

# MASS INTENTIONS: June 22-28

# THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 21, 2020



## REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

The first reading, Jeremiah 20:10-13, begins as the prophet's prayer of lament. [Note: to get the full impact of Jeremiah's frustration with his prophetic calling, read from the beginning of chapter 20.] Jeremiah is angry that God has called him to deliver the terrible message that Jerusalem will fall to the Babylonians (See Jeremiah 19: 1-15). When Jeremiah obediently proclaims that soon Jerusalem will experience "terror on every side," the Jews neither repent of their sins nor beg God to protect their city. Instead, they insult Jeremiah and belittle his message by repeating it over and over in a mocking tone. Their foolish behavior is the result of a mistaken belief that no matter how great or how numerous are the sins of His people—God would never permit his holy city and sacred Temple to be captured and destroyed.

Jeremiah is trapped in a no-win situation. He is hurt by the insults of his former friends; some laugh at him behind his back and others condemn him publicly. When Jeremiah hears the Jews mocking the words God told him to speak, he fears that they will do him physical harm in retaliation for daring to prophesy against Jerusalem.

Jeremiah does not want to proclaim God's outrage at His people's sinfulness only to have the people turning against him rather than returning to God. Jeremiah no longer wants to be a prophet, so he tries to remain silent when God speaks. However, he quickly learns that God's words burn like fire in his heart until he proclaims God's message. While Jeremiah continues to warn of the city's inevitable destruction, the unrepentant Jews become increasing **CONTINUED ON BACK, COLUMN 2**

### MONDAY 8:00 AM:

Vernon Keller  
Fr. Francis Schexnayder  
by Patsye Lunk

Murphy Robert  
by Marjory Robert

Clarence "Lefty" Wegmann  
by Lillian Wegmann

### TUESDAY 8:00 AM:

Tevin Philip  
by Ela Philip

### WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM:

Elray J. Hymel  
by Tim Vial & Family

### THURSDAY 8:00 AM:

Communion Service  
(NO MASS)

### FRIDAY 8:00 AM:

Deborah Petit  
by Kerry Petit

### SATURDAY 8:00 AM:

Elray Hymel  
by Ernest & Shirley Webre

### SATURDAY 5:30 PM:

Edwin & Anita Norris  
Henry & Aline Robert  
by Ernest & Shirley Webre

Elray Hymel  
by Tim Vial & Family

Philonese Petit  
Herbert Robert  
by Sandra Ward

Marcelin & Mercedes Caillet  
by Meriel & Scott Loupe Family

Judith Zeringue  
Raymond & Betsy Zeringue  
by Barbara & Charlie Gaubert

Ronnie Galley  
by Friends

### SUNDAY 9:30 AM:

Parishioners of St. Mark



The Mass Intentions that were missed because the church was closed have been rescheduled.

**From July through the end of the year, we have many 8:00 am weekday Masses and some 5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Masses that are open for intentions.** If you would like to schedule a Mass, e mail (stmarkama@arch-no.org) or call the Parish Of-

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Dutch Kappel, Dolena Robert, Carol Jones, Sam Granier, Monica Schexnaydre, Audrey Zeringue, Dana Jones, Gay-Lynn Folse, Morris Zeringue, Gaye Webre, Lynell Wipple, Francis Robicheaux, Sandra Cortez, Ernest Webre, Mike Guillot, Diane Triche, Joyce King, Easton Owen, Glenna Smith, Vanessa Johnson, Juli Zeringue, Euclid Boudreaux, Elsie Sandolph, Larry Landry, Donna Theriot, Troy Pintado, Kerri Breaux, Geraldine & Hilton Landry, Mabry Laviolette, Linda Caminata, Mende Ford

**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYER REQUEST LIST.**

**PLEASE CALL, ALSO, TO REMOVE NAMES FROM THE LIST.**

**Let us pray: That through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, we will be spared damage to life and property during the hurricane season.**



SANCTUARY LAMP IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

**VICTORINE LUQUETTE**

(June 21-27)

by Deborah & Albert Lu-



SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:

**STEVE LUQUETTE** (living)

(June 28-July 4)

by Deborah & Albert Lu-

**MORE INFORMATION ON BACK**



# Happy Father's Day

**WHEN A MAN WALKS IN  
INTEGRITY AND JUSTICE,  
HAPPY ARE HIS CHILDREN  
AFTER HIM!**

Proverbs 20:7



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## **JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Dear LORD,  
We know that your Sacred Heart burns with love for all people and bleeds for all people who are suffering and in pain. We ask your divine Heart to heal all human hearts that are hardened by hatred and bitterness. Just as your Sacred Heart offers forgiveness, acceptance and peace to all, so may our hearts offer understanding, justice and respect to one another.



## **ATTENDING MASS DURING "PHASE" 2:**

So far, weekend Mass attendance has been low, so seating has not been a problem.

**WE WELCOME WALK-INS—AS LONG AS SAFE-DISTANCE SEATING IS AVAILABLE; HOWEVER, IF YOU WANT TO ENSURE YOUR SEAT, YOU SHOULD CALL THE PARISH OFFICE (504-431-8505) BETWEEN NOON AND 3:00 pm M-F.**

**For the safety of others, you must wear a mask. For the safety of Fr. Ed, you must receive holy communion in your hand.**

Fr. Ed celebrates weekday Mass at 8:00 am every day except Thursday. The Archbishop said that Those who wish to attend a weekly Mass and receive holy communion at a less "crowded" service could attend a weekday Mass. About ten people regularly attend our weekday Masses.

## **Reflection on the Readings continued . . .**

angry and abusive toward him. Then suddenly, in the middle of his lament, Jeremiah experiences a moment of spiritual insight that changes his lament into a prayer of confidence.

Jeremiah realizes that in wanting to avoid doing God's will, he is no better than those who want to avoid keeping God's commandments. He remembers that as long as he is faithful and obedient to God, he will have nothing to fear. When God first calls him to be a prophet, He promises to reward his faithfulness and to deliver him from his enemies (see Jeremiah 1:4-10). [Note: Jeremiah lives 600 years before the birth of Christ; thus, the Christian virtues of loving one's enemies and praying for one's persecutors are unknown to him. He follows his traditional religious practice of praying against his enemies. He expects God to avenge the righteous by destroying the evildoers.] As Christians, we must not imitate Jeremiah's desire for vengeance on his adversaries; however, we can learn from his insight. We, too, should realize that no matter how difficult or dangerous our situation, we can be confident and unafraid because God protects his faithful ones.

The Gospel, Matthew 10:26-33, is part of a longer passage in which Jesus sends his Apostles on a mission to tell others about the Kingdom of God. Although their "practice" missions are without incident, Jesus warns them of the dangers to come. Jesus knows that after he returns to his heavenly Father, his followers will suffer persecution and many will be put to death for teaching in his name. So, Jesus assures them that they have nothing to fear from those who kill their mortal bodies, but they must beware of those who can kill both body and soul.

As long as the disciples continue on their mission to proclaim Jesus as Savior and Lord, God will strengthen them on earth and reward them in heaven. Jesus promises that his loving Father—who is aware of every tiny sparrow—will certainly look after his disciples. Thus, the disciples must continue to speak in the name of Jesus; even the certainty of suffering or the probability of death are not excuses to be silent. If the disciples give in to fear and deny Jesus, they may temporarily escape persecution on earth, but they will have to face eternal consequences when they stand before God the Father in heaven.



In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples the same lesson that Jeremiah learns in the first reading: as long as we do God's will, we can be confident and unafraid! Because of Jesus, we know more about God than Jeremiah did. Through Jesus' words, we know that God loves all of us as the unique individuals He created us to be, and through his actions, we know that God sacrificed His own Son so that we could be with him forever in heaven. Secure in the knowledge of our eternal reward, we should never fear the earthly risks that we must take in Jesus' name.