

HOLY REDEEMER

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Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Summer Hours)

First Sunday of the Month:

The Mass of Healing ...5:30 p.m.

(Canceled Due to COVID-19)

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

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Father's DAY

Defend, O most watchful guardian
of the Holy Family, the chosen children
of Jesus Christ. —Pope Leo XIII

Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

If you are non-baptized or baptized in another denomination and are interested in exploring our faith, please consider joining our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Contact DRE for more information.

Holy Orders and Religious Life

For information on the Sacrament of Holy Orders and/or Religious Life, please contact Fr. Jonathan Wallis, Director of Vocations, 817-945-9321 or email vocations@fwdioc.org.

Adoration for Vocations

The first Sunday of each month, for one hour, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Bulletin Deadlines

Articles for the bulletin should be submitted a week in advance. Friday is the deadline. Phone the parish office or email the office.

Parish Registration

Welcome to our parish! Please pick up a welcome packet located in the Narthex and complete the registration form inside and return to the office.

Sacrament of Baptism

You must be registered parishioner for 3 months prior to baptism. Private baptisms are on the first Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Baptisms during Mass are on the first weekend of the month at rotating Masses.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is a two year program beginning in 9th grade. Contact the DRE for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office to schedule an initial meeting with the Pastor or Deacon 9-12 months before the wedding date. Pre-Cana and NFP must be completed before the wedding date.

Marriage Tribunal

If you were previously married and wish to inquire about an annulment or would like your current marriage blessed, please call Deacon Scott France.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins

If you or a member of your family is unable to receive communion at Mass due to sickness or other disability, please call the parish office.

Readings and Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass...Special Intention

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/

Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

MONDAY, JUNE 22

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5,

12-13/Mt 7:1-5

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/

Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

NO Mass

Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/

Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80/

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

NO Mass

2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/

Mt 7:21-29

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

NO Mass

2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/

Mt 8:1-4

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

5:30 p.m. Mass

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5,

6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17

HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

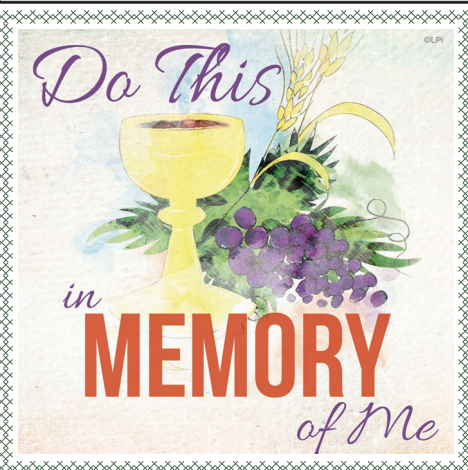
Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in our prayer intention book.

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DO NOT BE AFRAID

Jesus was very clear about the cost of discipleship. It might even entail a family division, persecution, and even death. He didn't mince words when he talked about the hardships his followers would face. And yet, at the same time he says, "Do not be afraid." Isn't this a bit of a contradiction? Does it seem odd that Jesus warns us about future difficulties but then tells us not to worry?

However, the key to understanding this Sunday's Gospel reading lies in what Jesus means by "fear." First, Jesus is telling us that we should not fear our enemies in this world. We needn't have the kind of stomach churning, heart-pounding fear that comes from being terrified of the persecutions we may face. God the Father knows us even down to the hairs on our head, and he will be with us to help us face whatever sufferings we might encounter.

In today's Gospel, the Lord encourages us, instead of fearing persecution, to have instead a healthy fear of the Lord—which is the fear or awe that a person might have in the presence of a good, noble, and magnificent king. That kind of fear empowers us to live out the Christian life in heroic, unfearful manner. By trusting in such a good God who will be with us in whatever obstacles we might face, we are free to be bold in our witness to the Gospel. Now while it's true that some Christians may be asked to give up their lives as a result of following Jesus, for most of us our call to heroism will consist of the daily sacrifices that ordinary life calls for. The sacrifice of forgoing gossip, of enduring insults, of being misunderstood, of holding our tongues and our tempers.

While today's Gospel might seem foreboding, we have nothing to fear. Even the worst thing that could happen—death—has been conquered by Christ's Resurrection.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31



The Nativity of John the Baptist - June 24th

The Nativity of John the Baptist is a Christian feast day celebrating the birth of John the Baptist, a prophet who foretold the coming of the Messiah in the person of Jesus, whom he later baptized.

Blessed Among us:

St. Juan Grande Roman

Juan Grande Roman became known by another name for the most of his life: Juan Pecador, of "John the Sinner." He gave himself this moniker after a profound conversion at age 18, exchanging his finery for a sackcloth habit and beginning a new life in which he poured himself out for the poor and sick.

Raised in a Catholic family near Seville, Spain, Juan became a cloth maker and merchant by age 17. Unfulfilled, he went on a yearlong retreat to a hermitage. He emerged bursting with zeal to serve those in dire need and took into his home a destitute elderly couple whom he supported by begging alms. A year later, he moved south to Jerez de la Frontera, which became the center of his lifelong apostolate.

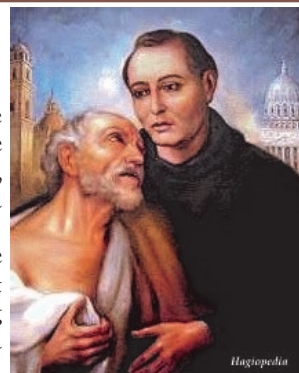
In 1574, an epidemic broke out in Jerez that left many sick people abandoned in the streets. Juan was so moved that he founded a hospital to assist them. Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, its doors were open day and night and anyone was readily admitted, even incurables.

Later that year, Juan traveled to Granada, where St. John of God had founded the recently approved Hospitaller Order. Identifying strongly with the new order's charism, he soon joined their ranks as a professed brother.

Brother Juan's efforts to improve the quality of medical care at his own hospital led the archbishop of Seville to put him in charge of organizing and streamlining the hospitals in the region to make them more effective.

When a great plague struck Jerez in 1600, Juan assisted victims all over the city and soon became infected. He died June 3 at age 54.

Juan Pecador became St. Juan Grande Roman when he was canonized in 1996.



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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



It must have been Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Those were the days that my father for 60 years went by boat to the main island. (There are three islands in Malta). There he sold, bought, and traded all types of merchandise. My mother used to prepare our Arabian horse and cart, and I would go and wait for my father to arrive on our island. I was about 10 years old. He would load his merchandise on the cart and go home which was about two miles away.

I remember the exact location. A few blocks away from the boat, I was sitting on top of those items when my father looked me and said, *"Son, when you grow up, you have to deal with all types of people. With the nice and the rude, with the kind and the stubborn, with the dirty you have to be dirty. Do not let anyone take advantage of you. Be a step ahead of them."* I have no idea what prompted him to say those words to me; however, I believe it was a good advice. I never forgot his words. Maybe since he had to do business with all types of people, he had to go to their level good or bad.

I do not intend to compare my father to Jesus, far from that, but his advice is similar to the advice Jesus gave to his disciples before he sent them on their mission: *"Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves"*. Mt.10:16.

By today's standards, my father was not well educated, but in business, he was an exceptionally successful man. Due to his busy schedule he had to miss many of my school activities, but for the most significant moments he was there. For instance, when I was 12, on Christmas Eve, I had to memorize a long part in the narration of the birth of Jesus. All the mothers came, but I could see only one dad - mine. In many little ways he always showed my eleven brothers and sisters we were important to him and that we were loved.

We prayed the rosary every evening before going to bed. Every other evening, he took us to his parents Grandma's food was always delicious.

My father did not have time to check our grades in school or how we behaved during the day. But if anyone of us caused trouble to my mom and she would tell him, then watch out. Father is mad! Run away! Go anywhere except stay home. Run! Run to grandma's house up the street and hide.

Grandma had a tall and skinny greyhound dog. There were times when I hid in the dog house. But my father eventually found out, and I believed grandma spied on me. It was like the Jesus and Lazarus incident. Jesus said, *"Lazarus, come out!"* Father said, *"Publius, come out!"* Jesus wept. Father was mad. Lazarus came out smiling, and I came out trembling. Lazarus was reunited with Martha and Mary. I had to return home and apologize to mom. This happened many times.

My father had the utmost respect and gratitude to the family that welcomed him and his family into their home. His home was leveled during the war. My father, mother, and three children went to the small island and spent the night outdoors because they had no family or friends there. Yet a family invited them to move in with them. I wasn't born yet. They became our grandparents, and we became their grandchildren.

He never forgot the kindness that the family showed him. When my father died, several people came to pay him respect. They said that there were many times when they could not pay him. He knew they were in dire need or had a large family. He would reduce the price or tell them to pay when they could. No one knew this act of mercy except him and them. He practiced the advice he gave about 50 years earlier. *"Son...be kind with the kind..."* or the words of Jesus: *"I was hungry and you gave me food."*

When I was ordained a priest, the Mass was in Latin. The readings and the prayers were said silently. The altar servers rang the bell at the Holy, Holy, Holy to indicate the approaching time of Consecration and before Holy Communion to invite the people for Communion. They used to say aloud the rosary during Mass.

When the changes came, the priest was facing the people, and the readings were in the native language, people were not allowed to pray the rosary during Mass. I, newly ordained, told my father that he should not pray the rosary during Mass. He asked *"Why?"* I replied, *"Because you have to follow and listen to the priest praying."* He said, *"Son, God forbid that you should die right now because Mary will send you straight to hell."* Maybe he was following the advice he had given 15 years earlier, *"Be rude with those who are rude."* How fortunate I am that from all the things my father had, I have his rosary. Such a treasured possession!

There are two things I vividly remember about my parents. I never heard them argue with each other nor complain about the priests in front of us children. My father was not perfect, but he always gave me a good glimpse of my heavenly Father. And ideally that's what a Christian father should do.

At times earthly fathers disappoint or hurt their children, willingly or unwillingly, but our Father in heaven is *"merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness."* Ps.103:8 *When a dad who loves the Lord, guides, corrects, comforts, instructs and provides for the needs of his children, he models for them our perfect Father in heaven.*

*On this, his special day, thank God for your father. Fathers, what a special name you have!
 We call you by the same name that we address God.*

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

May God Bless You,
Msgr. Publius Xuereb