

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

**June 21 - June 27**

<b>Monday, 6/21</b>	9:00 a.m.	Tom Gyarmati
<b>Tuesday, 6/22</b>	9:00 a.m.	Jay Phillips
<b>Wednesday, 6/23</b>	9:00 a.m.	Anna Maria & Paul Kuzma
<b>VIRTUAL</b>	7:00 p.m.	Esther Aguilar
<b>Thursday, 6/24</b>	9:00 a.m.	Filomena De Castro
<b>Friday, 6/25</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sandra Carlson
<b>Saturday, 6/26</b>	5:00 p.m.	Susan Doherty
<b>Sunday, 6/27</b>	8:00 a.m.	Kelly Silich
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Guy Beaven
	5:00 p.m.	Ramon Calingo

**Mass Intentions will be prayed for in a private daily Mass said by Fr. John if not prayed for in a public Mass.**

### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Josephine Fang, wife of Min Xu, Joe Ossi, brother-in-law of Paul Zimmerman, Carmen M. Stohlman.

**Carmen Stohlman:** We regret to announce the passing of a beloved parishioner, Carmen M. Stohlman. She had been a St Francis parishioner since this parish was established and served for many years as a Eucharistic Minister. Carmen died peacefully on June 5, 2021 at Williamsburg, VA where she resided for the last 4 years. She is survived by her two sons Robert and Bruce Stohlman and their respective families. "

**Please pray for the sick...** Fr. Bob McCreary, Fr. Joe Mindling, Betty Johnson, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Jackie Komlo, Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Sandra Kimball, Ed Dudenhoefter, Jackie Roebuck King, Jeni Stepanek. (Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.)

### Readings for the Week of June 20, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
<b>Monday:</b>	Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/ Mt 7:1-5
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/ Mt 7:6, 12-14
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20
<b>Thursday:</b>	Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/ Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
<b>Friday:</b>	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/ Mt 8:1-4
<b>Saturday:</b>	Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43

### **THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR**

Over the last several weeks, we have been looking at *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, a pastoral letter that the Catholic Bishops of the United States issued in November 2018. In that letter the Catholic bishops urge all Catholics to acknowledge “the scourge of racism” that still exists in our hearts, words, actions, and institutions. Racism is rooted in a failure to acknowledge the human dignity of people of a different race. It does not reflect the inner life of God—the Triune unity of three-in-one—that we are called to imitate. Racism manifests itself in sinful individual actions, which contribute to structures of sin that perpetuate division and inequality, as has been seen throughout our nation’s history and into the present. One such structure in need of conversion is the criminal justice system. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have issued a well-written background sheet on “Racism and the Criminal Justice System” that will be my source of information for what I say in this column. Here is the link for the background position paper for those who wish to consult it directly: [racism-and-criminal-justice.pdf \(usccb.org\)](https://www.usccb.org/racism-and-criminal-justice.pdf).

In *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and the Criminal Justice system*, the U.S. Catholic bishops wrote, “Racism and discrimination that continue to haunt our nation are reflected in similar ways in the criminal justice system.” For decades, the bishops have recognized the limited utility of mandatory minimum sentencing for drug and non-violent offenses. Recognizing that the default response to social ills such as mental illness, drug addiction, homelessness, unemployment and illiteracy is too often incarceration, the bishops have advocated for sentencing reform and increased use of rehabilitative and restorative justice programs that focus on education, literacy, job-placement, and substance-abuse treatment.

Over the past four decades, there has been a 500% increase in the number of people incarcerated in the U.S., which now totals roughly 2.2 million. Contributing factors to this increase include mandatory minimum sentences, harsher sentences for non-violent drug offenses, “three-strikes” laws, and changes in policing. The United States now has the highest rate of incarceration in the world. With 5% of the world’s population, the United States houses roughly 25% of the world’s prisoners.

Currently, African Americans and Hispanics/Latinos make up 56% of prisoners but are only 28% of the U.S. population. Although “color blind” on the surface, racial disparities appear in every stage of the criminal justice system, which has built the resulting prison and jail population over decades.

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**June 20, 2021**

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*Would Jesus ask me, "Do you not yet have faith?" Does my faith strengthen and console me during times of trial?*

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Please note the following changes regarding Mass Intentions:

Sunday, 9 a.m. Mass Intentions will be changed to Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass

Sunday 12 Noon Mass Intentions will be changed to Sunday 11:15 a.m. Mass.

If you need a new Mass Card to give to a family noting the Mass time change, please call the Parish Office and we will send you a revised Mass Card. If you have any questions or want to confirm a Mass time, please call the Parish Office.

### **THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR**

- Whites and African Americans engage in drug use at similar rates, but African Americans are much more likely to be arrested for it.
- Although the gap among incarceration rates of different races has narrowed somewhat in recent years, African Americans are still incarcerated at more than five times the rate of whites.
- African Americans are more likely to experience traffic stops, searches, and juvenile arrests, and receive harsher sentences and greater length of sentencing.
- Recent headlines have also raised questions about treatment by law enforcement of persons of color, with studies pointing to racial disparities in use of non-lethal force against African Americans and Hispanics.

We must continue to work and pray against the evils of racism, particularly as it may manifest in our criminal justice system and in the way that laws are enforced.

Let me leave you with this closing thought today:

*"We read the headlines that report the killing of unarmed African Americans by law enforcement officials. In our prisons, the numbers of inmates of color, notably those who are brown or black, is grossly disproportionate. Despite the great blessings of liberty that this country offers, we must admit the plain truth that many of our fellow citizens, who have done nothing wrong, interactions with the police are often fraught with fear and even danger."—U.S. bishops, Open Wide Your Hearts*

Until next week,  
**Fr. John**

### **PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen*



### **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL FATHERS & GRANDFATHERS**

*Thank you for all that you do for your family. May God bless and keep you. Enjoy your day!*

### **SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION IS REINSTATED ON JUNE 26/27**

With Cardinal Wilton Gregory's decision to reinstate the obligation for Sunday Mass and holy days on June 26-27, Fr. John Dillon and the clergy of our parish look forward to welcoming back all parishioners to in-person Mass soon.

Beginning June 26-27, our parish will return to its pre-pandemic Mass schedule of 5 pm Saturday and 8 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 5 pm Sunday. Our last virtual Sunday Mass will premiere at 10 am Sunday, June 20, and our last virtual Votive Mass in the Time of Pandemic will premiere at 7 pm Wednesday, June 23. The last in-person Communion service will take place on Sunday, June 20, as well.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish still follows many health protocols recommended by federal, state, and county health officials, as well as from the Archdiocese of Washington, to celebrate Mass as safely as possible during the pandemic. Please read these health protocols at <https://www.sfadw.org/reopening-our-parish>. We look forward to welcoming you back to the communal celebration of the Eucharist soon.

### **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brother and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, please visit [www.peterspence.va/en.html](http://www.peterspence.va/en.html).

### **VIRTUAL CHOIR RECORDINGS EXTEND CHORAL & INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO PARISHIONERS OVER THE SUMMER**

You can still enjoy music recorded by the Adult Choir and Contemporary Ensemble on the web site's Virtual Choir Recordings page. Since September 2020, the Adult Choir and the Contemporary Ensemble recorded nearly 30 hymns spanning the liturgical seasons of Ordinary Time, Advent and Easter, leaving behind a record of recorded choral and instrumental music during the pandemic. See the virtual choir recordings at <https://www.sfadw.org/virtual-choir>.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATES

### REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WILL OPEN IN MID-JULY

We will be following with care the safety protocols required by Montgomery County and the Archdiocese of Washington as we make plans for next year's Religious Education classes. Please watch for updates on the parish website and through parish communications. We will announce plans and open registration for next year's Religious Education program and sacramental preparation in mid-July.

As we look ahead to next year's Religious Education program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

The Knights of Columbus are looking for new, transferring or readmitted members to share in their Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism activities. Council 2323 supports many St. Francis activities and has many social events. The K of C offers life and long term care insurance opportunities as well as annuities. A new opportunity: join as an Online Member for \$30 per year; go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and click on "Join Us". If you wish you can join the Council later. If interested in learning more, contact Gary Palmer (301) 948-6494 or email [gtdbpalmer@verizon.net](mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

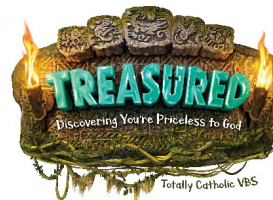
### WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN GATHERS IN-PERSON FOR FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN A YEAR

The Washington Council of Catholic Women is hosting two events this month that may be of interest to women in our parish:

- At 10:30 am Saturday, June 26, Msgr. Robert Amey will celebrate the Mass of Installation of Officers at St. Mary's Parish in Rockville. The slate of officers who were elected to lead CCW-ADW for 2021-2023 are incoming President Carol-Ann Parker; Vice President Cheryl Holley; Secretary Mary Leibolt; and Treasurer Kathy Foley. Following the Mass, members will gather for a reception in the Parish Hall, where a boxed lunch from Panera will be served. Please RSVP for this event by e-mailing [archdiocesecw@gmail.com](mailto:archdiocesecw@gmail.com) by Tuesday, June 22. Please specify if you want a vegetarian lunch and leave a phone number where you can be contacted.
- The Most Rev. John H. Riccard, S.S.J, Superior General for the St. Joseph Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (The Josephites) and Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee (FL) will speak at the next virtual tea to be held at 3 pm Sunday, June 27, on Zoom. Hear Bishop Emeritus Riccard speak on the many faces and blessings of St. Joseph, patron saint of the Josephites. Register by e-mailing [archdiocesecw@gmail.com](mailto:archdiocesecw@gmail.com). The link for the tea will be sent to you prior to the event.

*Send your kids on a gem of an adventure!*

## Vacation Bible Camp: July 19-23, 2021 for children age 4 through those who are completing 5th grade in June 2021



### Registration is now closed.

Parents of registered campers and accepted teen volunteers are asked to watch their email for additional information and updates as we prepare for VBC!

### MATTIE J. T. STEPANEK ANNIVERSARY MASS

There will be a Mass Honoring Mattie J.T. Stepanek on 17th Anniversary of his Death. Mattie, a child of the Archdiocese of Washington, never reached his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, yet his memory and mission endures. Join celebrant and homilist Msgr. John Enzler and the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Guild in celebrating Mattie's life and how to say YES to God at his Memorial Mass on Tuesday, June 22 at 4:00 pm at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church. (6900 River Road, Bethesda) Mattie had a profound relationship with God, talking with God and sharing messages from God with the world. Mattie's brief life had many challenges, yet he accomplished a great deal, writing six bestselling books of poetry and one bestselling book on peacemaking. Mattie inspired tens of thousands around the world with his message that life is worthy, hope is real, peace is possible and prayer is powerful.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEGAL NETWORK SEEKS LAWYERS TO DO PRO-BONO WORK

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, relying on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a difference in the lives of individuals and families struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or at [daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org](mailto:daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org) to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

### QUO VADIS CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN

Quo Vadis Camp is back after a hiatus last year due to Covid. The camp is open to high-school age young men from the Archdiocese and will be held from July 25 to 28, at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg. Register at <https://dcpriest.org/quo-vadis-camp-2021>.