

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 06/21 (XII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
- 06/28 (XIII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
No Mass Intention so far!
- A big thank you to our Parish Chairman, **Jonathan, and Easton** for their work repairing our church bell yesterday. The bell was in urgent need of attention, and thanks to their dedication and skill, it has been restored and is now set to serve our parish for another 100 years.
 - Great progress continues on the **sacristy renovation!** The space has been freshly painted, with new flooring and electrical work now complete. We are currently awaiting the cabinets from our carpenter, which will be the final step in bringing this project to completion.
 - It is with sadness that we share the news that **John Whitham** has passed away. Please keep his family and loved ones in your prayers during this difficult time. Funeral is expected to take place at St. John's Cemetery, likely on Saturday, June 27th, though the exact details have not yet been confirmed. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...
 - Mass Intentions Announcement:** If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass Intention, please be sure to book it in advance, as we are able to schedule only one intention per Sunday. At this time, the first available Sunday with no intention is June 28, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

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June 21, 2026

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PARISH BULLETIN

XII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FATHERS' DAY

MASS INTENTION

For good health for ROGER GIROUARD and JOHN GIROUARD (req by Jacqueline)

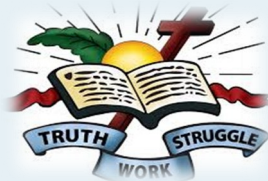
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C: This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with Him we shall also live with Him; if we persevere we shall also reign with Him.
R: But if we deny Him He will deny us. If we are unfaithful He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Lord, in your great love, answer me.”

JER 20:10-13

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!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ROM 5:12-15

GOSPEL

MT 10:26-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

There is something quietly fatherly in the way Jesus speaks in this passage. He is not issuing a cold command to "fear no one" - he is doing what a good father does for a child stepping into a frightening world: he names the dangers honestly, and then he gives a reason bigger than the danger itself. "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" is not a denial of real threat; the apostles genuinely faced persecution, ridicule, even death. But Jesus reframes the fear by drawing their eyes upward, to a Father who notices when a sparrow - worth almost nothing in the marketplace - falls to the ground, and who has numbered every hair on their heads. This is the logic of a parent who has counted his child's fingers and toes, who knows the small, unremarkable details no one else would bother to track. Courage, in this Gospel, doesn't come from grit. It comes from being known and held by Someone whose attention never wavers, even in the dark, hidden, ordinary corners of a life.