

# CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH

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Do not be afraid;  
**you are worth more than many**  
*sparrows.*

Matthew 10:31



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**We welcome you to Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish.**

**We trust that the message today will uplift you and encourage you as we share in today's Eucharist.**

**Please know that our doors and our hearts are always open to you.**

**May God bless you and may His light shine upon you.**

## Sunday Readings Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### Reading 1 Jer 20:10–13

Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.' But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 69:8–10, 14, 17, 33–35**  
Lord, in your great love, answer me.

### Reading 2 Rom 5:12–15

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

### Gospel Mt 10:26–33

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5  
**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
**Wednesday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80  
**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29  
**Friday:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4  
**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17  
**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

## The Paradox of Faith

"Fear no one," Jesus says. He is talking about fearing those who persecute you for your faith. In the verses before this Gospel passage, he tries to prepare us for that persecution and says that since it was done to him (Jesus), it would be done to his followers. But he triumphed over his persecutors; they could not stop him. And that is what he promises us. We cannot be destroyed as long as we keep that faith.

Now the best way to keep that faith is to give it away. That sounds like a paradox, but it means that when we spread the faith, our faith grows, too. And when we allow others to share their faith with us, we are encouraged and supported.

Sometimes we may hesitate to talk about our faith. That is the only thing to fear: not Satan's power, but our weakness. That's why Jesus said whoever denies him will be denied by him. Yet Jesus died for our sins, so even they cannot destroy us if we turn back to the Lord. So thank him for his forgiveness, but don't forget to spread the news that you are forgiven. You might give someone else the courage to come back to the Lord, and so score another victory for faith over fear.

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## ENTHUSIASM AND GRAMMAR

There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don't show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today's reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run on sentences that leave lectors gasping for breath. So what? Take a closer look at how Paul's fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage's early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined.

What leaves us in this condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD****SOME THOUGHTS ON FATHER'S DAY**

We don't learn courage and love from the cable news. We learn it from ordinary people who rise above hopeless situations and overcome the most difficult obstacles. My Dad was a great man who overcame great hardships. Dad always put his family first. He taught that our home must be a home of love. Where family, friends, neighbors and even strangers at times were welcome. My Dad never asked for much. The only thing I remember giving my Dad for Father's day was a bottle of Johnny Walkers Red Label. But he did ask a great deal of my sister Judy and I. He asked that we always treat people with respect and love. He taught us to love God, Jesus and to pray, even though he very seldom did. During these past three months, I have thought a great deal about my Dad. He told me that life could be difficult and discouraging but during the darkest times Jesus and He would be there to offer courage and hope. My Dad gave me the greatest gifts a father could ever give his children, He loved me and he believed in me. And Dad Happy Father's Day and I believe that you are always near. I Love You.  
Deacon Jim

**A PRAYER FOR OUR FATHERS**

God, our Father, bless these men, that they may find strength as fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound respect. Amen.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY****PARISH REOPENING PLAN**

To ensure the safety of everyone, we are following all Archdiocesan guidelines as we begin the reopening of Christ Our Savior Church. The dispensation from Sunday Mass and Holy Days continues. We are completed the requirements to be certified to celebrate Mass. Details coming soon.

**Rectory Office Hours**

Monday & Wednesday 10 AM - 2 PM Friday 12 PM - 2 PM

**Reconciliation**

Our visiting priest, Rev. Canon, A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem will be available for Reconciliation on Saturdays at 12 PM in McMahon Hall. Please enter through the door from the West parking lot. Masks must be worn while in the building.

**Adoration**

Prayer and Adoration with our deacons will be on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM and on Saturdays at 10 & 11 AM. Attendance is limited to 10 people. Reservations **must** be made through the website or by calling the Rectory office. Entrance and exits will only be through the marked doors off the west parking lot. Masks are **required** while in the building. Hands will be sanitized by a greeter and you will be directed to your seat and dismissed at the end.

**Volunteers**

As we prepare to be certified by the Archdiocese to gather for Mass additional volunteers to serve as greeters and cleaners are needed. Please contact the office 708 333-3550 if you are able to assist.



### Pray For Our Sick

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	Barbara Ryan	

To add someone to the prayer list notify the rectory office.  
Please contact the office when the name can be removed.

**What you hear  
whispered, proclaim  
on the rooftops**



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### PRAYER FOR RACIAL HEALING

God of justice,

In your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception.

Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being.

Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family.

Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others.

Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change.

Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history.

And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

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### HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Signing up is as simple as going to our church website listed above and look for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the myEoffering page for our church. Simply sign up and begin giving online today! Or scan the code to the right with your mobile device to get started now.



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