

# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## June 21, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 6/21 11:00	Ann Goldsmith +	Marsha Shmalo
Wed. 6/24 9:00	Suzette Oleksyk	
Thurs. 6/25 12:10	Suzette Oleksyk	
Fri.. 6/26 9:00	Suzette Oleksyk	
Sat. 6/27 4:00	Suzette Oleksyk	

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### Connections

The gospel on this Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time invites us to take all we have experienced during Lent, Easter, and Pentecost and to live it as witnesses of God's love, as people who are precious in the eyes of God.

Connecting with everyday life: For most of us, the past few months have been touched by the darkness of illness, death, loss of job, the call to maintain distance from one another. Our natural response to such challenges to become afraid, and yet, as people of faith, we know that God is with us through it all. It is in the dark times that we most need to rely on God's providence and to witness to the light for others. Reflect on the darkness one might perceive and rely on the love of God to weather the storms. Consider how you might share the light of Christ for others as people who are precious in God's sight and who recognize others as people created in God's image and likeness.

### Saint of the Week

**St. Joseph Cafasso ( 1811-1860) Priest,**  
**Patron of Prisoners, Feast Day June 23**

Never do anything that your heart tells you is displeasing to Mary; and in addition, never deny her anything that you know she would welcome and desire from you.

### Stewardship Thought

**Why not keep a record of one week of how you spend your time? How much do the church and community organizations get of that time?**

### Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday -12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33  
Monday -Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12- 13; Mt 7:1-5  
Tuesday -2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wednesday - Nativity, St. John the Baptist Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80  
Thursday - 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29  
Friday -2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Mt 8:1-4  
Saturday - St. Cyril of Alexandria Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17  
Sunday -13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18- 19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



### Father's Column

#### Happy (St. Joseph) Fathers Day!

When one thinks of the "father" of Jesus today, God Himself normally comes to mind. This, of course, is correct; however, during the public ministry of Our Lord, Joseph was considered His father: "Is this not the son of the carpenter?". The truth is that God is the natural Father of Jesus, but St. Joseph was tasked to be His foster father. The gradual revelation of His divinity let His disciples to learn this great truth.

Lest anyone confuse him as being the natural father of Jesus, St. Joseph remained a silent figure in the background: not a single word of his was recorded in Scripture, nor even his death.

Despite the humble silence, St. Joseph played a critical role for the Holy Family. First, he is a descendant of King David, and thus the rightful heir to the Davidic throne. It is therefore through Joseph, that Jesus may rightly be called the "Christ". Although never consummated, he entered a true matrimony with the Blessed Virgin. Thus married, God instructed him to name Jesus, expressing the adoptive authority he possessed over the Son of God. It was Joseph who was head of the Holy Family, keeping Jesus and Mary safe from Herod's murderous grasp.

This incredible juxtaposition of central acting, yet humble silence, reflects well his role throughout Church history.

For many centuries he remained hidden from popular devotion. Yet one can only imagine his continual protection and guidance of the Church as he did the Holy Family.

Providence, it seems, evolved Joseph's role in the 19th century just in time to protect the Church from atheism and persecution. Devotion to Joseph sored for a century until the 1960s, when He, once again, seemed to recede into the background.

Nonetheless, like a shout from the stump of Jesse, renewed attention is now being paid to Joseph: Pope Francis was inaugurated on his feast; consecration to him is exploding everywhere; more locally, our diocese is celebrating the Year of St. Joseph; and our seminary is flourishing under his heavenly patronage.

Perhaps it is Providence once again at work renewing this fervent devotion to Joseph. When the world is suffering from so many woes, the roots of which are not infrequently associated with absent or abusive fathers, what better example and heavenly intercessor could be offered than the self-sacrificing, chaste, ever-loyal foster father of Jesus?

St. Joseph, model of all fathers and men, *pray for us!*

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Suzette Oleksyk, Dr. Larry Barbles, Patricia Pittari, Adele Hopkins, Maureen Hunt, Judy Sneed.

**Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.**

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.  
Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.