

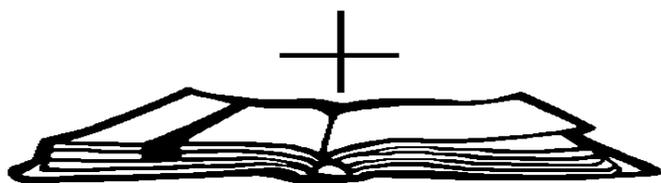
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 June 21, 2020
 Sing to the Lord,
 praise the Lord,
 for he has rescued the life of the poor.
 — Jeremiah 20:13

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 lectors 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!

Mass Intentions



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Sat. June 20, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Anne Montgomery, Sean Dawson, Sylvia Callihan, and for the living: Special Intention, Kara Murphy, Doris Bourgeois, Emile Brewer, Wilma Ferran, Gwen Saucier, Dottie Zimmermann, Jim Blanke

Sun., June 21, 7:30 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule', Carol Pieri, Gloria Farbe, David Tucker, Donald Mossy, Kathleen Barrett, Pete Arceneaux, Al Satches, and for the Living: Jon Craig, Kathy Craig, Robert Howell, Carol Tucker, Jean Hotard, Pamela Groomer, Linda Carlin

Sun., June 21, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., June 21, 11:00 a.m. Evelyn Matherne (L)

Mon., June 22, 8:00 a.m. Kathy Craig (L)

Tues., June 23 NO MASS

Wed., June 17, 8:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

Thurs., June 18, 8:00a.m. Mrs. Ann Ensley (L)

Fri., June 19, 8:00 a.m. Sylvia Callihan

PRAYER LIST

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| James Michael Cole | Dot Willie |
| Scott St. Romaine | Freddie Addotto |
| Fred Kopfler | Louise Cashmere |
| Florence Hoffman | Nita Addotto |
| Joseph Hadad | Richard Atkins |
| Roy M. Piazza | Ruthi Olson |
| Pam Addotto | Margaret Jones |

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| Envelopes | \$ 2,752.00 |
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THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

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| Sanctuary | Kathy Craig (L) |
| Blessed Mother | Alexander Bradford |
| St. Joseph | Charlie Armstrong Jr. |
| St. Ann | Mary Anne Treuil (L) |

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN HONOR OF:

All Fathers

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

St. John's Prayer Blanket Ministry has blankets available to parishioners only to bring to loved ones who are ill. Blankets are available in two sizes. Completed blankets are blessed and packaged with a prayer card. This is usually done at the meetings. Even though they are practicing social distancing the ladies are sewing and sanitizing from home. Blankets are free, but any donations received will be used to purchase material and supplies. For more information, call Kathy Mauthe at 985-796-9245.

IMPORTANT!

Please be considerate of others before Mass begins by keeping a respectful silence in Jonathan Hall which has become our place of prayer. Also, when leaving Mass remember to keep the prescribed social distance. Thank you!

SPACE AVAILABLE AT CAMP ABBEY

Due to recently announced state restrictions on sleep away camps. Camp Abbey Summer Camp has transitioned to an extended day camp. Camper check-in is 8:30-9:00 a.m. and check-out is 8:30-9:00 p.m. Monday-Friday at \$350 per week. Lunch and dinner are included. There are vacancies for all remaining sessions of boy's camp (ending June 26). The status of girl's camp registration is currently being reassessed. More information and camper registration through the camper parent portal is at www.campabbey.org

UPDATING PARISHIONER INFORMATION

In These trying times we have learned a lot about reaching out to friends, family and loved ones. Now it is so important to have constant updating on parish family contact information. We have learned the fastest way to notify and inform parishioners of events is with our Parish Database. We can reach out to all parishioner families at once. To do this we need you to give us your email that would be most effective for you. In the coming weeks you may receive a phone call from a member of our Outreach Committee. You can give them your updated information and an email address. Please call the office at 796-3806 or email stjohnfolsom@arch-no.org.

RICE BOWL

The Outreach Committee and the CRS Rice Bowl thanks everyone who participated in Lenten campaign. Your donations totaled \$658.89. Our community changed lives this Lent THANK YOU!

REMINDERS

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

AMEN

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH OUR PATRON SAINT

John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.

John began public ministry around 30 AD and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you."

Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Pivotal Player will resume on the third Sunday of every month beginning in July. We will meet in Odilo Hall from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The wearing of masks and social distancing will be observed. We will study St. Benedict on Sunday July 19th. St. Benedict cast a light in a world darkened by the fading light of classical culture. His insistence that the Gospel should be embodied in communities of friendship and peace, guided by the sacrifices of poverty, chastity, and obedience, became a cultural matrix and unleashed a vigorous spiritual dynamism from which a new civilization would emerge.

In order to come to a deeper understanding of our family of faith, the local church of St. John the Baptist will be undertaking a 40-week study of the history of the Catholic Church. The study will use as its outline the Ascension Press Epic series while at times focusing in detail on the impact of pivotal players on Church history. The study will view several movies to help us understand key time periods in the history of the Catholic Church. The study will begin on Monday July 6th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in Odilo Hall and continue weekly. On movie days, the study will be a little longer. The format will include watching a video (50-60 minutes), a summary of the video (5-10 minutes), followed by a period for questions and discussion. No books or homework are required but note taking is very much encouraged. The wearing of masks and social distancing will be observed. Hope you can join us!