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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

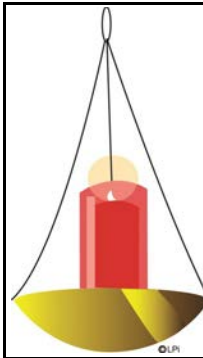


"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

PARISH LIFE



Monday 8:00am	6-29-20 Mary Murray rq by The Diomedea Family
Tuesday 8:00am	6-30-20 Bernadette Shine rq by The Diomedea Family
Wednesday 8:00am	7-01-20 Giacomo Abrusci rq by Loving Family
Thursday 8:00am	7-2-20 Serafina Hanson rq by Loving Family Richard Berges rq by Loving Family
Friday 8:00am	7-3-20 Linda Varlese rq by Loving Family
Saturday 5:00pm	7-4-20 Elvira Fontana rq by Loving Family
Sunday 8:00am	7-5-20 Richie Tringali rq by The Deegan Family Richard T. Walker Sr. rq by Loving Family Jack Gibney rq by Loving Family
10:30am	St. Ann's Altar Rosary & Holy Name Society
6:00pm	St. Ann Purgatorial Society



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SUMMER SCHEDULE

Masses Mon - Fri 8A, Sat 5P, Sun 9A.

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Church Hours Mon - Fri 8:30A - 12P.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2020

SUN 6/28	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
MON 6/29	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
TUE 6/30	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a]/Mt 8:23-27
WED 7/1	Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34
THR 7/2	Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8
FRI 7/3	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
SAT 7/4	Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17
SUN 7/5	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2020

Sunday:	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Tuesday:	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Wednesday:	St. Junípero Serra, Priest
Friday:	St. Thomas, Apostle
Saturday:	Independence Day
Next Sunday:	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

"Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" What do you understand these words to mean? Many see these words as an indication of what may come in eternal life. In actuality, they have more to do with our lives here and now. We are called to die to ourselves and offer our lives as gifts given generously to others. It is not about us. We are asked to serve God and not continue in our service of sin. Life is about learning to do what we really do not want to do because it brings us deeper into the mystery of God, ourselves, and others. Learning how to accept and live with the "small deaths" and sacrifices we encounter teaches us how to live with and approach our final death. We can do so with a heart that has been touched by and is open to mercy or one that is self-focused and closed.



*Prayer
is the bridge
between
panic
and
peace.*

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kg 4:16a)



PSALM

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
(Ps 89)



SECOND READING

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus. (Rom 6:11)



GOSPEL

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."
(Mt 10:38)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

God is Love

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

God Bless America!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Calling Priests Father

Question:

Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer:

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

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**“Whoever loves father
or mother more than me
is not worthy of me, and
whoever loves son or
daughter more than me
is not worthy of me; and
whoever does not take up
his cross and follow after
me is not worthy of me.”**

– Mt 10:37-38

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

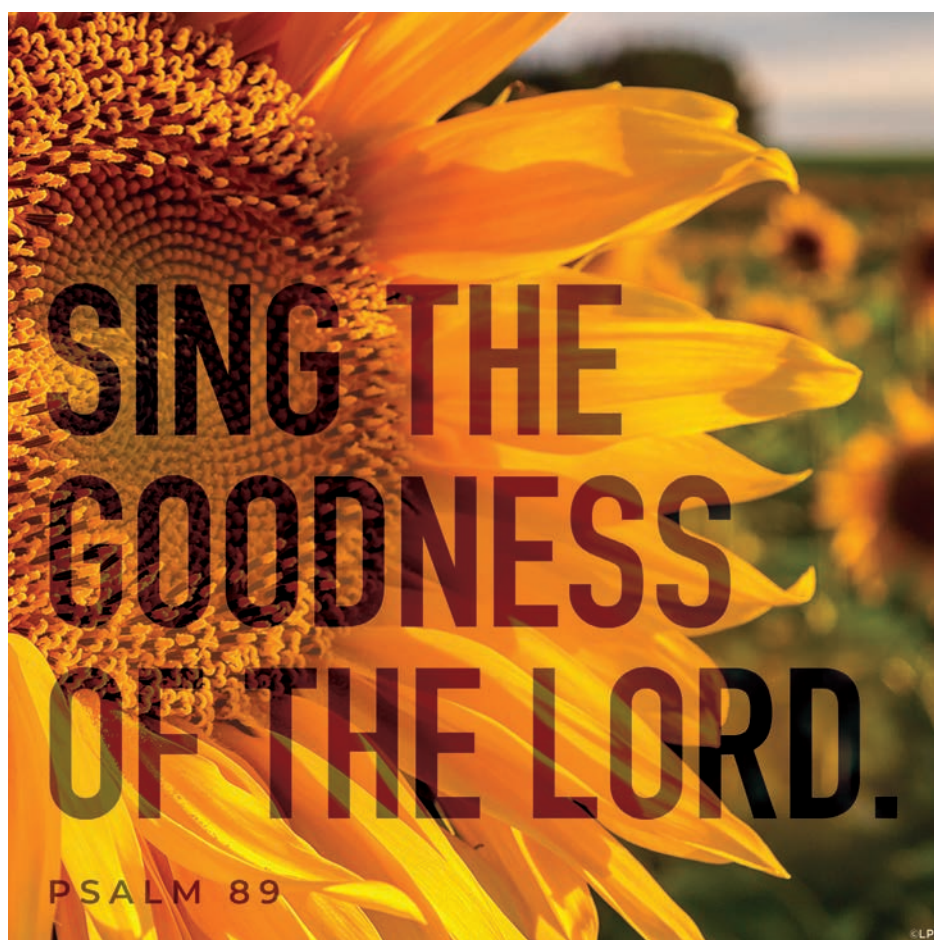
We hear how the prophet Elisha and his servant Gehazi repaid the Shunammite woman for her generous hospitality. When have you shown excessive generosity to another?

Second Reading

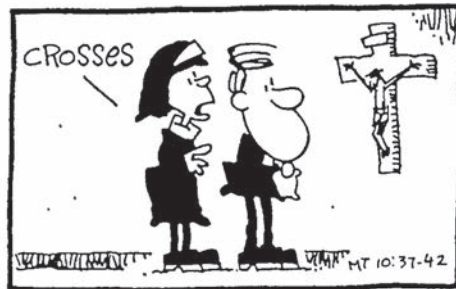
Paul taught the Roman Christians that through Baptism, believers fully participate in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. How should this reality impact one's day-to-day living?

Gospel Reading

Jesus continues to teach his followers the challenges of discipleship. What do you find most challenging in following Christ?



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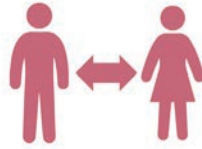


HEALTH AND WELLNESS

3 EASY STEPS

To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

**"IT IS
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ST. TERESA OF AVILA



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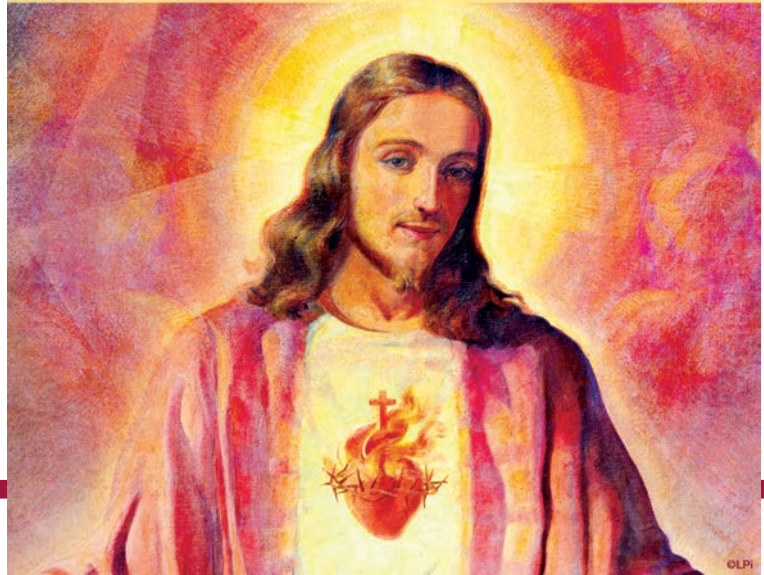
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in
Faith*

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Remember in Your Prayers

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THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



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Theresa Marks, Lucy Healy, Randy Smith,
Patricia Brennen, Dillon Noble,
Pamela Hall, Cooper Ascone, Derek Murphy,
Diane Clinton Teresa Swarrow, Baby Benet,
Ellen Marie Corby, J. Jeter, Fred Dollinger.
Joseph White, Arthur O'Keefe
Donna Malagien, Ceilie Reynolds,
Linda Reines, Bob Wyatt, Gabriele Shuman,
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