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FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The prophet Jeremiah lived about 600 years before Christ. He prophesied that Israel, because of its unfaithfulness to God, would be defeated by Babylon. When this began to happen, many of his friends and neighbors denounced him as a traitor and turned on him.

Paul's letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. His purpose in this passage is not to teach about original sin, but to contrast Adam and Christ. From Adam we inherited a strong pull toward sin. From Christ (the "new Adam") we received a gift that is incomparably stronger: Divine grace.

Today is also Father's Day. For that reason, I'd like to wish all of you dads a very Happy Father's Day! So often Father's Day takes a back seat to Mother's Day, yet both days are important reminders to us of the two most important people in our lives.

May all our fathers know of our respect, love admiration and appreciation of them. If you are fortunate to still have your father with you, give him a call, write him a letter or just tell him how much he means to you. I'm sure it would mean the world to him.

Next weekend Catholics throughout the world are being asked to offer their support for the Holy Father's charitable works through the annual Peter's Pence Collection.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm.
No adoration on Monday, 05/25/26.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

In order to fully partake in the Mass, the Priest should be the last one in and the first one out.

Dress Appropriately ~ remember, you are in God's house.

Did you know...

...that your contribution to the Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency assistance to the neediest throughout the world – those who suffer because of war, oppression and natural disasters.

...that more than 98 cents of each dollar directly support the Holy Father's spiritual and charitable works. Administrative costs account for less than 2 cents per dollar.

...as we participate in this special appeal, we join with more than 960 million Catholics worldwide in supporting the Holy Father's mission, an active expression of Christ's love for the poor.

How did Peter's Pence begin? The beginnings of the worldwide collection for the works of the Holy Father, or "Peter's Pence", are found in 9th century England when King Alfred the Great collected a "pence" from English landowners as financial support for the pope. Pope Pius IX instituted the modern Peter's Pence collection in the 1860's. Since then, special appeals have been held in many countries on the Sunday closest to June 29th, the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. The tradition of an annual collection continues today to support the charitable works of the Holy Father.

The annual Peter's Pence collection provides each of us with an opportunity to give to others, to empower the weak and voiceless, to sustain those who suffer. Please be generous in your support for this second collection next weekend

On Saturday, July 4th, our country will celebrate Independence Day. We have much to be grateful for as citizens of this great and free nation. I invite you to begin the celebration of this day by joining your fellow parishioners at St. Eugene Church for Mass at 8:30 a.m., if only to give thanks to God for all that we've been blessed with, both personally and as a nation.

This year our 4th of July Mass will be celebrated at St. Eugene Church because it falls on Saturday when we have our weekly Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 a.m. Rather than confuse everyone we thought we would just keep our regular Mass time. Please make a note of this. I hope that as many as possible will join together to celebrate our National Day of Independence as we celebrate the 4th of July.

Again, Happy Father's Day, dads!

Fr. Rich Yanos