

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

With mass shootings and acts of domestic terrorism on the increase while the “war on terror” continues, we can identify all too easily with Jeremiah’s words: “Terror on every side!” (Jeremiah 20:10). Jeremiah himself continually felt threatened because he repeatedly condemned the unfaithful kings of Judah. Jeremiah constantly struggled with his calling. When even his friends turn against him, he succumbs to doubt and anger. Yet he perseveres in his mission. He convinces himself that with the LORD at his side his enemies will not win in the end. Just as God has rescued the poor and the persecuted, God will rescue him. • Both Jeremiah and the psalmist are subjected to abuse, even from those close to them. Jeremiah’s former friends “are on the watch for any misstep of mine” (Jeremiah 20:10). The psalmist has “become an outcast to my kin, a stranger to my mother’s children” (Psalm 69:9). In the end, both place their trust in the LORD. “Sing to the LORD . . . for he has rescued the life of the poor,” says Jeremiah (20:13). “I pray to you, O LORD, . . . for the LORD hears the poor,” says the psalmist (69:14, 34). God’s mercy to the neediest gives them confidence. • Jeremiah pleads to God not just for deliverance, but retribution. “Let me witness the vengeance you take on them,” he prays (20:12). He wants to see his enemies hurt as badly as they’ve hurt him. Jesus wants his disciples to stay strong despite rejection and persecution. He assures them repeatedly, “Do not be afraid” (10:26, 28, 31). How can he say this? Because he knows his Father’s care exceeds any harm the world can inflict. This enables him to take up his cross when facing the ultimate persecution. May we be assured of God’s care through all our trial

Weekly Collections



Sunday, June 14, 2020

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Envelopes.....\$4,380.00

Loose.....\$ 589.00

Total Collection.....\$4,969.00

Insurance Support.. \$610.00

Thank you for your generosity.



SANCTUARY CLEANING

Important Notice

We are resuming our cleaning schedule: June 27th,

Group A: Mary Aguilar, Marie Dearstine, Katie Liljeberg, Suyapa Martinez and Tirza Huezo. Thank you for all you do to keep God’s house in good order.

Today we are plunged back into the Sundays in Ordinary Time, where we are swiftly reminded that life can be difficult and even dangerous, leaving us in need of reassurance and comfort. Paul writes that as terrible and pervasive as sin is, God’s grace and Jesus’ salvific act overflow for the multitudes. Finally, Jesus comforts his disciples, telling them that if God knows and cares for the tiniest sparrow, they should have nothing to fear. Therefore, no matter how overwhelming our fears are, we can still sing out, “Lord, in your great love, answer me,” confident that our pleas are heard. (Psalm 69:14c)

Question of the Week

When am I unwilling to stand up for what I believe? What fears prevent me from bringing my faith into the light? What fears can I place in God’s hands, assured of His overflowing care?



Mass Intentions for this week:

Saturday Vigil, June 20th

4:00 p.m.: *For all Fathers living & deceased*

Sunday, June 21st

8:00 a.m.: *For all Fathers living & deceased*

10:00 a.m. : *For all Fathers living & deceased*

12 pm: *Por vivos y difuntos de todo padre*

6:00 pm: *For all Fathers living & deceased*

Monday, June 22nd 6:00 p.m.:

Roland Barrilleaux & Catherine Scioneaux

Tuesday, June 23rd 6:00 p.m.:

Gervais & David Lasserre

Wednesday, June 24th 6:00 p.m.:

Gladys Campo

Thursday, June 25th 6:00 p.m.: Edward Chris-

tian Gerding

Friday, June 26th 6:00 p.m.:

Dewey & Keith Waguespack

Vigil Lights for the week of June 20th:

Blessed Sacrament in loving memory of Gerald & Troy Richoux.

Blessed Mother in loving memory of Laurent Verdin.

St. Joseph in loving memory of Betty Verdin.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you! The Society expresses sincere thanks to all who gave cash and food donations to help those less fortunate in our community. We have envelopes in the pews if you would like to use them to place your donation in. Your generosity is appreciated.

The following is a summary of assistance provided during the month of **March, April & May:**

Number of persons assisted....182

Number of food boxes distributed....79

Anyone needing assistance, that lives in the area of Immaculate Conception Church, or **if you are interested in joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist the poor, please call us at 504-347-1507.**

Father's Day Remembrance:

Joseph Chighizola, Morris Blanchard, Roy Scioneaux, Sr., Charles Capdeville, Leon P Dantin, Anthony DiMarco, Sr., EJ Plaisance, Vernon Guillot, Bouvior & Stauter Families, Robert "Bobby" Verrett, Deacon Rodolfo J Martinez, Magdaleno Cruz, Carlos Casanova, Thanksgiving to St. Joseph, U C Broussard, Lindsay, James & Kenneth Broussard, Ellis Robeaux, Sr., Ellis Robeaux, Jr. , Bernard Dearstine, Lino Rampanelli, Albert Rampanelli, Albin Simon, Curtis Simon, Jean Baptiste St. Pierre, Gene Firmin, Sr., Patrick Rivers, Henry Thibodeaux, Sr., Henry Thibodeaux, Jr., Charles Thibodeaux, Joseph T Simon, Jr., Roy A Tomino, Sr., Gillis Adams, Sr., Earl K Booth, Sr., Gillis Adams, Jr., Charles Baras, Santiago Cerrato, Jesus A Carrillo, Errol Theriot, Charlie Licciardi, Charlie P Licciardi, Sr.Dennis Naquin, Sr., Walter Bartolo, Philip Rotolo, T H Keller, Thomas J Jenniskens, W A Rau, Larry Michel, Jr., Ernest Doc Paulin, Ralph White, Rickey Patrick Paulin, Louise White, Paul White, Willie Farve, Jr., Hayes Breaux, Sr., Willie Farve, Sr., Marius J Rouchon, Richard Rouchon, Duval P Danos, Valmont Roundtree, Johnny Rouchon, Amedee Gervais, Eric Tourelle, Sergio Quinone, Orlando Parrino, Giacomo Parrino, Raphael Ragusa, Vic Cortez, Frank Ragusa, Joe Ragusa, Eusebea "Boy" Galiano, Forrest Plaisance, Victor Cortez, Wiley McDaniel, Ernest Hymel, Carroll Hymel, John McCall, Orlando Parrino, Marse Ledet, Roussell Family, Anthony P Lomonaco, Evans Foret, Joseph Gonzales, Carl J Gonzales, Jr., Guy Adams, Benjamin Hernandez, Frederick B Martinez, Sr. and David Loyola, Sr.