

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2026

Cry to God with shouts of joy!



### Masses For The Week

#### Sun 28 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

+Rogelio Nieto (Patricia Adami)

+Jose Soto Jr. (Maria Valles)

+Jose Soto III (Maria Valles)

#### Thr 02 Weekday

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

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward.” This truly happens to the “woman of influence” who furnishes “a little room on the roof” for the Prophet Elisha to stay in. Elisha promises, “This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.” God offers the gift of life to those who are righteous. But as our earthly life passes away, we look forward to the day we “might live in newness of life.” In the meantime, we face sacrifices and sufferings while being fortified with the desire to endure all for Jesus, who promises to us as he did through Elisha: “My kindness is established forever.”*

### The Sanctuary Candle



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

## Good News!

June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

2 Kings 4:8–11, 14–16a / Romans 6:3–4, 8–11  
/ Matthew 10:37–42

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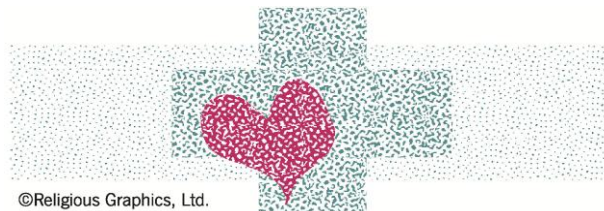
Today’s gospel passage is challenging. If anyone other than Jesus told you that if you love your own family “more than me,” you are “not worthy of me,” you would laugh in their face! Or, is this what scholars call a “semi-ism”—a culturally conditioned exaggeration used for effect? What about you are “not worthy of me” unless you “take up [your] cross and follow me,” or “whoever finds his life will lose it”? Does Jesus mean these literally, or are these metaphors? And what is “a prophet’s reward”?

A friend of mine tried an experiment. He took the Gospel of Matthew and read it through from start to finish as if he had never seen it before. He was astonished! Jesus was serious. He meant it—all of it. Try it yourself without looking for loopholes.

The key in the reading today is “for my sake.” The standard, the rule, that absolute mark is “me,” that is, Jesus himself, only Jesus, always Jesus. And Jesus sets that mark very high. Take up your cross? Jesus was abandoned on the cross. Jesus gave away his Mother from the cross. Jesus lost his life on the cross. But he found that life: resurrection! That is “a prophet’s reward,” is it not?

I have to love Jesus’ promise, a special “reward” for just sharing “a cup of cold water” with a “little one.” It reminds me of Honduras, where I live. Here, a cup of cold water can make the difference between life and death. And that is no exaggeration! ●

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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



### 2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal Report as of May 2026 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

2026 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL  
*Building The Kingdom Together*

**\$ 9,410.00** - Our Gifts to Date  
**\$ 12,345.00** - Our Pledges to Date  
**\$ 2,996.00** - Our Parish Goal  
**31** – Families Participating

You shall love your neighbor as yourself

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*Last Sunday’s Collection*

*Envelopes: \$ 981.00*

*Loose: \$ 52.65*

*Children’s Envelopes: \$ 0.00*

*Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,033.65*

*Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 120.64*

## Dear Padre

June 28, 2026

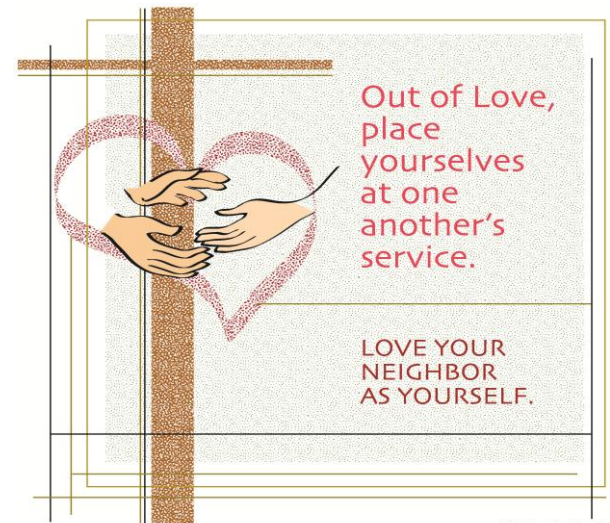
***I raised my children in the faith, but two of them left the Church to embrace another denomination, and two others, although still Catholic, have not committed to regular church attendance. I worry about their salvation.***

Your experience is not unknown to many Catholic parents. Many mothers and fathers could probably carry on a good conversation with you about their concerns for the faith lives of their children.

The journey of faith has many paths. An individual may think more deeply about the meaning of life or may find religion after a momentous experience or in the process of gathering with a community in which they find support, clarity, shared beliefs, or guidelines for living morally. For those of us who grew up believing, chances are, we were not introduced to religion through logic. Children are brought to church long before they are aware of their need for God. They learn doctrine and attend worship before questions of faith and religion form within them. Passing on the faith is a great gift that parents give, and it will serve these young people well. Your children have the tools to help them find their way, and God continues to be with them. Follow the example of St. Monica and pray for them. Trust this one to God and continue to be a good example. ●

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