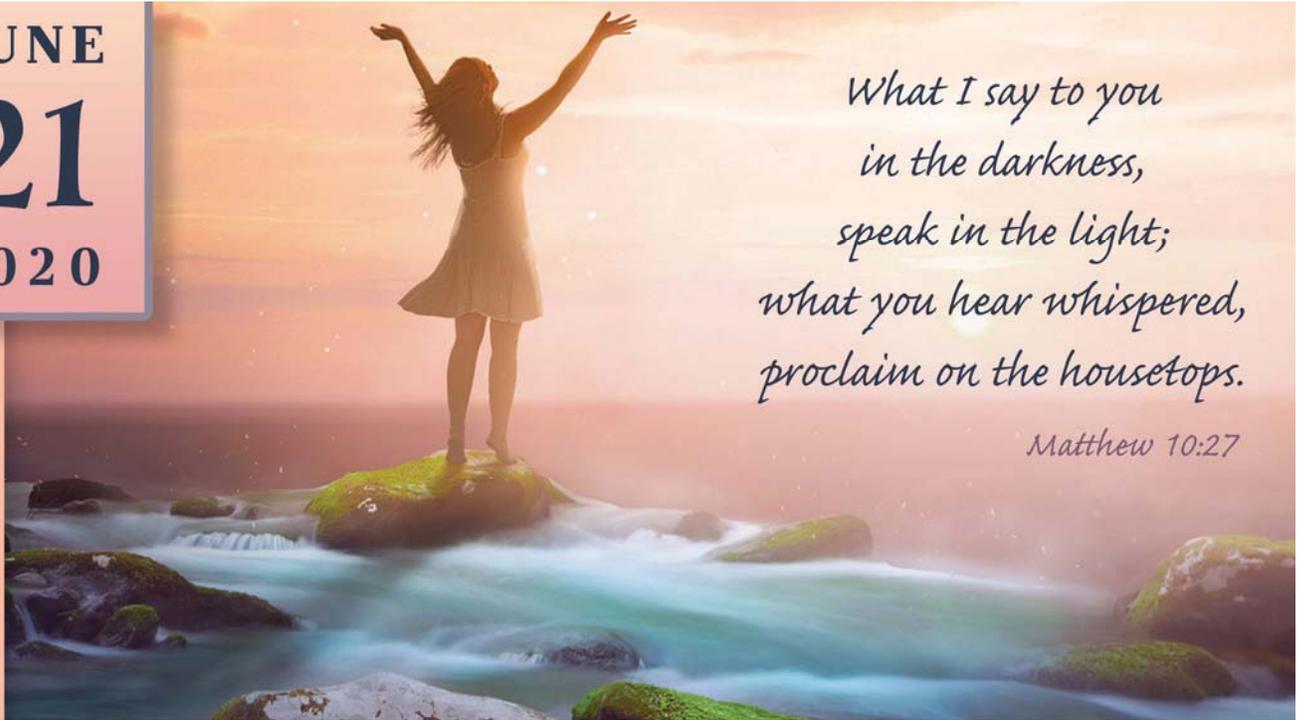


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*What I say to you
in the darkness,
speak in the light;
what you hear whispered,
proclaim on the housetops.*

Matthew 10:27

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

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

Second Reading — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

Gospel — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday to Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30 & 10:30 am

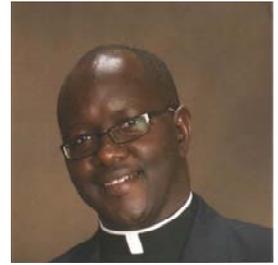
Confession: Saturday 3:00-3:50 pm

Sunday 7:30– 8:25 am & 10:00-10:25 am

All who attend Mass must wear face masks, use sanitizer on entering the Church and practice social distancing.

My Dear people of God,

The Easter season and its attendant celebrations are behind us. We are now to live our lives as an Easter people, a people of the resurrection. We have also had the special celebration of the solemnities of Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity and last Sunday of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ). We are therefore not only a people of the resurrection but also of a people empowered by the Holy Spirit, professing a Trinitarian God and Eucharist centered. It is with that background that we now embrace yet again, the “Ordinary Time” as today we celebrate the 12th Sunday of Ordinary time.



As you will recall, this year (Cycle A) our focus will be on the Gospel of Mathew, walking with Jesus as His disciples and growing in our knowledge and relationship with Him. In the gospel reading today we hear repeatedly about fear. The following statements regarding fear stood out to me as I read: ***‘Fear no one..’; “..do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul”; “..be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.”; “..do not be afraid; you are worth more.”***

One of the phrases that Pope St John Paul II said over and over again in his addresses was **“Do Not Be Afraid”**. It was also like his mantra. As the Vicar of Christ, he was only reiterating what his Master, Jesus Christ said as in the gospel reading today. Why should we not be afraid? Because God is with us. Because He knows and cares for us. This does not mean that bad things and difficult situations will not come our way- by no means. Rather what it means is that when they come, we should not be afraid, because the Lord is with us and will see us through.

It is important to note that Jesus is not talking about the unpleasant, spontaneous emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat. In the face of real danger, its only normal and indeed right to feel afraid. The point Jesus is making is that we should not be overwhelmed by the fear. In other words, in the face of fear, we should quickly realize and have recourse to the one who is bigger than every fear; God! That realization melts away the fear.

These days we find ourselves in the midst of various challenges that are a cause for fear. Certainly Covid 19, the racial tensions and their attendant issues have caused us to be afraid. However, if we sincerely look at or face those challenges as a people of faith in God, we soon realize that they have no power over us. With God on our side, who can be against us? (Rom 8:31)

My dear brothers and sisters, we live in a world where money and power are considered the standard of success. It is a world that places a lot of value on possessions and power and not on God. This distorted value system is founded on the lack of appreciation of the reality that we human beings have a body and soul. We all know that over time, our bodies decline and eventually fail leading to our demise. On the other hand, our souls live on for ever. It is therefore important that we pay attention to our souls. One of the great messages and realizations from the Covid-19 pandemic is the worthlessness of money and power!

The message not to be afraid, at its core is a message to care for our souls. Most of our fears are related to our bodily needs and survival. A person who cares for their soul is not afraid because even if their bodies fail or are in danger, they know that their souls are secure in God’s hand. We see this in our first reading today. The Prophet Jeremiah is faced with enemies out to destroy him. But soon enough he recognizes the presence of God in His life and boldly states: ***“... the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.”***

As we celebrate this 12th Sunday, we let us be reminded that our only genuine fear is the destruction of our souls.

Thanks and God bless,

Fr Simon Peter

A Father's Love

Inspirational Story

An 80 year old man was sitting on the sofa in his house along with his 45 year's old highly educated son. Suddenly a crow perched on their window. The Father asked his Son, "What is this?" The Son replied "It is a crow". After a few minutes, the Father asked his Son the 2nd time, "What is this?" The Son said "Father, I have just now told you "It's a crow". After a little while, the old Father again asked his Son the 3rd time, What is this?"

At this time some expression of irritation was felt in the Son's tone when he said to his Father with a rebuff. "It's a crow, a crow, a crow". A little after, the Father again asked his Son the 4th time, "What is this?" This time the Son shouted at his Father, "Why do you keep asking me the same question again and again, although I have told you so many times 'IT IS A CROW'. Are you not able to understand this?"

A little later the Father went to his room and came back with an old tattered diary, which he had maintained since his Son was born. On opening a page, he asked his Son to read that page. When the son read it, the following words were written in the diary:-

"Today my little son aged three was sitting with me on the sofa, when a crow was sitting on the window. My Son asked me 23 times what it was, and I replied to him all 23 times that it was a Crow. I hugged him lovingly each time he asked me the same question again and again for 23 times. I did not at all feel irritated I rather felt affection for my innocent child".

While the little child asked him 23 times "What is this", the Father had felt no irritation in replying to the same question all 23 times and when today the Father asked his Son the same question just 4 times, the Son felt irritated and annoyed.

From today say this aloud, "I want to see my parents happy forever. They have cared for me ever since I was a little child. They have always showered their selfless love on me. They crossed all mountains and valleys with seeing the storm and heat to make me a person presentable in the society today".

Message to Our Fathers

1. Dad. You have given me the best things in life: Your time, your care, and your love. I am truly grateful to have you in my life. Happy Father's Day!
2. Thanks for acting like a kid when I was a kid, acting like a friend when I needed a friend, and acting like a parent when I needed one. You are the best man I know. Happy Father's Day
3. Dad. Although time and distance may separate us, your guidance, advice, and love has stuck with me through it all. I would not be who I am today without you. Enjoy your special day.
4. The older I get the more I realize how important it is to have a dad like you. You have provided stability in my life and the love and acceptance I needed. Happy Father's Day!
5. Happy Father's Day to my hero and role model. Thank you for everything you have done for our family. We love you with all our hearts.



The Sanctuary Light memory of:

June 14-20

Joe, Clo, Ginny & Cindy

June 21-27

Gail Sonier by Donna Waguespack & family
C J Duet by Ellen Duet and family

DA=Death Anniv.

B= Birthday

Mass Intentions

WA=Wedding Anniv.

June 20 & 21 Father's Day

Sanctuary decorations provided by all those who donated to the Father's Day Flower collection. Mass intentions are on the table at the entrance doors.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL FATHERS**

June 27 4:00 pm

Rudy Thibodaux (B) by family
Gail Sonier (DA) by Donna Waguespack & fly
Fernand Cavalier (B) by Charles & Anita Cavalier and family

Marion Knight by Godfrey Knight

June 28 8:30 am

Rudy Boudreaux (B) by Earline and family
June 28 10:30 am Parishioners of St. Bridget

June 7, 2020

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Catholic Social Teaching: Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Catholic social teaching is based on and inseparable from our understanding of human life and human dignity. Every human being is created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ, and therefore is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of the human family. Every person, from the moment of conception to natural death, has inherent dignity and a right to life consistent with that dignity. Human dignity comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment. (*Uni.Incarnate Word*).

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us. *Ref sunday-connection catholic-resources loyolapress.com.*

**CORONAVIRUS
HELPFUL RESOURCES**

Diocesan Website: htdiocese.org (News, Videos, Prayers and More)
St Bridget Website (stbridget-htdiocese.org) and facebook (facebook.com/stbridget) for live steam events.

God's Word for Children

God knows what happens to every sparrow!
If God is this watchful over the birds,
we can trust God to take care of us, too.
Draw lines to connect the bird halves together.

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Jesus wanted his disciples to be bold!
They didn't need to be afraid—God was with them.
Write the name of each picture.
When you're done, read the new word that has been spelled.
It's where Jesus wanted his followers to shout what was whispered.

Letters from Heaven

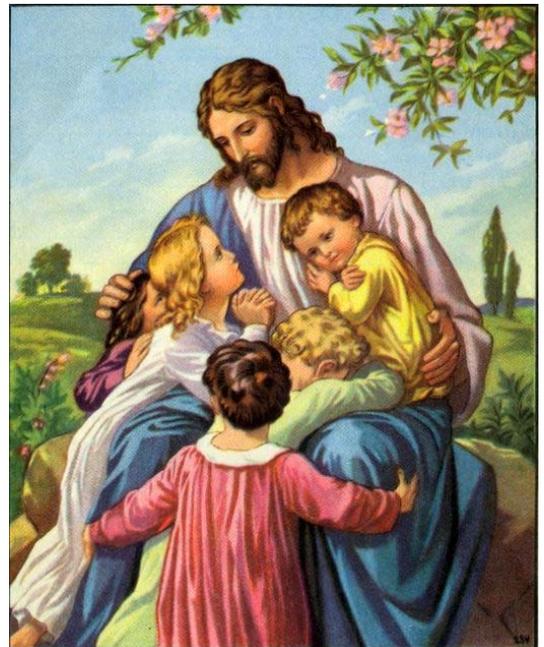
Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before ..."

F	A	L	M
T	Y	Y	N
H	H	E	A
R	E	E	V

M _____ ."

Answer: *my heavenly Father*



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Prayer Line

If you or someone needs to be added to the prayer line, call Nina Richard at 446-1206 or the rectory at 446-6801. In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the sick, elderly, and homebound. Please pray for: Elaine Ables, Susan Arceneaux, Heidi Ardoin, Jacob Aucoin, Sara Aucoin, Elvin Babin, Tommy Badeaux, Chad Barrileaux, Ronnie Bednarz, Chuck Beebe, Gertrude Benoit, Judith Benoit, Fr. Paul Bergeron, Rosemary Besson, Mitzy Bettridge, Gretchen Bilello, Pat Billiot, Preston Billiot, Alvin & Gail Blanchard, Dennis Blanchard, Ronald Blanchard, Cody Bourgeois, Emile "Jay" Bourgeois, Patricia Bourgeois, Troy & Joan Bourgeois, Wade Bourgeois, Connie Bouterie, Beau Brassette, Dustin Brassette, Mark Brassette, Emma Del Broussard, Richard Broussard, Susan Caillouet, Bessie Chiasson, Randy Chiasson, Brad Clement, Bryce Comeaux, Jay & Tiffany Conner, Huey Cortez Sr., Martha Cortez, Randy Davis, Cary Davis, Jr., Barbara & Ronni Duhon, Alan Dunbar, Linda Ekiss, Avery "Brother" and Sonja Fonseca, Darin Fonz, Robin Ford, Marie Fournier, Alisa Frederick, Dante Galliano, Toby Gambarella, Leigh Ann Gardner, Carrie Gibbens Belinda Gil, Brandon Gil, George Gil, The Gil Family, Carrie Mae Givens, Austin Gros, Bryan Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Vergie Gros, Kendra Guillot, Elaine Chauvin Hebert, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr., Jessie Hoffpauir, Samara Holland, Kristen Koppel, Jackson LaFleur, Mona Lambert, Elmay Landry, Judie Landry, Joyce Landry, Craig Landry, Mark Landry, Barbara Nell Lapeyrouse, Allie LeBlanc, Evelyn Leger, Tammy Babin Loney, Tim Long, Payton Martin, Rick Melancon, Asher Miller, Savannah Miller, Emma Mire, Bethany Moore, Meghan Naquin, Misty Naquin, Shannon Naquin, Eric Olivieri, Robert Oncale, Annie Ordoyne, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, Kenneth Pitre, James Pierce, Kip Pierce, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Kerri Reynolds, Bryce Richard, Elaine Richard, Ella Richard, Gladys Richard, Lorita Rodrigue, Susan Rodrigue, Cynthia Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saunier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simoneaux, Penny Simmons, Brenda Sonier, Deacon Ryan Stawaizz, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Pierre & Mary Theriot, Cammie Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Ronnie Thomas, Chris Touns, Joyce Touns, Ricky Turner, Suzanne Usey, Sara Day Vignes, Allison Walters, and Wanda Wawrose, Anna Wooten. *Please notify the office when name can be re-*

FATHERHOOD

When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.

—William Shakespeare

WHAT WE LOVE

We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love.

—St. Francis de Sales

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Patroness of the Americas

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It has long been a Catholic understanding and practice that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

(As you follow the Mass on facebook, this is the prayer to pray at the time for Holy Communion)

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 *By St Alphonsus Liguori*

BAPTISM

Prior to baptizing a child, the parents and Godparents must attend a baptismal seminar.

Those seeking to baptize a child must complete a registration form. Forms can be found on line or at the Church office.

Qualifications for sponsors of a baptism.*

Must be confirmed * Must be a practicing Catholic * Must be at least 16 years old * If married, it must be a Catholic marriage.



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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 lecturers 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.

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



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Please Pray for the repose of all souls, especially the Soul of

Jesus "Jessie" Moncivaiz

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. **Amen.**