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Month of the Sacred Heart

June 20 2021

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Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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GO TO JOSEPH, A BELOVED AND A VIRTUOUS FATHER

My Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Father's Day to all our beloved Fathers.

All four Gospels refer to Jesus as "the son of Joseph".

Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God's providence.

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation". Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood "by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority

over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service

of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home."

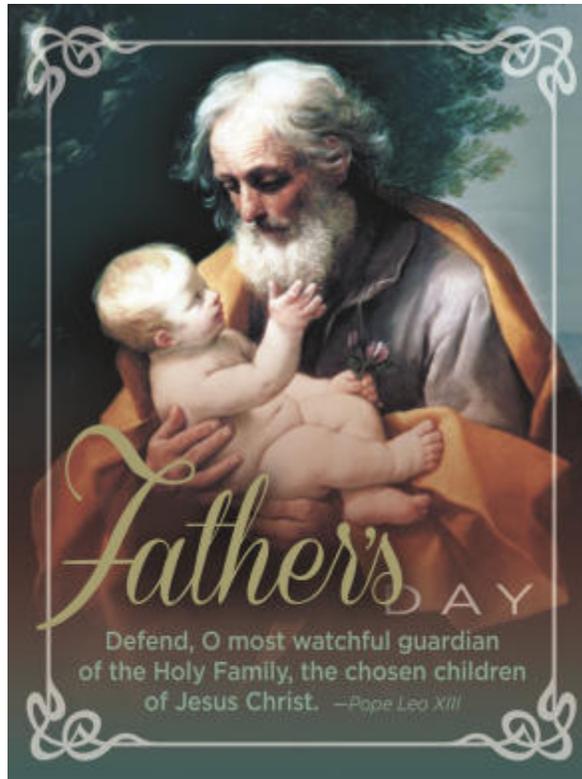
A FATHER IN THE SHADOWS: The Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński, in his book *The Shadow of the*

Father, tells the story of Saint Joseph's life in the form of a novel. He uses the evocative image of a shadow to define Joseph. In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. We can think of Moses' words to Israel: "In the wilderness... you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you travelled". In a similar way, Joseph acted as a father for his whole life.

Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that

child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

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If you have any questions about our parish or would like to join, please contact our parish office

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Confessions: Sat. 3:30pm | **Daily Mass Time:** Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

Sunday Mass Times: Sat. 5:00pm | Sun. 8:30am, 10:30am, 1:30pm (Spanish)

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Children today often seem orphans, lacking fathers. The Church too needs fathers. Saint Paul's words to the Corinthians remain timely: "Though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers". Every priest or bishop should be able to add, with the Apostle: "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel". Paul likewise calls the Galatians: "My little children, with whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you!".

Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a "most chaste" father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one's life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love. A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew

how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the center of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.

Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust. Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs. It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction. Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration.

When fathers refuse to live the lives of their children for them, new and unexpected vistas open up. Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. (continued on page 5)

GIVE



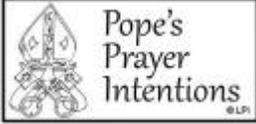
The Peter's Pence Collection occurs yearly on the Sunday closest to June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, as a sign that

Catholics around the world are joined together in support of

the Holy Father. Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.

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PRAY



June - Intention for evangelization - The beauty of marriage.

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Parish-wide Bible Challenge

This week, Mark 6: 1-16. Do you need a Bible? Contact the Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 8:30am to 4:00pm, and Second Mondays 8:30am to 8:00pm. Please come spend some time in prayer and reflection with your family before the Blessed Sacrament.



Church Open During The Week For Prayer

The church will be open Monday - Friday after 8:00am Mass to 4:00pm (Saturday - 8:00am - 3:00pm) for personal prayer and reflection. Bring your family and come spend some time with Jesus. Please enter through the side door of the church.

Prayer to St. Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.
My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.

CONNECT

ENCOUNTER

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS MINISTRY

**Fourth Friday of the Month
June 25th, 5 PM- 9 PM**

Join us for a Friday evening retreat, including Vespers, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation at Mount Angel Abbey, followed by dinner, spiritual conference, & lectio fellowship at the Benedictine Brewery.

Register: louis.nguyen@mtangel.edu Ages 18 to 35 welcome! Suggested Donation \$10



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Calendar and Mass Intentions

Sat, June 19

3:30-4:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass - Steve Garcia †

Sun, June 20 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Mass - All Parishioners
10:30am Mass - Donna Abelsen †
1:30pm Mass (Spanish)
3:00pm Welcome Cafe - Sack Lunch, SVDP

Mon, June 21

Teri Jones, INT
5:00am Exodus 91, YR
6:00pm Cub Scouts, YR

Tues, June 22

8:00am Mass - Sue Ann Jones †

Wed, Jun 23

8:00am Mass - Dennis Torgeson †

Thurs, Jun 24

8:00am Mass - Patrick O'Donoghue †

Fri, Jun 25

8:00am Mass - Penny Hegenbart †
8:45am-4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat, Jun 26

3:30-4:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass - Mike Raschio †

Sun, June 27 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Mass - All Parishioners
10:30am Mass-Margery & Wilton Jackson †
1:30pm Mass (Spanish)
3:00pm Welcome Cafe - Sack Lunch, SVDP

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Sacraments and Services

About Baptism Formation: To begin the process, contact Ryan Mainard, Pastoral Associate: Phone 503-742-8228

Email: r.mainard@sja-catholicchurch.com.

Marriage: Couples that plan to get married, please contact our Parish Priest for Marriage Formation Classes 9 months prior to the desired wedding date. (pastor@sja-catholicchurch.com)

Funeral Mass / Service: Please first contact Rev. Maxy D'Costa at 503-742-8200 to plan a funeral service at St. John the Apostle for your loved one at your earliest convenience. If you would like your loved one buried in the St. John the Apostle cemetery, please contact Gary Avery at 503-655-7148 to make those arrangements

Family Member that has moved to assisted living/care facility/hospice: If you have a family member that has moved to a care facility, please inform the parish office so we can arrange for pastoral care and we will note the address in our records.

Assisted Hearing System: We have an assisted listening system to help facilitate better hearing for all of our members. Contact the office.

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Online Faith Formation Content.

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Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin Announcements due on the Friday, nine days before the Bulletin publication date. bulletin@sja-catholicchurch.com

Weekly Offertory

Week of May 16th	\$ 11,504.97
Week of May 23rd	\$ 16,654.03
Week of May 30th	\$ 12,183.35
Week of June 6th	\$ 6,055.13
Week of June 13th	\$ 14,631.78
YTD Budgeted	\$ 621,968.51
YTD Received	\$ 626,765.06
Difference	\$ 4,796.55

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

On June 10, our St. Vincent de Paul food bank served a record of 44 families. There continues to be a need to support those less fortunate with food for their families.

Thank you for all who continue to support our food bank! This week's need is canned vegetables.



SJA celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, *Corpus Christi*, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in



the Holy Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. The feast dates to the Middle Ages and originated with a visionary nun and a Eucharistic miracle.



One of the key liturgical facets of

Corpus Christi is its procession. Processions have great biblical, liturgical and popular pietistic importance. In the Old Testament, think of the processions with the Ark of the Covenant, or the innumerable accounts of festal pilgrimage processions to Jerusalem. Or in the New Testament, think of the procession of Christ through those first Palm Sunday crowds who shouted his praises. Processions of the faithful enable Christians to give public witness to their faith, give glory to God, and they symbolize our earthly pilgrimage to the heavenly Jerusalem.



Eucharistic processions began shortly after the institution of the solemnity of Corpus Christi. Often splendid and regal, the practice was encouraged by the Council of Trent to reiterate the Church's belief in the real presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

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A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes “useless”, when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care. In the end, this is what Jesus would have us understand when he says: “Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven”.

In every exercise of our fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a “sign” pointing to a greater fatherhood.

In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who “makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust”. And a shadow that follows his Son. (Reflection from Pope Francis' *Patris Corde*.)

Catholic men, husbands, fathers, let's go to Joseph, a beloved husband and father.

Many blessings,

Rev. Maxy D'Costa

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