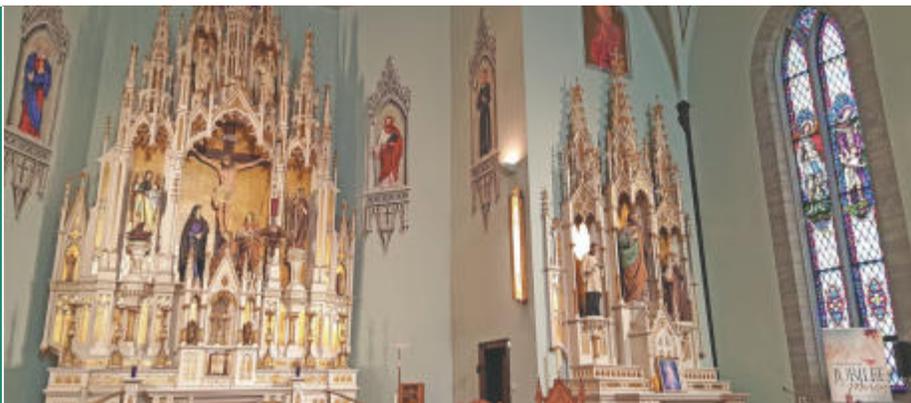


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father.

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of the day with open arms,  
ready to heal the cuts and  
scrapes of the day and to  
encourage us to try again and  
not to give up.

We hold up these men in our  
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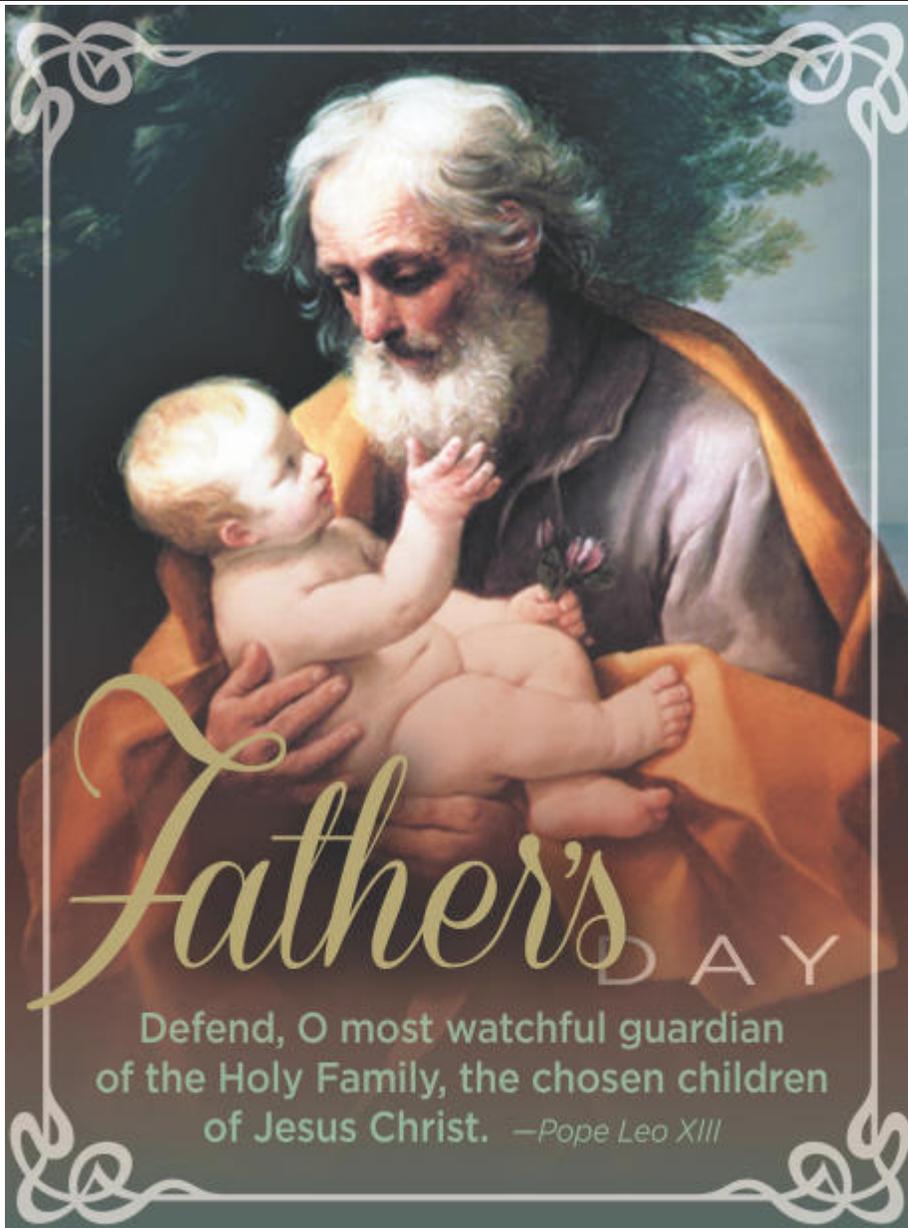
Bless them in their moments of  
doubt and frustration with their  
children.

Give them warm and open  
hearts to forgive failures.

Provide them with the words  
needed for encouragement and  
perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of  
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In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

**White:** Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.

**Red:** As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.

**Violet:** The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).

**Green:** A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.

**Other colors:** **Rose** may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, **black** may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, **gold or silver** may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

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## Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

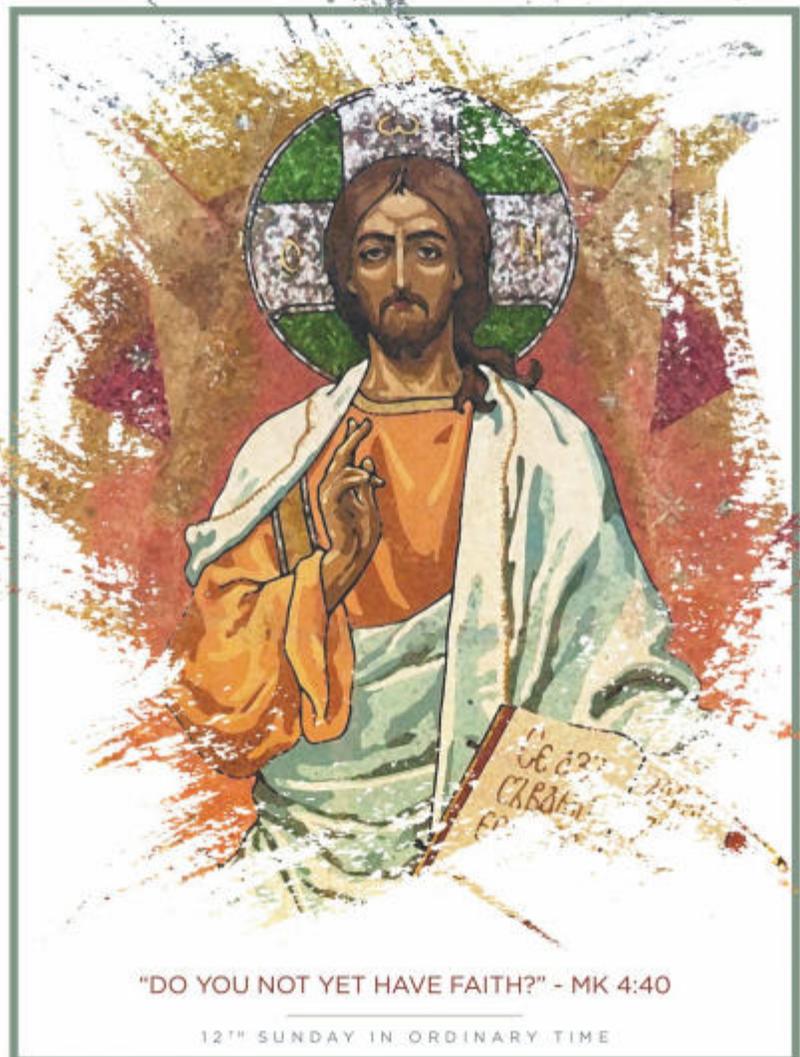
But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

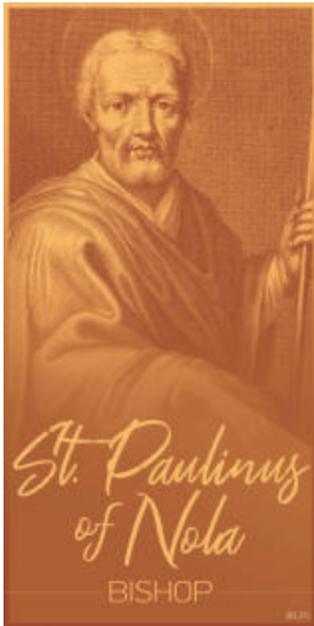
It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He does have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





## Saint Paulinus of Nola

*Feast Day: June 22*

Anyone who is praised in the letters of six or seven saints undoubtedly must be of extraordinary character. Such a person was Paulinus of Nola, correspondent and friend of Saints Augustine, Jerome, Melania, Martin, Gregory the Great, and Ambrose.

Born near Bordeaux, he was the son of the Roman prefect of Gaul, who had extensive property in both Gaul and Italy. Paulinus became a distinguished lawyer, holding several public offices in the Roman Empire. With his Spanish wife, Therasia, he retired at an early age to a

life of cultured leisure.

The two were baptized by the saintly bishop of Bordeaux and moved to Therasia's estate in Spain. After many childless years, they had a son who died a week after birth. This occasioned their beginning a life of great austerity and charity, giving away most of their Spanish property. Possibly as a result of this great example, Paulinus was rather unexpectedly ordained a priest at Christmas by the bishop of Barcelona.

He and his wife then moved to Nola, near Naples. He had a great love for Saint Felix of Nola, and spent much effort in promoting devotion to this saint. Paulinus gave away most of his remaining property—the consternation of his relatives—and continued his work for the poor. Supporting a host of debtors, the homeless and other needy people, he lived a monastic life in another part of his home. By popular demand he was made bishop of Nola and guided that diocese for 21 years.

Paulinus' last years were saddened by the invasion of the Huns. Among his few writings is the earliest extant Christian wedding song.

### Reflection

*Many of us are tempted to "retire" early in life, after an initial burst of energy. Devotion to Christ and his work is waiting to be done all around us. Paulinus' life had scarcely begun when he thought it was over, as he took his ease on that estate in Spain. "Man proposes, but God disposes."*

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-paulinus-of-nola>

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

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Kestrels Youth **Volleyball** Camp - July 19-21

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Questions? Please contact Kyle McElvany, Director of Summer Camps, [kmcelvany@smccmonroe.com](mailto:kmcelvany@smccmonroe.com).



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	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Envelopes & Electronic:	\$ 32,129	\$ 34,350	94%
Church Improvement:	\$ 366	\$ 375	98%

### Readings for the Week of June 20, 2021

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41  
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5  
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20  
Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/ Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4  
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17  
Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

### THIS WEEK ~ JUNE 21 - 27

#### MONDAY, JUNE 21

*St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*  
Mass 8:15 am - church  
Devotions 9 am - church

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 22

*St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;*  
*Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs*  
Michael's Men Meeting 7 pm - SMCC chapel

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 24

*The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 25

Mass 8:15 am - church

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 26

*Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Kershaw - Iott Wedding 1 pm - church  
Confession 3:30 pm - church  
Mass 5:00 pm - church

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 27

*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Mass 8:30 am - church  
Mass 10:30 am - church



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### LITURGY SCHEDULE JUNE 21-27

DAY & TIME	INTENTIONS
<b>Monday 8:15 am</b>	✠ Marcia Greening ✠ Poor souls in purgatory and poor sinners
<b>Friday 8:15 am</b>	✠ Maria Deluca ✠ Salvatore & Giuseppe Arcabascio
<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	✠ Fred Rossi 5 years ✠ Angela Furnari Vitale
<b>Sunday 8:30 am</b>	✠ Jim Korte ✠ Wanda & Gene Bieszki
<b>10:30 am</b>	✠ The People of St Michael



**Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time:**

In the Gospel today, Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples "Why are you lacking in faith." In our life's journey, we also must learn to believe in God's presence and to trust in his care.

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Do we trust that God will take care of us and has things under control? When life gets difficult, shaky or painful, we may find ourselves wondering what we may have done to deserve this fate. Often, we go to great lengths to explain suffering away, as if it has no purpose and ought not to exist. In an attempt to get God on our side in our battle against suffering, our prayer can mirror a question asked by the disciples: do you not care that we are perishing? As we are asking that question of God, God is asking of us: do you not yet have faith? It is for certain that God does not intentionally inflict pain upon us. God has no sinister plot to test our faith or trip us up. Rather, the unconditional, restorative and rejuvenating power of God's love can bring light out of the greatest darkness and gives hope in the midst of deep despair. We have to be patient and ride out the storm. It is our task to deepen our faith that God will calm the wind and draw meaning out of that which seems senseless.

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