

# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2026

The Lord is the strength  
of His people!



## Masses For The Week

**Sun 21 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

09:00 am Father's Day Remembrance

**Thr 25 Weekday**

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Prophet Jeremiah sensed the "terror on every side," former friends intent on taking their "vengeance on him." Yet, despite his terror, Jeremiah declares with faultless faith, "The Lord is with me; my persecutors will stumble; he has rescued the life of the poor." Mindful of this historical precedent, Jesus Christ commands, "Fear no one; do not be afraid of those who kill the body." But how is it possible to live fearlessly? Saint John tells us that perfect love casts out fear. The love that Jesus Christ offers is so perfect and total that "even all the hairs of your head are counted." Through our embrace of the overflowing, "gracious gift of Jesus Christ," we can live unafraid.*

### The Sanctuary Candle



**This Week will be Burning for**  
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

# Good News!

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**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Jeremiah 20:10-13 / Romans 5:12-15  
/ Matthew 10:26-33

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**Secrets. The disabling fear of discovery.** Trying so hard to conceal something that we do not want others to know. Often, we guard secrets closely because we believe we will be embarrassed, punished, or excluded if our secrets are made known.

Sometimes, we hold tightly to secrets because we are ashamed. We keep other secrets because of the dynamics of family life: "We do not share our family business with anyone." All secrets can be difficult to keep—some more than others. Perhaps the most difficult secret to hold is one that we fear defines our personal integrity and authenticity. It is the fear not only of discovery but also of perception: How will I be perceived if this is made known? Will I still be accepted? Or, even more painful: Will I be rejected, and how complete will the rejection be?

The "good news" of the gospel is that "nothing is concealed that will not be revealed" (Matthew 10:26). In other words, there is nothing that can remain tucked away forever. Everything is revealed in one way or another. Gospel grace and freedom result when a person chooses to freely release whatever it is that burdens them, including closely held secrets. It is the ultimate experience of dying to self to claim eternal life. ●

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The SPIRIT  
of the LORD  
is upon you



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### LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson and Renee Chapa.

## ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Merciful Jesus, I consecrate myself today and always to your most Sacred Heart. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I implore, that I may ever love you more and more. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in you! Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I believe in your love for me. Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like your Heart.

June

Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



### A PRAYER FOR FATHERS



God our Father,  
in your wisdom and love you made  
all things.

Bless these men, that they may be  
strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and  
love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons, and  
daughters, may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound respect.

### PETER'S PENCE 2024 COLLECTION

Next week our parish will participate in the Peter's Pence Collection for the Works of the Holy Father. Each year, the Holy Father asks us to help him provide for our most needy brothers and sisters throughout the world—those who suffer due to war, oppression, and natural disasters. Join the Holy Father in this act of justice and kindness. Please pray for the Holy Father and give generously to this special appeal. Thank you.



Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 431.00

Loose: \$ 46.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 0.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 477.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 1,473.09

# Dear Padre

June 21, 2026

**For the past year or so, I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?**

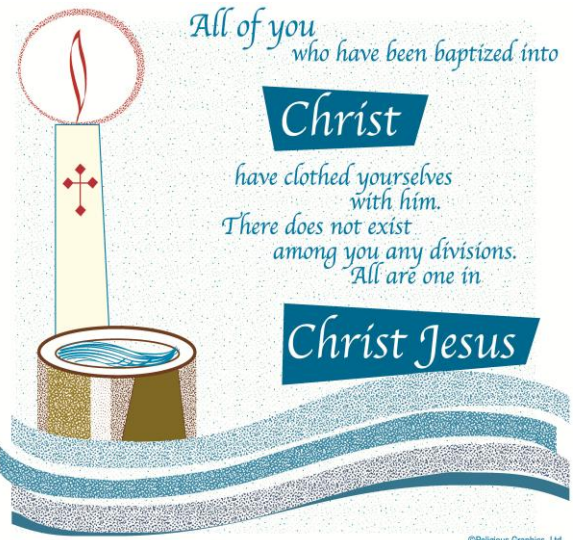
Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the results of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. For example, when St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the gospels. Praying as an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but, even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of distractions, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila wrote in *The Interior Castle*, "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them.... [Thoughts are] inevitable. Do not let [them] disturb or grieve you." No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. He advises us to hang in there, because the devil would like nothing better than for us to stop praying. ●

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