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JUNE 21, 2020

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

DAILY MASS

Mo, Tu, Th, Fri..... 8:30am
Wednesday..... 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily
and Sundays.

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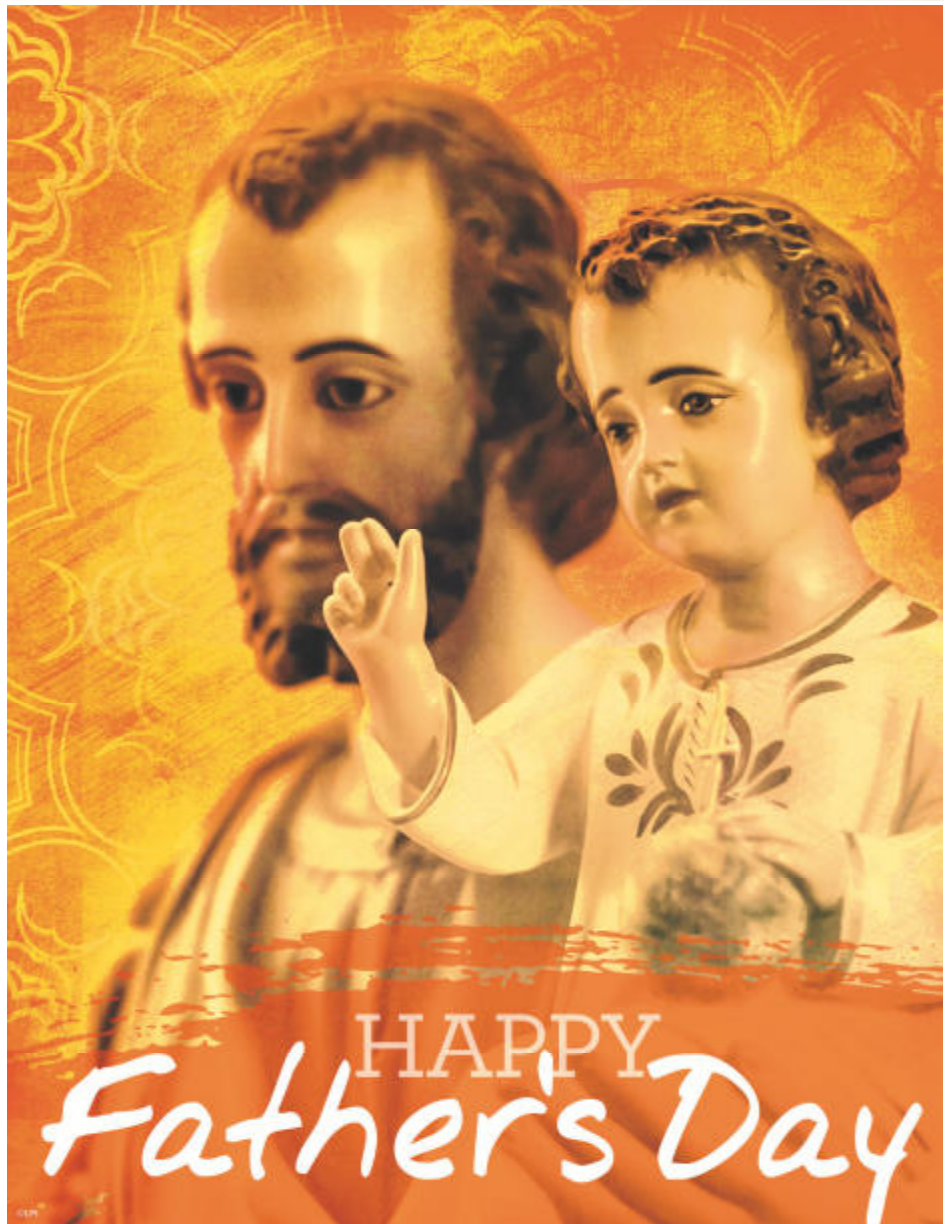
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MASS INTENTIONS

WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE-STREAM DAILY MASSES AND THE 10:30 SUNDAY MASS. THESE CAN BE VIEWED ON THE AOL FACEBOOK PAGE OR ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE.

Monday, June 22 • St. Paulinus of Nola • Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More

8:30 am Eugene Buckley

Tuesday, June 23

8:30 am Pamela Ann Milioto

Wednesday, June 24 • The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

6:00 pm Greg Entremont

Thursday, June 25

8:30 am Jeffrey & Patrick Cupit

Friday, June 26

8:30 am John Rauch, Jr.

Saturday, June 27 • St. Cyril of Alexandria

4:00 pm John Rauch, Jr., Stuart Torres, John Paul Loupe, Cynthia Naquin, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Thiel Bueto, Rosalie Lucia Sander, Anne Roussel Vanasse, Jackie Ragusa, Fisher & Melancon Families, Souls of all babies, Special Intentions

Sunday, June 28 • 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Gwen Booth, Joseph & Verlie Marks, Nancy Freitas, E.J. & Zola Martin, Clarence & Shirley Frost, Steve & Nancy Valure, Merlene St. Pierre, John & Olga Porteous, In Thanksgiving, For members of Lynn Nguyen Family, Peter Pham-Dac, All Souls in Purgatory, Special Intentions
10:30 am Tony & Dolores Dottolo
3:00 pm (en espanol) Law Enforcement
7:00 pm Our Parishioners



VIGIL LIGHT FOR JUNE

In memory of Huey Waguespack

CHAPEL CANDLES BURN FOR

Blessings for Father Walter on his Priestly Ordination Anniversary
Anniversary Blessings for Lloyd & Karen Schexnayder

Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. Join us in promoting religious freedom For the Good of All.

All people desire to know their Creator. All people have a natural impulse to seek the good and to live in accordance with that good. All people can flourish when they pursue the truth about God and respond to the truth. Religious freedom means that all people have the space to flourish. Religious freedom is both an American value and an important part of Catholic teaching on human dignity. When we promote religious freedom, we promote the common good and thus strengthen the life of our nation and the community of nations. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!

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RELIGIOUS
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WEEK

AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY

Single fathers usually sit in the back row of their children's school performances. Fathers who are married usually sit as close to the front of the audiences, with their spouses. Why is this?



Well, we all know how important mothers are to the well-being of a family. However, we as a culture look at single fathers with a bit of suspicion. Fathers are as important as mothers are, but offer a different perspective on life and bring a much needed role in bringing up children. Let us welcome all fathers today to the front row of our lives and acknowledge how important they have been, and continue to be in our lives.

Let us pray...

Gracious God and Father, our first father,
You are the One who has brought us to life in this world
you created.

You created us and everything around us.
We turned away from you
and only after disappointing you did we return your
love.

Look with favor on our earthly fathers.
They helped create us in your image.
We have disappointed them,
but have come to realize just how important they are to
us.

Bless all our fathers, living and deceased, with comfort
and health.
We bring all their needs to you
and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.

We ask all this in the name of your Son,
our model of what it means to reverence our fathers.
In Christ's name.
Amen.



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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, June 22

Tuesday, June 23

Wednesday, June 24

7:00pm Spanish Ministers Training - Church

Thursday, June 25

7:00pm Spanish Bible Study - Piovan Parish Hall

Friday, June 26

Saturday, June 27 • Team 4

Sunday, June 28 • Team 4



Mon-Thurs: 9am - 4pm
Fri: 9am - 12noon



REFLECT - QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

We hear how the prophet Jeremiah turned to God as he struggled mentally and emotionally to remain faithful to his call. When do you find yourself turning to God in prayer?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of Adam and Christ to describe God's gift of salvation to all who believe. What do you find compelling in Paul's argument?

Gospel Reading

Jesus forewarns his disciples that following him will involve risks and even persecution. Where do you experience risk and/or ridicule as a person of faith?

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LIVING THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus knows that the challenges a disciple of the Gospel will face in the world are real. He tells all of us point blank, "Do not be afraid." There are many things we can fear as we attempt to live the Gospel: unpopularity, being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. Many folks know that their faith calls them to live life more deliberately and radically but are cowards when it comes to putting it into practice. We easily justify sticking with the "acceptable" norms with which we are accustomed. These only serve to keep us stuck and mired in mediocrity. The Gospel — given flesh by the very presence of Christ — seeks to stretch, challenge, and change us. We do not have to fear anything, even death. Sometimes, living with our fears brings us a sadly disordered sense of comfort. Maybe what we really fear above all else is change.

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WEDDINGS: Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

ANointing OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office or 985-630-2837 (evenings).

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH



JUNE 21, 2020
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"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."**

Matthew 10:26-33

The readings today talk about fear. While fear can lead to irrational behavior, we must realize we need a good dose of healthy fear that leads to respect our limitations and the dangers this world holds. In the first reading we find Jeremiah sounding almost paranoid over the threats he feels from those around him. In fact, when we read the book of the prophet Jeremiah we find that his fears are well founded. Yet, he looks beyond the fear to see that God will take care of him. He gives praise that God can overcome his human fear.

In the gospel Jesus tells his disciples to "Fear no one." He goes on to point out that despite the real and present danger of persecution, God will not abandon them. So, be bold in proclaiming the Good News. Face the difficulties but realize that you do not face them alone.

In the second reading St. Paul tells the Romans that since Christ died for all of us, we no longer need to fear death. The love of Christ has conquered all things, even fear and death.

All of us face fears in our lives. A common fear shared by all people is the fear of death. As the saying goes, "no one gets out of this place alive." we will all die. We will all face the anxiety of letting go of this life and hope that a loving God awaits us in the next. All that we can rely on to comfort us during those moments of doubt is our belief that 'those who have died with Christ, will live with Christ in glory.'

Fr. Walter Austin

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Will You Say Yes?

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, "Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?" Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

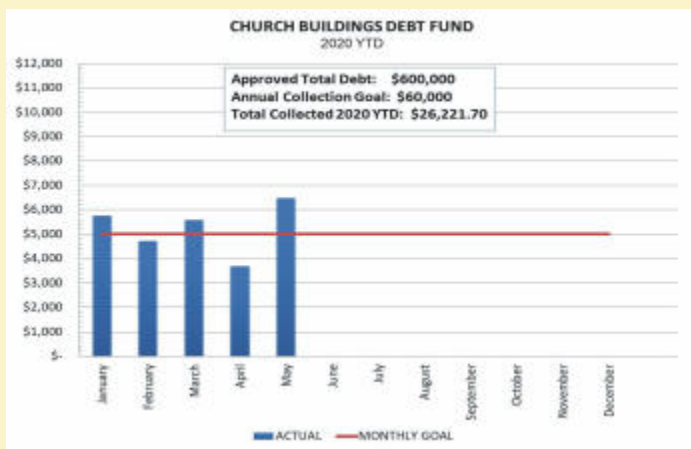
LIVING OUR FAITH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
- Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday:** 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
- Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29
- Friday:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17
- Next Sunday:** 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

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