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June 21, 2020 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Social Teaching Corner

June 20-21 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's gospel, we are encouraged to be fearless in the face of opposition. We have a responsibility to contribute to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. Even when others attempt to thwart our efforts to build up a just society, we must remember that we are the Lord's own. Even as those against us may attempt to destroy our bodies as we endeavor to develop a just society, we must remember that because we are the Lord's own, they will not be able to destroy our souls. We must continue to trust in God and proclaim our faith boldly. In life, as in death, we belong to the Lord.

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St. Joseph Catholic Church

Mass Schedule

Saturday 6 pm (English)
Sunday 10am (English)
Sunday 11:45am (Spanish)
Confession by Appointment
Rosary Sunday 9:30am



Second Collection - June 20 & 21 - Parish Building Fund

Mass Intentions

6:00pm Sat June 20th + Betty Jo Margoitta (dec'd) and Rita Schroeder (dec'd)

By Vence Margoitta Family

10:00am Sun June 21st + Paul Mushinski (dec'd) by Joe & Brenda Penick

+ Floyd Hopcus (dec'd) by JoAnn Sapp & Family

11:30am Sun June 21st + Juan Robert Benitez (dec'd)

+ For the Parish

6:00pm Sat June 27th + Mr. and Mrs. Joe Margoitta (dec'd) by Vence Margoitta Family

10:00am Sun June 28th + Paul Mushinski (dec'd) by James & Joan Polanski

11:00am Sun June 28th + For the Parish

June Sanctuary Lights in Memory of Floyd Hopcus

Second Collection - June 27 & 28 - Diocese of Austin - Peter's Pence Collection

*Second Collection - July 4 & 5 - Diocese of Austin - Seminarian & Priest Education/
Formation (May 3rd mass envelopes)*

Last Week Stewardship - \$ 1,635.00

Parish Black Bag - \$339.00

Fr. Gregory will hear confessions at the rectory office at St. Joseph, Marlin from 5 – 7pm on Monday June 29.

Please call the office 254 803-8888 or rectory 254 252-8080 in advance for an appointment.

For Appointments, please inform the office or Fr. Gregory who will be attending and the nature of the appointment.

Please notify Fr. Gregory as soon as possible of any cancellation or change in the appointment.

Let Us Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

Lupe Morales, Violet Piper, Joan Duhr, Indalecio Benitez, Rosemary Clark, Roslyn Schneider, Eva Ann

Greger (infant), Gracie Jane Weibel (infant), John Delgado, Jeanette Gistingier. Six month inclusion.

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Shut Ins: Patricia Dingrando, Rosa Ramirez.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Guillermo & Rose Ann Espinoza.
Religious Education (CCE) Directors: Guillermo & Rose Ann Espinoza.
Marriage Recognition: 10 years and over (5 year increment) Contact the Office.
Altar Server Instructor: Rose Ann Espinoza
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Lawn Care: Edward Reyes. Contact the office to volunteer.
Lector & Cup Ministers: Contact the office to volunteer.
Usher & Collector Ministers: Contact the office to volunteer.

June Lectors
6pm - Dinah Schneider
10am - Regina Webber
11:30am - Sandra Tellez

June Ushers / Collectors
6pm - Need Volunteers
10am - Tim Nowaski , Lisa Smith
11:30am - Need Volunteers

Eucharistic/Cup Ministers (No Eucharistic Cup during the Pandemic)
6pm / 10am - Jacinta Avila, Patricia Dingrando, Willie Mae Feldman, Guillermo & Rose Ann Espinoza,
Jeanette Gistingier, Cynthia & Servando Gorostieta, Edward Reyes, Dinah Schneider, Susie Tovar
11:30am - Laurencia Cabrera, Zeniada Rivera, Maria Cubilla, Felicitas Benitez, Sandra Tellez

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St. Joseph June Birthdays: Omar Cubilla, Patrick Howard, Earlene Neumann, Gerald Nowaski, Marissa Fitz, Violet Piper, Adan Mederos, Cindy Rosales, Vince Margiotta Jr., Brandon Bucio, Mauel Becerra, Patricia Dingrando, Callie Wilkey, Josephine Musia, Susie Tovar, Jose Benitez, Phillip Meuse, Luis Vasquez, Carmen Becerra.

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Bishop Joe Vásquez will celebrate the **12th annual Men’s Mass** July 18 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin. Join us via live stream or in person. The Mass is hosted by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men.

For more information, visit www.centexcatholic.com.

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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am

Confession by Appointment



Second Collection - June 21st - Parish Building Fund

Mass Intentions

8:30am Sun June 21st + Herbert & Helen Hoelscher (dec'd)

8:30am Sun June 28th + Harold and Doris Corbett (dec'd) by John & Colleen Lawson
+ Jack Lawson (dec'd) by John & Colleen Lawson

8:30am Sun July 5th + Herbert and Helen Hoelscher (dec'd)
+ Ervin and Lucy Willberg (dec'd) by Ronnie & Randy Willberg

Second Collection - June 28th - Diocese of Austin - Peter's Pence Collection

Second Collection - July 5th - Diocese of Austin - Seminarian & Priest Education/Formation (May 3rd mass envelopes)

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LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Nancy Conners, Rosemary Clark, Alma Lena Roessler, Pete and Susanna Moya, Eva Ann Greger (infant), Gracie Jane Weibel (infant). Six month inclusion. Please call the Office at 803-8888 for inclusion or removal from list.



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Weddings - Register by calling the church office at 254-803-8888 at least 1 year prior.

Religious Education / RCIA - Contact Colleen Lawson for more information at 254-584-2419.

Happy Birthday!

Sacred Heart June Birthdays: Cade Waller, Colleen Lawson, Dolores Michalewicz, James Portillo, Connie Tindle.

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EIM WORKSHOP (during pandemic). EIM Policies require all clergy, religious, seminarians, employees and adult volunteers serving in a ministry requiring EIM compliance to submit an EIM Application for Ministry (one-time only) and attend an EIM Workshop at least once every three years. No new EIM Applications are being accepted/submitted during this time of COVID-19 and all in-person EIM Workshops have been postponed. However, the EIM Office has created a Temporary Online EIM Training to fulfill the compliance requirement for those who already have an EIM account and are due or past due to attend an EIM Workshop. Go to www.austindiocese.org/workshop to complete the temporary online EIM training. For more information, call (512) 949-2447 or contact your EIM Site Administrator Colleen Lawson 254-584-2419 for assistance.

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Father's Day June 21, 2020

One of my favorite experiences with my godson and my spiritual sons is our discussions. Sometimes they use me to test out a response from their biological father regarding a certain situation. At other times it is a discussion about the rules of the home and how these rules teach or express values. Sometimes it is a situation about a girl friend and appropriate responses. And there are times when they discuss the tension in the air at home when mom and dad aren't getting along. These are the moments that I can shape their values, extend their perspective beyond themselves or guide their growth. The great thing is that they usually initiate the discussion and they want to talk but even more importantly they want to listen to someone with more experience who doesn't treat them as a clueless child or talk down to them or have a "one way and it's my way attitude." The more I deal with adolescents the more I realize that we are walking in a mine field. One false step and its "Hypocrite Alley" for us. But I also recognize the truly important role that fathers play in the lives of their children and today, on Father's Day weekend, we acknowledge and pay tribute to the efforts of fathers. Our readings can help us to understand their importance in the lives of our children.

In our first reading from Jeremiah, there is an attitude of almost paranoia described by the prophet who has been given a dangerous mission. In the case of Jeremiah, it was to warn the people that if they do not change their ways, Jerusalem and the temple would be destroyed. Jeremiah needed them to see a cause and effect relationship between their sin and the destruction of Jerusalem. But this was an uncomfortable position for the prophet to be in. Many dads must feel a lot like Jeremiah in this situation. They sometimes walk a tight rope between providing structure, rules, and teaching values that their children will need for a productive and ethical life. They face a common enemy of youth culture often influenced by Hollywood values in music, tv, movies, and stunts. What's worse is often the educational system has become very

liberal, left wing and even socialistic which calls into question much of traditional values including belief in God. This often causes young people to be suspicious of what their parents are saying to them because it doesn't match up with what they are hearing elsewhere. Dads can become a bit paranoid as did Jeremiah but the prophet knew that his word must be preached, regardless of how unpopular it was. The tradition, the faith, and even ethical behavior was at stake. Our kids need to hear what we have to say even if it is unpopular, appears to be old fashioned or behind the times. But they won't hear about our values anywhere else. Your word and your example are important, especially today.

In our second reading from the letter to the Romans, Paul is focusing on how law gives clarification for sin. In the early part of the New Testament period, the Jewish tradition was used to seeing sin as a breach in the Mosaic law. One sinned by failing to follow the laws of the church. It was rather disconnected from love and relationships but had become legalistic and rigoristic. How often both parents and children can develop an attitude where the rules of the house or the laws of the household, once having had a good purpose and providing for an orderly life later can become inflexible. Rules about going out, dating, and the like can become so inflexible that they don't take into account the different personalities of the children. We develop a "one size fits all mentality" which doesn't really work in real life. Jesus tries to get people to go back to their Jewish roots where tradition and laws are seen as living and breathing. They give vibrance to empty ritual behavior in the same way that the laws or rules of the house should give life and direction to young people growing up and exploring life. A rule can never replace the direct loving interaction between children and their parents. Fathers can often give a great deal of life experience and wisdom to children often entering into new challenge for which they have no previous experience. We should never replace a law for the sage advice that a father can give to his children. They will remember those times with gratitude later.

Finally, in our gospel from Matthew, we can almost see the fatherly image of Jesus as he takes his disciples who face the bullies on the playground, so to speak. Jesus knows that the disciples will face many challenges as they seek to proclaim the kingdom and take over the mission of Jesus. He tells the disciples, "Do not let men intimidate you." He will tell them many things in private that they are to make public. This is similar to those one on one talks that fathers should be having with his sons and daughters. These private moments are every bit as important as the private moments that Jesus spent with his disciples. In one of those moments, Jesus taught his disciples an important lesson, "Do not fear those who deprive the body of life, but cannot destroy the soul, rather fear him who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna." This is valuable advice in any age. Young people will often meet the bully in many forms, the bully on the playground who threatens with physical force, the intellectual bully who uses his knowledge to intimidate others intellectually. These can be faced. But the real danger is the spiritual bully who seeks to destroy faith, attacks values, seeks to replace the real God with fake gods. These are all around us. They are subtle and they are dangerous. This is where the Father must be the spiritual leader of the house and prepare his children for these attacks.

About a week ago, when I celebrated my 35th anniversary as a priest, one of my spiritual sons took me out to dinner at a place where my godson was working. We had a wonderful meal and we engaged in one of our father-son talks. He told me how much he appreciated me standing firm in my faith, my direction, and my words of wisdom. This was echoed by my godson who served us dinner. You never know when your children will tell you how great a dad you have been. This makes it all worthwhile. Happy Father's Day to all you dads out there. We salute you and appreciate you. I am...

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Gregory A. McLaughlin, Pastor



Decimo Segundo Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario/ Dia del Padre

Unas de mis experiencias favoritas con mi ahijado y mis hijos espirituales es nuestras discusiones. A veces me usan para probar una respuesta de su padre biológico con respecto a una situación determinada. En otras ocasiones, es una discusión sobre las reglas del hogar y cómo estas reglas enseñan o expresan valores. A veces es una situación sobre una novia y respuestas apropiadas. Y hay momentos en que discuten la tensión en el aire en casa cuando mamá y papá no se llevan bien. Estos son los momentos en que puedo dar forma a sus valores, extender su perspectiva más allá de sí mismos o guiar su crecimiento. Lo bueno es que generalmente ellos inician la discusión y quieren hablar, pero lo que es más importante, quieren escuchar a alguien con más experiencia que no los trata como un niño despistado o les habla mal o tiene una forma de actitud "unidireccional y es mi manera". Cuanto más trato con los adolescentes, más me doy cuenta de que estamos caminando en un campo minado. Un paso en falso y es "Callejón Hipócrita" para nosotros. Pero también reconozco el papel verdaderamente importante que juegan los padres en la vida de sus hijos y hoy, en el fin de semana del Día del Padre, reconocemos y rendimos homenaje a los esfuerzos de los padres. Nuestras lecturas pueden ayudarnos a comprender su importancia en la vida de nuestros hijos.

En nuestra primera lectura de Jeremías, hay una actitud de casi paranoia descrita por el profeta a quien se le ha encomendado una misión peligrosa. En el caso de Jeremías, era para advertir a la gente que si no cambiaban sus formas, Jerusalén y el

templo serían destruidos. Jeremías necesitaba que vieran una relación de causa y efecto entre su pecado y la destrucción de Jerusalén. Pero esta era una posición incómoda para el profeta. Muchos padres deben sentirse mucho como Jeremías en esta situación. A veces caminan por una cuerda floja entre proporcionar estructura, reglas y valores de enseñanza que sus hijos necesitarán para una vida productiva y ética. Se enfrentan a un enemigo común de la cultura juvenil a menudo influenciada por los valores de Hollywood en la música, la televisión, las películas y las acrobacias. Lo peor es que a menudo el sistema educativo se ha vuelto muy liberal, ala izquierda e incluso socialista, lo que pone en tela de juicio gran parte de los valores tradicionales, incluida la creencia en Dios. Esto a menudo hace que los jóvenes sospechen de lo que sus padres les están diciendo porque no coincide con lo que están escuchando en otros lugares. Los papás pueden volverse un poco paranoicos al igual que Jeremías, pero el profeta sabía que su palabra debía ser predicada, independientemente de lo impopular que fuera. La tradición, la fe e incluso el comportamiento ético estaban en juego. Nuestros hijos necesitan escuchar lo que tenemos que decir, incluso si es impopular, parece anticuado o atrasado. Pero no escucharán sobre nuestros valores en ningún otro lado. Su palabra y su ejemplo son importantes, especialmente hoy.

En nuestra segunda lectura de la carta a los romanos, Pablo se está centrando en cómo la ley aclara el pecado. En la primera parte del período del Nuevo Testamento, la tradición judía estaba acostumbrada a ver el pecado como una violación de la ley mosaica. Uno pecaba al no seguir las leyes de la iglesia. Estaba más bien desconectado del amor y las relaciones, pero se había vuelto legalista y rigorista. Con

qué frecuencia los padres y los niños pueden desarrollar una actitud en la que las reglas de la casa o las leyes del hogar, una vez que hayan tenido un buen propósito y mantengan una vida ordenada en el futuro, puedan volverse inflexibles. Las reglas sobre salir, citas y cosas similares pueden volverse tan inflexibles que no tienen en cuenta las diferentes personalidades de los niños. Desarrollamos una mentalidad de "talla única" que realmente no funciona en la vida real. Jesús trata de hacer que la gente regrese a sus raíces judías donde la tradición y las leyes son vistas como vivir y respirar. Dan vitalidad al comportamiento ritual vacío de la misma manera que las leyes o reglas de la casa deberían dar vida y dirección a los jóvenes que crecen y exploran la vida. Una regla nunca puede reemplazar la interacción amorosa directa entre los niños y sus padres. Los padres a menudo pueden dar una gran experiencia de vida y sabiduría a los niños que a menudo entran en un nuevo desafío para la que no tienen experiencia previa. Nunca debemos reemplazar una ley por el consejo sabio que un padre puede dar a sus hijos. Recordarán esos momentos con gratitud más tarde.

Finalmente, en nuestro evangelio de Mateo, casi podemos ver la imagen paternal de Jesús cuando toma a sus discípulos que se enfrentan a los acosadores en el patio de juegos, por así decirlo. Jesús sabe que los discípulos enfrentarán muchos desafíos mientras buscan proclamar el reino y hacerse cargo de la misión de Jesús. Él les dice a los discípulos: "No dejen que los hombres los intimiden". Les dirá muchas cosas en privado que deben hacer públicas. Esto es similar a las conversaciones individuales que los padres deberían tener con sus hijos e hijas. Estos momentos privados son tan importantes como los momentos privados que Jesús pasó con sus discípulos. En uno

de esos momentos, Jesús enseñó a sus discípulos una importante lección: "No temas a los que privan al cuerpo de la vida, pero no pueden destruir el alma, más bien temen al que puede destruir el cuerpo y el alma en Gehena". Este es un consejo valioso en cualquier edad. Los jóvenes a menudo se encuentran con el acosador de muchas formas, el acosador en el patio de recreo que amenaza con fuerza física, el acosador intelectual que usa su conocimiento para intimidar a los demás intelectualmente. Estos pueden ser enfrentados. Pero el peligro real es el acosador espiritual que busca destruir la fe, ataca los valores, busca reemplazar al Dios real con dioses falsos. Estos están a nuestro alrededor. Son sutiles y son peligrosos. Aquí es donde el Padre debe ser el líder espiritual de la casa y preparar a sus hijos para estos ataques.

Hace aproximadamente una semana, cuando celebré mi 35 aniversario como sacerdote, uno de mis hijos espirituales me llevó a cenar a un lugar donde trabajaba mi ahijado. Tuvimos una comida maravillosa y participamos en una de nuestras conversaciones padre-hijo. Me dijo cuánto apreciaba que me mantuviera firme en mi fe, mi dirección y mis palabras de sabiduría. Esto fue repetido por mi ahijado que nos sirvió la cena. Nunca sabes cuándo tus hijos te dirán cuán buen padre has sido. Esto hace que todo valga la pena. Feliz Día del Padre a todos los papás que hay. Te saludamos y te apreciamos.