



"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." - Mt 10:31-33

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time/June 21, 2020

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
For he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

Second Reading:

But the gift is not like the transgression.
For if by that one person's transgression 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. (Rom 5:12-15)

Gospel:

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." (Mt 10:32)

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of June 21, 2020

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in your prayers the sick and homebound of our parish and those who care for them:

Anonymous, Paul Amyot, Oksana Bajko, Joan Bellanger, Michael Birmingham, Sylvia Boulger, John Brady, Daniel Burnett, Michael Burnett, Charlotte Chase, Eleanor Chase, Major Jeffrey Chase, Susan E. Cotsonas, Barbara Domigan, Michael Doyle, Beth Drzymala, Sammy Evans, Gianni Farinacci, Concetta Florantino, Michelle Foutch, Donald Gaylord, Charlene Genaway, Mary Ann Goodine, Lesha Hardgraves, Robert Havelka, Mary Hayes, Ed Helfer, William Hernandez, David Jaffarian, Craig Kingsley, Doug LaBudde, Jack Law Jr., Pinky Laviano, Kristen Law, Kevin M. Lynch, William Lindberg, Dominick Lizzi, Cindy Mahony, Erica Matthies, Kevin McCann, Gary McDonald, Edin Mercado, Marianne Martinez, Judy Martino, Kaylee Rose Meyer, Luba Mykytiw, Amelia Nabozny, Richard Norton, David Nichlos, Rita Paladino, Tommy Palmer, Elise Panico, Bonnie Pelizza, David Picchione, Pam Polashenski, Helen Rayve, Claire Renn, Tim Renn, William Robinson, Lisa Rossello, Dawn Ruchel, Rita Ryan, Alice Salvatore, Eileen Scott, Maddi Sidarous, Ralph Sitcer, Special Intentions, Bonnie Sperl, Sean Spicer, Kevin Sutton, Joan Torcello, Nancy Troutman, Matthew West, Edward Wheeler, Dan Wiltse, Marybeth Wiltse, Gary Wickes, Chrissy Wills, Carol Wisenhunt, Veronica Wistar, Robert Woodward, Erica Wordon

Faith Formation Resources for Families

~[Here's a four-minute video](#) from The Religion Teacher that explains "The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching" in easier-to-understand ways (geared toward middle-schoolers and older students).

~The Religion Teacher also offers a "[Good Samaritan Lesson Plan](#)" to help parents talk with their children about justice and mercy. The lesson includes prayer, craft ideas, a skit, reflection questions, and an activity page.

~If you would like to initiate a conversation about race with your teens, [check out this reflection](#) by Fr. Scott Vanderveer titled "Two Spiritual Perspectives on Race." Fr. Scott is the pastor of St. Mary's Church in Coxsackie and St. Patrick's Church in Ravana.

~This time spent at home can be an opportunity for positive change. The Fuller Institute offers an article with tips for "[Pandemic Parenting: Starting New with Your Teenager and Young Adult Kids.](#)"

: "[June Saints and Feast Days.](#)"

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Thank you

DON'T
FEAR
CHANGE



Pastors Blog,
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.' "

-Matthew 10:26-27

Our readings this weekend are from the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time, and that doesn't seem as exciting after two special weekends that have followed the Easter Season. Something about the word *ordinary* makes us think of mundane, routine things that lack excitement or specialness. In the sense that the Church uses the term, however, it is meant to communicate that out of chaos, God orders all things and returns things back to right order.

I am excited to announce that things are coming back into order for our churches! Teams are hard at working getting our worship sites in order, procedures in order, and documents in order ... in order for us to reopen soon. Do not fear! When we reopen in early July, we will begin the slow and steady process of a new normal where we worship together with health and safety precautions.

In the coming days and weeks, we will contact people and begin taking Mass reservations for the month of July. We are beginning at a reduced, mandated 25-percent capacity -- so not only will people have to sign up days before they attend our liturgies, but we also cannot promise that everyone will be able to come each week. With a good deal of parishioners unable to join us because they are at risk, it is likely that people will be able to attend at least every second or third week until the government elevates the capacity.

We will continue taping our Sunday liturgies so that you may join us online, and we hope that everyone knows that our first priority is your welfare and the safety and well-being of your family and friends. Our Gospel reminds us today that God intimately cares for each and every one of us. If God cares for the common sparrow and even knows the number of hairs on their head, how much more does God care for us? Let us never forget that.

In this world where we are increasingly sensitive to the plight of our brothers and sisters and the sins of discrimination and racism, our first reading from the Book of Jeremiah is striking. Jeremiah is an innocent victim targeted with slander and treated with viciousness. He cries out for God to save him, and his voice is heard in the darkness. His life matters. The image of bringing justice and mercy to light is important as the truth is revealed.

I have heard our world is like a slow-moving rollercoaster. All our fears are elevated, and the lack of speed makes the journey longer and scarier. Our Gospel reminds us that we have nothing to fear. As we move toward the future, let us work together as we come together to share a sense of Christian unity. We are called to bring healing and strength, and may our return to the Sacraments empower us to get our lives in order.

Soon, our opening plans will be revealed. Nothing will be concealed; no secrets will be kept. Together, we will be able not to whisper but to shout: We are back, and God has never left us! Let us as Children of the Light help in dispelling darkness. God bless you, and let your light shine!

God Bless, Fr. George

"St. Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker,
the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care.
May he always guard, protect, and enlighten families."

-St. Pope John Paul II

