SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:31
ARCHBISHOP OF DENVER: Most Reverend Samuel J Aquila, STL  
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF DENVER: Most Reverend Jorge Rodriguez  
PASTOR AND RECTOR: Very Reverend Ronald W. Cattany  
IN RESIDENCE: Reverend Andreas Hoeck  
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DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC: Phil Bordeleau  
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COORDINATOR OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Dave Martinez  
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BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND RECTORY OPERATIONS: Sebastian Luke Oliver  
MAINTENANCE AND GROUNDS: Jacob Harper

**BAPTISMS**
Parents and Godparents are required to attend a class prior to baptism. Pre-registration is required. If no one pre-registers, there will be no class.

**FUNERALS**
Please contact the office.

**MARRIAGES**
Call the office at least 9 months prior to the wedding to book the date.

**ANointING OF THE SICK**
In the event of a serious illness or a medical emergency, call the office.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**
Please contact the office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
Lauren Scheller 303-831-7010

**RCIA/RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**
Lauren Scheller

**M A S S  S C H E D U L E**

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** 7:00AM, 12:10PM, 5:30PM  
Saturday: 7:00AM  
Anticipated Saturday: 4:30PM  
**SUNDAY:** 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, & 6:30PM  
(Mass is limited to 50 Congregants, please sign up at www.denvercathedral.org)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
(Confessions)  
Monday-Friday 11:00 AM

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**CATHEDRAL BASILICA BUDGET**

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**Please Remember The Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Your Will**
If you had scheduled a Mass Intention in March, April or May, please call Linda at the office to confirm when your new intention has been scheduled.

Please pray for all those who are sick or in need of our prayers:

"Every family needs a father. The first need is this: that a father be present in a family. That he be close to his wife, sharing everything—joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And that he be close to his children as they grow—when they play and when they strive, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they take a wrong step, and when they find their path again: a father who is always present. To say 'present' is not to say 'controlling.' Fathers who are too controlling stifle the spirit of their children; they don’t let them develop. Fathers must be patient. A good father knows how to wait, and he knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself...All of this is, of course, not easy, so Fathers need God. Without the grace that comes from the Father who is in Heaven, fathers lose courage and give up. Children need to find a father waiting for them when they come home after failing. They will do everything not to admit it, not to show it, but they need it. And not to find it opens wounds in them that are difficult to heal. Fathers are the irreplaceable guardians and mediators of faith through their goodness, justice, and protection.

-- Pope Francis

FROM YOUR PASTOR
What Makes Families Work?

Pope Francis gives us good advice...based in the Virtues of Fatherhood.

Today's Fathers are as varied as the Families they lead -- biological, adopted, foster care, relatives raising grandchildren or siblings, as well as the single parent family.

And some of us are Spiritual Fathers...

Father Coomes SJ provides some complementary advice to Pope Francis on Fatherhood, Family, and Our Church...

The parent, or head of the household or Family, is called upon to be a good provider. The successful Family, regardless of its configuration, should be grounded in Harmony, Mutual Respect, Peace, and Unconditional Love.

The Father figure, again in any of the above configurations, is to Lead that Family with a Humility and Trust emanating from a God-centered Life. To make the monumental challenges of Family life livable, the need for Security, for True Love, and for Faithfulness within the Family is essential to making Families work.

That's the HUMAN DIMENSION...

But there is a DIVINE DIMENSION...

Father Coomes solemnly reminds us that Parents will be held Accountable to God for the Souls of their Children, and that a Family CENTERED IN GOD endures their trials through HIS GRACE. That is why a Sacramental Marriage has JESUS AT ITS CENTER.

So, on this FATHER'S DAY, the father figure of YOUR FAMILY or YOUR HOUSEHOLD should Dedicate their Fatherhood to Saint Joseph, and Dedicate Their Children to the Blessed Mother as Their Protectress.

This DIVINE INTERVENTION IS ESSENTIAL TO THE HUMAN REALITY OF THIS CULTURE AND THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES.

Fatherhood is a two way street...it brings with it the enormous Challenges of Endurance and Prudence...and an Obligation to Children.

Fathers must Deserve the Honor of their Children...through the Correction, Companionship, and Guidance they provide. The Virtues of Courage, Temperance, Honesty, Dependability, and Dedication are essential to carry out the responsibilities of Fatherhood in FAITH AND LOVE. The Silence of Disinterest can wound your child. And Words Said in Anger can NEVER be taken back.

As a Spiritual Father, sometimes I see something different...

Not every child experiences a Grace-filled Family, or the Idyllic Father of Saint Joseph or Pope Francis or Father Coomes.

Addictions, Career, Infidelity, Neglect, and Emotional Absenteeism can destroy a Marriage and Family...and emotionally, spiritually, physically, or psychologically Devastate a Child. Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse, or Domestic Violence is REAL in these uncertain times. And the ISOLATION of COVID-19 is leading some Young Adults, some in these domestic circumstances as well, to contemplate SUICIDE.

Or maybe YOU WERE THE FATHER FIGURE to your younger brothers and sisters because of a Dysfunctional Family, a Refugee Family, or a Family Divided by Immigration.

On weekends such as this, WE PRAY FOR YOU in three ways.

First, we pray for your earthly Father for their healing, for the repose of their soul, or for the others who may have experienced the same hurt as You.

Second, we pray for You as an Abused Child, for your healing, and for your deliverance from what you experienced so you do not pass it on in the Fatherhood of Your Life.

Third, we pray in Thanksgiving to God for your LOVE to intervene in the life of your siblings or grandchildren and raise them with the TRUE LOVE of a Father.

God’s Providence in the Challenges of Parenthood may be difficult to comprehend. But His Providence is always a PROVIDENCE OF LOVE. When God Entrusts a Child to their Parents or someone in that Role, He bestows a DIVINE TRUST that is Very Dear to Him as they undertake a Special Work of Love in His Name.

Fathers, or Those in This Role, please entrust YOUR FAMILY AS IT IS EXPRESSED IN YOUR LIFE to the HOLY FAMILY and to the HOLY TRINITY.

May the Love of Mary, the Responsibility of Joseph, and the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit Place in Your Heart the Love, Guidance and Endurance to be the Light of Christ to THOSE WHO CALL YOU FATHER...

+MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU+

Very Reverend Ronald W Cattany, Pastor and Rector
# Weekly Prayer

## Readings for the Week of June 21, 2020

**SUN 6/21**
Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

**MON 6/22**
2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5

**TUE 6/23**
2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

**WED 6/24**

**THR 6/25**
2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29

**FRI 6/26**
2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 8:1-4

**SAT 6/27**
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17

**SUN 6/28**
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

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## Observances for the Week of June 21, 2020

**Sunday:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father’s Day

**Monday:** St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

**Wednesday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

**Saturday:** St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Live the Liturgy

**Inspiration for the Week**

Jesus knows that the challenges a disciple of the Gospel will face in the world are real. He tells all of us point blank, “Do not be afraid.” There are many things we can fear as we attempt to live the Gospel: unpopularity, being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. Many folks know that their faith calls them to live life more deliberately and radically but are cowards when it comes to putting it into practice. We easily justify sticking with the “acceptable” norms with which we are accustomed. These only serve to keep us stuck and mired in mediocrity. The Gospel — given flesh by the very presence of Christ — seeks to stretch, challenge, and change us. We do not have to fear anything, even death. Sometimes, living with our fears brings us a sadly disordered sense of comfort. Maybe what we really fear above all else is change.

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**Sunday, June 21, 2020 | 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
"You will find out that Charity is a heavy burden to carry, heavier than the kettle of soup and the full basket. ... “

St. Vincent De Paul, Pray For Us

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you spend much time in the company of Jesuits who lived in Latin America in the eighties and nineties, it won't be long before you hear the name Mev Puleo. I've noticed that she is the dearest friend, the most beloved companion of the Jesuits who were alive and living in Central and South America during those wrenching years of war and struggle.

She was, by all accounts, a radiantly joyful young American woman whose life changed on a bus ride, much like that world-changing train ride St. Teresa of Calcutta took in 1946. Both women looked out a window---Mev as a teenager on a family trip to Brazil in 1977, Mother Teresa traveling from Calcutta to Darjeeling ---and observed the staggering distance between the world of the privileged and those who never had a chance.

Mev lived and worked as a photojournalist in El Salvador, Haiti and Brazil. She documented, from the eloquent silence of her camera, the daily courage and kindness of those who are poor, and the malevolent oppression of those who prey upon them.

She spoke in the light what she witnessed in the dark. She even, of all terrifying things, once witnessed a rape in progress. She drove her old Volkswagen up to the sidewalk and shone her headlights right onto the scene. The rapist hollered for her to leave, and when she held fast, he left instead.

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed. She used her camera to announce far and wide the atrocities suffered by the "least" at the hands of the "greatest." If this gospel passage (Matthew 10:26-33) brings to mind some times when you held your tongue when someone told a racist joke, take it as a nudge from the Holy Spirit to be more courageous next time.

How will you proclaim from the housetops what God has whispered in your heart?

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Our Outreach Ministries continue!

Sandwich Line at 8am, Monday through Friday
Food Pantry Bagged Lunches 1pm, Monday through Friday
Snacks on the Hill 3pm, Monday through Friday

- Please donate to help us keep these critical ministries running -

Donate today at denvercathedral.org
SPIRITUAL FORMATION
Saint Philip Neri, Pray for Us

Saint of the Week
Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: “I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John.” But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: “[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he” (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: “He must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. “I need to be baptized by you” (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John’s idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus’ answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.