



**June 21 2020 ◊ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time ◊ Lectionary: 94 ◊ Gospel MT 10:26-33**

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

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**Spiritual Reflection:** I have a unique icon of St. Joseph. What makes it unique is that it that it is the only icon I have seen of St. Joseph holding two turtle doves. The two turtle doves represent the smallest offering that Joseph and Mary could offer God in thanksgiving under the Jewish sacrificial system. If they had been wealthier they might have offered a lamb or a bull of some sort. They were poor but they still offered what they have. Let us not get caught up in the trap of wanting so badly to offer the more expensive gift that we forget to give the gifts we do have.

**Spiritual Questions:**

1. Do you really believe that God thinks of you as priceless?
2. How and why do you deny God?
3. What must you get rid of in order to avoid sin?
4. What do you have to offer God?
5. How do you overcome fear?