

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Bulletin

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Sunday, June 14, 2026 The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE HARVEST IS **ABUNDANT.**

— MATTHEW 9:37 —





Dear Our Lady of Mercy Parish Family,
Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus looks upon the crowds and is moved with compassion because they are "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." He then tells His disciples: "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

These words of Jesus were true two thousand years ago. They are perhaps even more urgent today.

We live in a world hungry for meaning, hope, faith, and love. Many people feel lost, lonely, discouraged, or disconnected from God. They are searching for someone to lead them closer to Christ. The harvest remains abundant. The need remains great. Yet the laborers are few.

As your pastor, I feel compelled to speak about a concern that affects not only our parish but the entire Church: the growing shortage of priests, religious sisters, and religious brothers.

Many of us remember when every parish had several priests assigned to it. Religious sisters staffed schools, hospitals, and ministries.

Today, however, fewer young men are entering seminaries, and fewer young women are entering religious communities. Many dioceses and religious orders are experiencing aging memberships and declining numbers.

The reality is that in the coming years many parishes will have fewer priests available to celebrate Mass, hear confessions, visit the sick, teach the faith, and shepherd God's people. Some communities already experience this reality.

This is why Jesus does not simply tell us to worry about the problem. He tells us what to do: we are to pray. "Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Every vocation begins in the heart of God. But vocations also grow in homes where faith is practiced, in parishes where prayer is valued, and in communities where young people are encouraged to listen to God's voice.

Parents and grandparents, never be afraid if one of your children or grandchildren speaks about becoming a priest, sister, or brother. What greater gift could there be than offering one's life completely to God and His people?

Young people, if you ever feel the Lord stirring your heart, do not dismiss it out of fear. The priesthood and religious life are not merely professions; they are beautiful vocations through which God continues His work in the world. The Lord does not call the perfect. He calls ordinary people and gives them the grace to do extraordinary things.

This Gospel reminds us that before Jesus sent out the Apostles, He first looked upon the people with compassion. Authentic vocations are born from that same compassion - a desire to bring Christ's love to others, to heal wounds, to proclaim the Gospel, and to serve God's people.

At Our Lady of Mercy Parish, let us become a community that actively prays for vocations. Let us include this intention in our personal prayers, family rosaries, Eucharistic adoration, and parish gatherings. Let us encourage our young people to be open to whatever God may be asking of them.

The Church of tomorrow depends on the generous "yes" of young men and women today.

May Our Lady of Mercy, who answered God's call with complete trust, intercede for us. May she pray for an increase in holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, and may she help each of us discover and faithfully live our own vocation.

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few."

Let us pray that the Lord will send many laborers into His harvest.

God bless you all!

Love,

Fr. Marty

SHINE THROUGH ME, LORD.

Celebrating the light and love of Christ in the Eucharist through sunshine, creativity, fellowship and faith at Seniors Café's Corpus Christi Gathering held last Sunday, June 7.



UPDATE ON THE 2026 ANNUAL APPEAL

With a grateful heart, I am happy to share with you the news that our parish has reached and surpassed its Regular Goal for the 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!

Our parish goal was **\$44,556.75**, and through your generosity, we have reached a total Donor Pledge of **\$55,322.00**. As of this time, the Archdiocese has already received **\$40,784.80** in donations and payments. We are now moving closer toward our Stretch Goal of **\$57,923.78**.

Thank you for your generosity and faithful support of the Archdiocese and its many ministries. May God continue to bless you abundantly for your kindness and sacrifice.



In the Readings at Mass
God Speaks to Us!

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

June 14, 2026 Eleventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Exodus 19:2-6a Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36-10:8

June 21, 2026 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13 Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Regular Collection	\$ 6,717
Assessment	\$ 1,100
Candle	\$ 294
We Share (Online)	\$ 2,070

Thank you for your continuing support of your parish through your weekly Stewardship of Treasure.



SATURDAY, June 13

5pm Antonia Del Carmen (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b JoAnn Valencia

SUNDAY, June 14, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am For the People of the Parish
10am AJ Balbutin (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Annjo Balbutin
12pm Eliseo Villa (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b Jezz Mercado

MONDAY, June 15

7am Peter & Agatha Jun (Wedding Anniversary)
8:30am Jose Del Carmen (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b JoAnn Valencia

TUESDAY, June 16

7am Ursula Kim (Death Anniversary)
r/b Agatha Jun
8:30am Grant Macalintal (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Guiz & Gigi Macalintal

WEDNESDAY, June 17

7am Antonio Bautista r/b Zenaida Abordo
8:30am Aurelio Delgado (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b Mila

THURSDAY, June 18

7am Milagros Afable
r/b Bobby & Hanelli Del Rosario
8:30am Christine C. Porch (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Susan Cailles

FRIDAY, June 19

7am Alfredo Enriquez
r/b Bobby & Hanelli Del Rosario
8:30am Katrina & Marlon Mirasol & Daughters
(In Thanksgiving for Blessings)

SATURDAY, June 20

8:30am Purgatorial Society
5pm Isaak Yu (Death Anniversary)
r/b Karen & Allen Yu

SUNDAY, June 21, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Resurreccion & Vital Dads
(Father's Day in Heaven)
10am For the People of the Parish
12pm Nona Beyo Bertuldo (Death Anniversary)
r/b Fred & Bing Beyo

BREAD & WINE:



The offering for the Bread to be used this week at our parish Masses is given

For Aleza Medina (Birthday Blessing).

The offering for the Wine to be used this week at our Masses is given **For Tony Padua (Birthday Blessing).**

SANCTUARY LAMP



The Lamp burning over our tabernacle in the church is offered **For Kathleen Bongco (Birthday Blessing).**

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Monday – Friday: 7 am & 8:30 am
Saturday: 8:30 am, 5 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSIONS

Monday through Friday 9 am to 9:30 am
Saturday 4 pm to 4:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

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Saturday 9 to 1 pm Sunday 9 am to 1 pm

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MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you or a relative is hospitalized or homebound and wish a visit from a parish priest, contact the Office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held every First Friday of the month from 9 am until 10 am.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names of the sick are published for four Sundays. Please contact the office to add or to continue a name.

Week One

Paul Calefati

Week Two

Bernadette Lim Henry Wermann

Olga Fraraccio





Prayer used June 11 by the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Join Us This Saturday, June 20, at 6 pm in the Maria Room

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