can help a child who needs food, a youth who is discovering the value of his or her faith, an unwed mother struggling to cope, housing for the homeless, and much more. You can make a gift or pledge online at [www.givefrdiocese.org/2021](http://www.givefrdiocese.org/2021) until 11:59 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, June 30.

## Holy Cross Goal- \$37,594 Pledged through 6/13/2021- \$29,295

Please consider making your gift online by visiting [www.givefrdiocese.org/2021](http://www.givefrdiocese.org/2021).

You can also mail your gift or, use one of the contribution cards located in church.

Your gift of any size will make a difference for so many.

**Parish nurses will be taking blood pressure screenings in the right side confessional after all Masses this weekend.**



**Question  
of the  
Month**

**JUNE**  
Month of the  
*Sacred Heart*



The love of God is at the heart of all things!  
Jesus has the whole world in his hands.

*Can you shake his hand in prayer and promote the love of God thru Jesus' Sacred Heart of love?*

## From the Health Ministry

Recently the Town of Easton Water Division put out a Public Notice on PFAS in Drinking Water. PFAS are man-made chemicals that have been used in some firefighting foams used to extinguish oil and gas fires. They are also used in some industrial processes to make carpets, clothing, fabrics for furniture, paper packaging and food and other materials (e.g., cookware) that are resistant to water, grease and stains.

For certain sensitive subgroups (pregnant or nursing women, infants and people diagnosed by their health care provider to have a compromised immune system). This is important as it is advised that these sensitive subgroups:

- **USE BOTTLED WATER for drinking and cooking foods that absorb water (e.g., pasta, rice)**
- **USE BOTTLED WATER for infant formula requiring water.**

Common health effects associated with sufficiently elevated levels of PFAS based on studies of PFAS in laboratory animals and studies of exposed people may include:

- Developmental effects in fetuses during pregnancy and in breastfed infants.
- Effects on the thyroid, liver, kidneys, hormone levels and immune system have been reported.
- Cancer risk may exist as suggested by some studies following long-term exposure to elevated levels.

The Easton Water Division has installed a self-service water station booth on the side of the Water Division building at 417 Bay Road, S. Easton, to provide water that has been filtered for those in sensitive subgroups and other concerned residents.

The station can fill a water container up to 5 gallons. Up to two containers can be filled at the same time. Please bring your own containers to fill.

For more information regarding PFAS and drinking water please see the following resources from which this information was obtained:

[https://www.easton.ma.us/departments/dpw/water\\_division/pfas\\_information.php](https://www.easton.ma.us/departments/dpw/water_division/pfas_information.php). or <https://www.mass.gov/drinking-water-program>.

In coordination with Holy Cross Church and the Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Church is hosting a food drive to benefit the Easton Food Pantry.

**Please consider donating non-perishable items to help with the demand.**  
**Sunday, June 27**  
**11AM - 2PM**  
**Immaculate Conception Parking Lot**

We need a couple of volunteers to help on Sunday. If you are available to help or if you have any questions, please contact Jack De Luca at 508-269-5291.

Thank you for your support.



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