



. Office will be closed Monday June 19th for the holiday

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

.Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**June 18, 2023
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

.LABORERS NEEDED

Today's scriptures employ mixed metaphors—images of sheep and shepherds, priests and people, harvest and laborers—all of which intermingle to create a web of meaning on which we have based our understanding of Christian vocations. Above all, these images help us see Christian vocations as an extension and expression of Jesus' own ministry in the world. They lend themselves especially well to a reflection on the vocation to ordained priesthood. The scriptures for today help us understand the role of the ordained in the life of the Church. They also encourage us to pray for an increase in the number of candidates for priestly ordination, for "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:37).

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Saint John the Baptist's Fire

On June 24 we remember Saint John the Baptist, who became famous preaching repentance and baptizing with water while insisting that the Messiah would come and baptize the world with fire and the Holy Spirit. Today, he is one of the most celebrated saints in the world; his feast coincides with the arrival of summer in the Northern Hemisphere.

The feast of Saint John is celebrated in Spain and Portugal with bonfires. For example, in order to celebrate "San Xoan" as the Galicians call him, fires are lit in holes dug in the ground during the vigil of the feast and people dance around them. Eventually, they try to jump over the fires nine times during the night for good luck. The pleasure of celebrating the feast of Saint John and the arrival of summer came to America with the Spaniards and the Portuguese.

In 1509, Juan Ponce de León originally named the island of Puerto Rico in honor of Saint John. There they play a water game on his feast. At midnight on June 23, the faithful throw themselves into the water three times with their backs to the ocean, facing the land, seeking purification and celebration. All this celebrating reminds us that a life of conversion is meant to be happy and fulfilled in the Lord, who calls us to be prophets like John.

Yard sale June 23rd and 24th
Please bring in your items for the sale and sign –up to help the days of the sale

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all others (Exodus 19:2-6a).

Psalm — We are the people of the Lord, his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — We boast of God through Christ Jesus, though whom we have been reconciled (Romans 5:6-11).

Gospel — Jesus commissioned the Twelve: Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons (Matthew 9:36 — 10:8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 <u>Day:</u> Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Vacation bible school June 17thru the 21st. 4pm-6pm grade: pre K4-5th
Pre register today



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day
- Monday: St. Romuald; Juneteenth
- Wednesday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins
- Thursday: St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More
- Saturday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

FATHERHOOD

Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!

- JUNE 4TH
LECTOR MARK
SERVERS LESLIE & MARINA
COUNTERS MARY C. & ANN F.
- JUNE 11TH
LECTOR BEVERLY
SERVERS CARLOS & MAX
COUNTERS TOM & BEVERLY
- JUNE 18TH
LECTOR PEGGY
SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE
COUNTERS MARY C, & ANN F.
- JUNE 25TH
LECTOR JEFF
SERVERS CARLOS & MAX
COUNTERS TOM & BEVERLY

ON A SUMMER'S DAY

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.

June 11th 2023
Sunday collection
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