



JUNE 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary

.GOD HEARS OUR CRIES

The psalmist cries out to God, "Lord, in your great love, answer me." In each of our readings today, there is movement from darkness and despair to trusting in God as our source of salvation. Jeremiah sounds almost a madman as he describes the evil and vileness that surrounds him. In the midst of that terror, he professes his faith in God. Similarly, in Saint Paul's letter to the Romans, we are reminded that one man, Jesus Christ, came into the world for the sake of many, to overcome the evil and sin that have been prevalent since Adam. In Mark, Jesus calls us from fear, sin, and darkness to live in the light. He reminds us that we are not alone and how very precious each of us is in the eyes of God. Indeed, God hears our cries!

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Saints Peter and Paul

The Church places before us saints of all types: apostles and prophets, rich and poor, women and men, married and unmarried. On Thursday of this week we celebrate Saints Peter and Paul. In a way, they each had personality traits with which we can identify. They were both impetuous, sometimes acting or speaking thoughtlessly, contradicting the spiritual gifts given to them by God. Remember that Paul began his career persecuting Christians and Peter denied three times that he even knew the Lord Jesus! On the positive side, these men were deeply rooted in their faith in Christ, tireless and fearless in living out their call to spread the Good News of his life, death, and resurrection. They are real pillars upon which the Church is built. Just as they were called to holiness of life in spite of their failings, so, too, are we called to that same holiness. Perhaps we might identify more with one or the other, but the essential truth we celebrate today is this: Through the Spirit, Christ built and continues to build the Church and make the kingdom known through fragile, remarkable human beings, each graced in a particular way for the work of the reign of God. Let us open our hearts to listen to God's voice, even in the midst of our own struggles and failings.

FREEDOM

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

Psalm — Answer me, O Lord, in your bountiful kindness (Psalm 69).

Second Reading — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

Gospel — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Grace After Meals

We give thee thanks for all thy benefits,
 almighty God, who lives and reigns forever.
 [And may the souls of all the faithful departed,
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace.] Amen.

Monday:	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday:	Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
Wednesday:	Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday:	Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

TYRANNY

Tyranny is always better organized than

Vacation bible school July 17thru the 21st. 4pm-6pm grade: pre K4-5th

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Thomas
- Tuesday: Independence Day
- Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria;
 St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Thursday: St. Maria Goretti
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Volunteers needed to do the altar linens

- JULY 2ND
- LECTOR MARY
- SERVERS LESLIE & MAX
- COUNTERS MARY C. & ANN F.
- JULY 9TH
- LECTOR ANN F
- SERVERS CARLOS & MARINA
- COUNTERS TOM & BEVERLY
- JULY 16TH
- LECTOR BEVERLY
- SERVERS JESUS & MARINA
- COUNTERS MARY C. & ANN F.
- JULY 23RD
- LECTOR PEGGY
- SERVERS BRYAN & JESUS
- COUNTERS TOM & BEVERLY
- JULY 30TH
- LECTOR JEFF
- SERVERS CARLOS & MARINA
- COUNTER MARY & ANN F.

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