# QUEEN OF PEACE

## CATHOLIC PARISH

**JUNE 21, 2026 | 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# *Welcome!*

## OUR WORSHIP SITES:

### Our Lady, Mother of the Church

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656

**Masses:**

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| Tuesday: | 7:00 am |
| Thursday: | 7:00 am |
| Sunday: | 10:00 am |

### St. Eugene Church

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Chicago, IL 60656

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(773) 775-6694

**Rectory Office Hours**

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| Mon.- Thur.: | 9:00 am - 7:00 pm |
| Friday: | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Saturday: | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm |

**Masses**

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| Monday: | 9:00 am |
| Wednesday: | 9:00 am |
| Friday: | 9:00 am |
| Saturday: | 8:30 am |
| Sunday Vigil Mass: | 4:30 pm |
| Sunday: | 8:30 am |
| | 11:30 am |

**Confessions** 3:30 pm on Saturday

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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| Monday | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm |
| Benediction | 5:45 pm |




## OUR MISSION

**We, the Catholic community of Queen of Peace Parish, centered in the Eucharist, strive to grow in our faith and our relationship with God as a welcoming people, working for peace and justice through service to others.**

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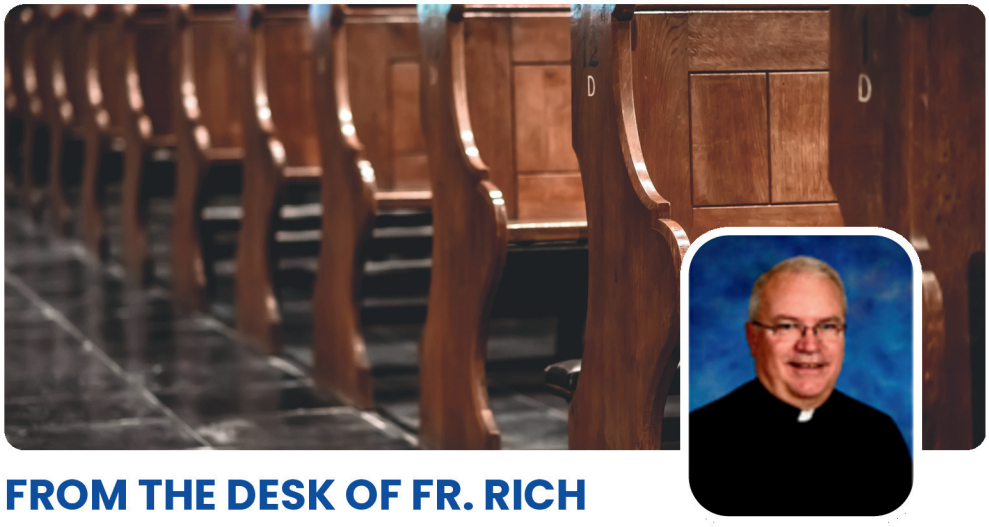


**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm.
**No adoration on Monday, 05/25/26.**

**CHURCH ETIQUETTE**
In order to fully partake in the Mass, the Priest should be the last one in and the first one out.

Dress Appropriately ~ remember, you are in God's house.



## FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The prophet Jeremiah lived about 600 years before Christ. He prophesied that Israel, because of its unfaithfulness to God, would be defeated by Babylon. When this began to happen, many of his friends and neighbors denounced him as a traitor and turned on him.

Paul's letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. His purpose in this passage is not to teach about original sin, but to contrast Adam and Christ. From Adam we inherited a strong pull toward sin. From Christ (the "new Adam") we received a gift that is incomparably stronger: Divine grace.

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Today is also Father's Day. For that reason, I'd like to wish all of you dads a very Happy Father's Day! So often Father's Day takes a back seat to Mother's Day, yet both days are important reminders to us of the two most important people in our lives.

May all our fathers know of our respect, love admiration and appreciation of them. If you are fortunate to still have your father with you, give him a call, write him a letter or just tell him how much he means to you. I'm sure it would mean the world to him.

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Next weekend Catholics throughout the world are being asked to offer their support for the Holy Father's charitable works through the annual Peter's Pence Collection.

Did you know...

*...that your contribution to the Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency assistance to the neediest throughout the world – those who suffer because of war, oppression and natural disasters.*
*...that more than 98 cents of each dollar directly support the Holy Father's spiritual and charitable works. Administrative costs account for less than 2 cents per dollar.*
*...as we participate in this special appeal, we join with more than 960 million Catholics worldwide in supporting the Holy Father's mission, an active expression of Christ's love for the poor.*

How did Peter's Pence begin? The beginnings of the worldwide collection for the works of the Holy Father, or "Peter's Pence", are found in 9th century England when King Alfred the Great collected a "pence" from English landowners as financial support for the pope. Pope Pius IX instituted the modern Peter's Pence collection in the 1860's. Since then, special appeals have been held in many countries on the Sunday closest to June 29th, the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. The tradition of an annual collection continues today to support the charitable works of the Holy Father.

The annual Peter's Pence collection provides each of us with an opportunity to give to others, to empower the weak and voiceless, to sustain those who suffer. Please be generous in your support for this second collection next weekend

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On Saturday, July 4th, our country will celebrate Independence Day. We have much to be grateful for as citizens of this great and free nation. I invite you to begin the celebration of this day by joining your fellow parishioners at St. Eugene Church for Mass at 8:30 a.m., if only to give thanks to God for all that we've been blessed with, both personally and as a nation.

This year our 4th of July Mass will be celebrated at St. Eugene Church because it falls on Saturday when we have our weekly Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 a.m. Rather than confuse everyone we thought we would just keep our regular Mass time. Please make a note of this. I hope that as many as possible will join together to celebrate our National Day of Independence as we celebrate the 4th of July.

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Again, Happy Father's Day, dads!

*Fr. Rich Yanos*




## OUR MILITARY PARISHIONERS

Major Adamczyk
Ghaleb Azroui
Matthew Calderisi
Timothy Emmett Carolan
Melissa Rose Cortese
Andrew Dale, USMC
James Vincent Degrazia
Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Matthew Scott Forrest
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.
Major Dirk Haller
Andrew Hopkins
Christopher Jenkins
Bernard Edward Kusinski
Lt. Radoslaw Korzeniak
Antonio James Lim
Payne Manczko
Chris Marchiori
Daniel McLenighan
Daniel Meaney
Keith Miller
Michael Morales
Mike Mroszczak
Thomas Neuhengen
Eric Norwood
Vincent Page
Jasmine Poffenbarger
Chad Pritchard
Nicholas Ranch
Adam Roberts
Joseph Saineghi, Jr.
Holly Schippers
Michael Schippers, Jr.
Sean Sherlock
Sharon Sherlock
Phillip R. Simonsen
Tony Strzalka
Anthony Vanhanselaere

**Saturday, June 20, 2026**

**8:30 am Mass at SE Church**

S.I. For Family
Nicolo Bartolotta

**4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church**

For All Living and Deceased Fathers

**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

**8:30 am Mass at SE Church**

For All Living and Deceased Fathers

**10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church**

For All Living and Deceased Fathers

**11:30 am Mass at SE Church**

For All Living and Deceased Fathers

**Monday, June 22, 2026**

**9:00 am Mass at SE Church**

Juan Diaz
Henrietta & Frank Kwilas
Tony Parisi
John & Nancy Simonetti
Jim Sweeney
Barbara & Edmund Zarzycki

**Tuesday, June 23, 2026**

**7:00 am Mass OLMC Church**

S.I. For Family
David F. Cahill
Therese M. Thurber

**Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

**9:00 am Mass at SE Church**

Mike Cozzone
Roman Jurka
Bob Schu - 2nd Death Anniversary
Pamela Smith
John Zima

**Thursday, June 25, 2026**

**7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church**

S.I. For Matt & Sabrina
David F. Cahill
Francesco Centineo - 1 Year Death Anniv.
Emily Converso

**Friday, June 26, 2026**

**9:00 am Mass at SE Church**

Adam Kiewicz & Goncker Families
Souls in Purgatory
Alex James Family
S.I. For Damian Mac & Family

**Saturday, June 27, 2026**

**8:30 am Mass at SE Church**

S.I. For Mike & Nicole

**12:30 pm Wedding**

John Flaherty & Rebecca Coleman

**4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church**

Phyliss & Bob Kwilas - 60th Wedding Anniv.
Frank Centineo - 1 Year Death Anniversary
Kenneth Fantaro
Jadwiga & Waclaw Godlewscy
Wayne Greco
Bernice Hujar
Angeline Komperda
Nick Rombotis
Stephen Weber
Robert Zimmerman

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

**8:30 am Mass at SE Church**

Ron Bertolini
Angela & David Brichetto
Yvonne DeGennaro
Antonio Di Brita
Anna Dolcimascolo
Ted Kosinski
Matthias & Maria Rempala
Eleanor, James, Marie & Stephen Pastorino
Antonina Scardina
Louise Zittman

**10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church**

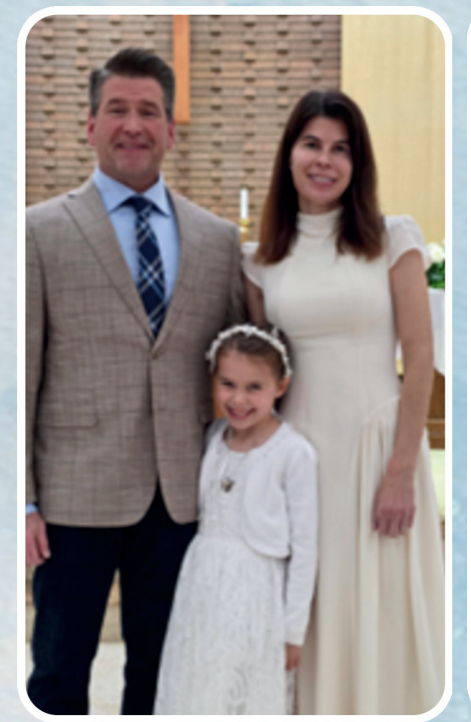
Ed & Carl Johnson - 1th Wedding Anniv.
Brigida D'Andrea
Francesco Difilippo
Frank Di Vito
Nancy, Charles & Dorothy Johnson
Gus Magnelli
Vincent Nardi
Roman Placzek
Walter & Mary Prezette
Edward, Kathleen & Martie Walsh

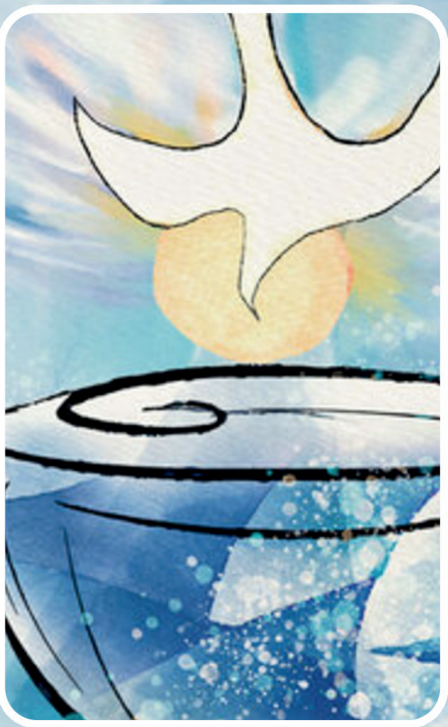
**11:30 am Mass at SE Church**

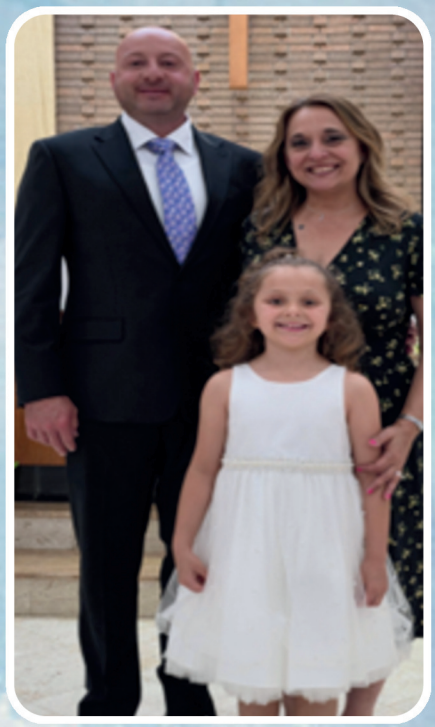
Witold & Krystyna Gadomski
Wally Hyrc
Stephen Jassak
Mary Kloss
Christina Moriarty
Michael Vito Parente
Nick Pinto
Vincenzo & Liberata Santucci
Antonina Scardina
Janina & Zygmunt Wytrwat

| | Celebrant | Extraordinary Minister | Altar Server | Lectors |
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| **Saturday, 06/27/26 4:30 PM - SE** | Rev. Robert Carlton | L. Feist - WB<br>J. Noronha - B<br>Rev. Carlton / J. Magnuson - C<br>M. Pollowy - O<br>A. Cisek - WO<br>D. Sulimowski - Cup B<br>M. Meo - Cup O | L. Parillo<br>M. Marrinan | L. Olen |
| **Sunday, 06/28/26 8:30 am - SE** | Rev. Jacek Dada | R. Kennedy - WB<br>M. Unger - B<br>Rev. Dada / M. Cozzo - C<br>I. Rog - O<br>G. Bermas - WO<br>R. Cantal - Cup B<br>D. Duszynski - Cup O | C. Wallace<br>M. Wallace<br>S. Wallace | M. Egan |
| **Sunday, 06/28/26 10:00 am - OLMC** | Rev. Greg Rom | M. D'Alessandro - T<br>D. Flynn - T<br>Rev. Rom / D. Sese<br>M. Walsh - Cup T<br>J. Colon - Cup A | M. Kosiek<br>G. Pilch<br>J. Pilch | G. Henderson - 1st Reading<br>P. Vega - 2nd Reading |
| **Sunday, 06/28/26 11:30 am - SE** | Rev. Robert Carlton | P. Tomzik - WB<br>M. Zurek - B<br>Rev. Carlton / C.Giacalone - C<br>D. Hernandez - O<br>U. Pawlowski - WO<br>S. Sparacino - Cup B<br>J. Mroszczak - Cup - O | C. Rodriguez<br>M. Clancy<br>H. Wyszkowski | J. Mroszczak |

## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD - NEWLY BAPTIZED







**ELLA REESE REILLY**

**SOFIA OLIVIA KURYLA**



Support the Works of the Holy Father through the

# Peter's Pence Collection

## *Be a* sign of hope.

From his first appearance after his election in May 2025, Pope Leo XIV has called upon Catholics to live in peace and unity with one another within the Church and to share this invitation to peace and unity with the whole world. Throughout history, Catholics have shared Christ's mission with the world by proclaiming the Gospel and performing works of mercy that bring comfort to the poor and vulnerable.

For centuries, Catholics have joined in these works by supporting the Peter's Pence Collection, which helps to fund the Holy Father's mission to proclaim Christ's message in the world. Our gifts to the collection are "concrete signs of hope" that fulfill the two aims of Peter's Pence: "1) **To support the Holy Father's mission**, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See that assist him every day; and 2) **To support the numerous charitable works** in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development."

For more information on Peter's Pence, please visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website: *www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html* (English) *or* *www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html* (español).

**"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."—Pope Leo XIV, Homily at Mass for the Beginning of the Pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, May 18, 2025**

## How You Can Help

**PRAY**
Pray for the Holy Father, for those he serves in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which benefit from the Peter's Pence Collection.

**SHARE**
Share this bulletin insert with anyone who might be interested.

**GIVE**
Give generously to this collection as a sign of hope to those who suffer around the globe and as a demonstration of your support for the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it can provide hope and minister to all for generations to come.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

**Peter's Pence Collection** | Office of National Collections | *www.usccb.org/nationalcollections*
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**Collection date: 06/28/26**







## ST. EUGENE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Mission Statement**
St. Eugene School prepares and inspires students to achieve their full potential and lead meaningful lives, grounded in the teachings of our Catholic faith.

**Vision**
To be celebrated as a school where we recognize and celebrate the uniqueness of each child, which is affirmed through our instructional strategies, methods, and materials utilized to promote the continuous academic, spiritual, moral, emotional, and physical development of the whole child.

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We are Verbum Dei, a Catholic Missionary Community in Chicago. We bear the Living Word of God through the charism of prayer and preaching. Our world is evolving so fast that there is an urgency to respond according to the needs of all walks of life. We provide the space for people to have a personal Encounter with Jesus Christ through the School of the Word, retreats and other initiatives. Our very diverse groups: English, Polish, Hispanic and Filipino communities, are very welcoming and will suit your spiritual needs. You'll never walk alone wherever you are. The Verbum Dei Missionary Family can be found in many parts of the world. We act on a global scale, but we respond on a local scale!
Come and be part of this wonderful adventure!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Joe Marley at 708-702-2726 Marley-j@comcast.net

## THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB



The Friendship Club will be meeting on Tuesday, June 23 at 11:00 SHARP. This will be our Hawaiian Party. Our lunch will be Hawaiian Chicken in a Pineapple Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Caramelized Carrots, Fruit Tray, Garden Salad, Hawaiian Rolls, and Pineapple Upside Down Cake for Dessert. We will be entertained by the Na Kupuna Ukulele Club singing and dancing to the beautiful Hawaiian songs. After lunch, Bingo will be played. Hope to see you there.

The Friendship Club will be off for the summer but we will return in September. Enjoy your Summer! See you soon!

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Come join us to make a difference in peoples lives.
We crochet:

- shawls,
- lap robes,
- baby blankets,
- crosses
- and even scarves
- and hats when there is a need.

We are meeting on 1 & 3 Wednesday of the Month from 12pm-3pm at Our Lady, Mother of the Church.

Please call Pam Hoffelt at 773-848-4586 for more info.



## Bible Study

Please join us on Wednesdays in St. Eugene School-room 110 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjlizak@comcast.net
Hope to see you there!




## Bulletin Submissions

Bulletin requests must be sent 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin weekend to mgeurtsen@archchicago.org. We reserve the right to edit. Submissions will be placed in the bulletin if space allows and pending administration approval. Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule. Thank you.

## Upcoming Bulletin Early submission dates:

**Please send all material for July 5 Bulletin by Monday-June 22. Thank you.**

## Religious Education Program

Please contact St. Eugene School at 773-763-2235 for information about our Religious Education Program or go to the school website and click on the Religious Education Tab to read or register your child.

## Please contact the Rectory Office for:

- Information about Sacraments of Baptism (Parents requesting Baptism for their child at Queen of Peace must be registered and active members of the Parish), Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals.
- Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
- Request sacramental records such as baptism, confirmation, marriage, or other certificates.
- To register as a new parishioner.
- To schedule a Mass intention ( Mass Intentions can be scheduled only in person at the rectory office).
- Make a donation or set up financial support options
- Get general information like office hours, event schedules, or directions to the church facilities.

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## IN OUR HEARTS

## THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

† Anna Hiszczynski



May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

## WEDDING BANNS

## Third Banns:



Rebecca Irene Coleman &
John Ronin Flaherty



Pat Apida
Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio & Victoria Amelio
Patricia Basili
Judy Bauer
Don Bellisario
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Camile Conrick
Jacqueline Connoly
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela D'Alessandro
Joseph Duna
Mary Fazio
Kurt Feiereisel
Scott Feiereisel
Frank Feist
Carol Fijalkiewicz
Matthew Fijalkiewicz
Tony Fiore
Rich Garcia
Bob Gasiorek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Evelina A. Habacon-Hilado
Susan Hennessy
Jeff Herden
Bonnie Herden
Renee Holm
Amani Holder
Sophia Kakish
Terry Katz
Arthur Kopeck
Harry Krawczyk
Thomas Landeck
James LaPietra
Abagail Lim
Allie Lim
Frank Lizak
Liam Logan
Guistino Maestranzi
Rose Mary Maratto
Dcn. Ted Marszalek
Stanisław Mazek
Azucena Melendrez
Lena Menconi
Dolores Michalek
Judy Mitrenga
Linda Morton
Norman Mosk
Michael J. Muscarello
John Murphy
Joan Nicosia
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Lola & Belle Nuccio
Rev. James J. O'Brien
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara
Catherine O'Keefe
Blanca Pacia
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Ernesto Vergara
Jack Wagner
Nancy Wesclitz
Dolores Wilk



# STEWARDSHIP

## 06/14/2026

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| 4:30pm SE | $2,589.00 |
| 8:30am SE | $2,418.50 |
| 10:00am OLMC | $1,943.50 |
| 11:30am SE | $2,893.00 |
| Online Collection | $3,481.01 |
| Mail | $2,010.00 |
| **Sunday Total** | **$15,335.01** |
| Priest's Health & Retirement | $6,029.00 |

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

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If paying by check, please make the check payable to Queen of Peace Parish. Thank you.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

**June 24**

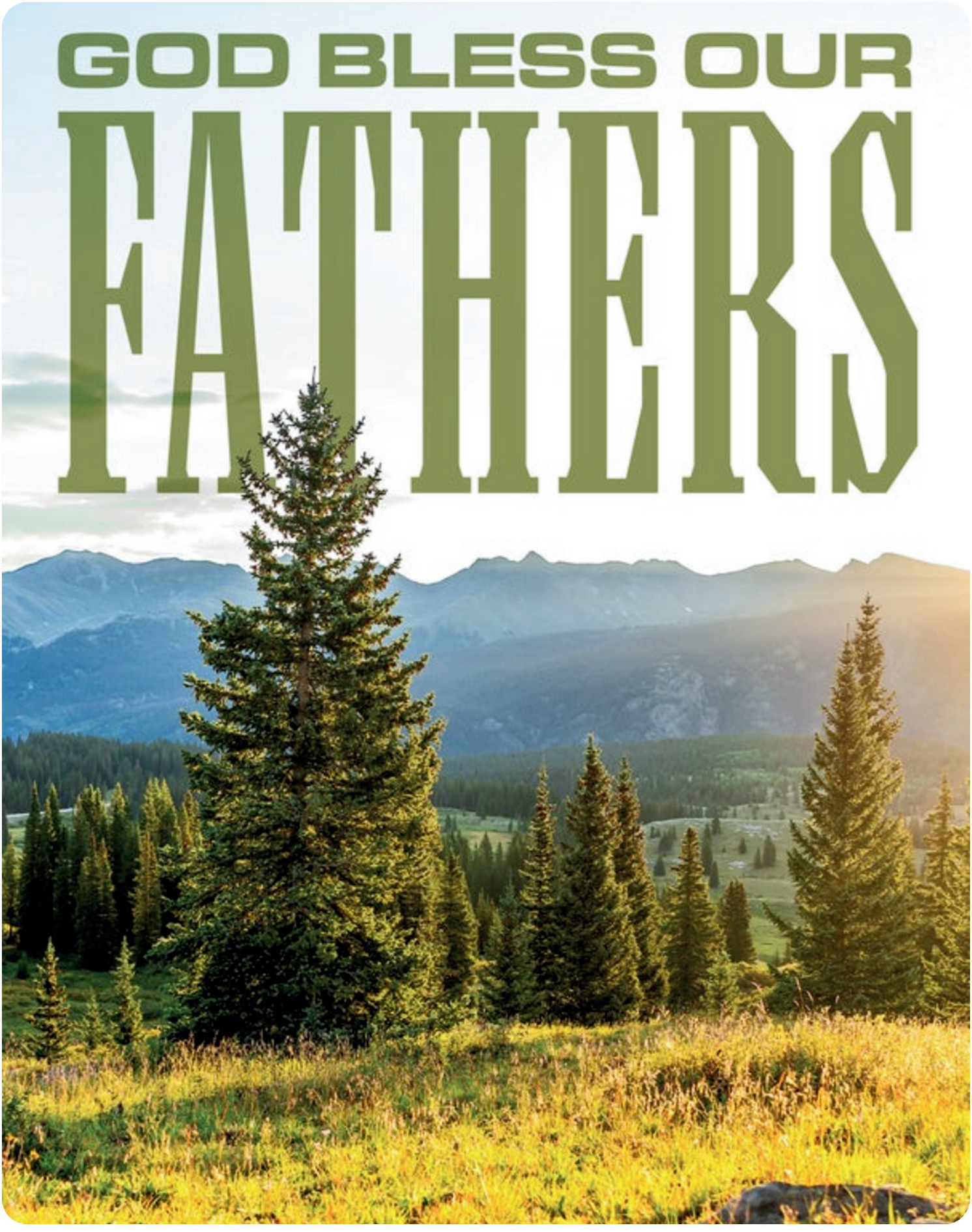
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**June 28**

Peter's Pence

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GOD BLESS OUR
FATHERS

## ROSARIES FOR ALL THE FATHERS IN OUR LIVES




Please pray at least one Rosary this week for fathers, foster fathers, stepfathers, godfathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, and father figures. Rosary Guild members include: Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., and Shirley S.

## LIVING ROSARY



Pray a decade or more of the Rosary each day for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, Saint Philomena.

**Joyful Mysteries:**
Annunciation - Lori G.
Visitation - Barb R.
Nativity - Josephine N.
Presentation - Karen R.
Finding the Temple - Mary M.

**Luminous Mysteries**
Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.
Wedding at Cana - Mary M.
Proclaim the Kingdom - Terri K.
Transfiguration - Emily A.
Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.

**Sorrowful Mysteries**
Agony in the Garden - Jean R.
Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.
Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.
Carrying of the Cross - Mary M.
Crucifixion - Demi S.

**Glorious Mysteries**
Resurrection - Lita J.
Ascension - Marsha G.
Descent of Spirit - Terri K.
Assumption - Camille C.
Coronation - Camille C.

**ON TUESDAYS THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION IS PRAYED AFTER MASS.**
**HER UPCOMING FEAST DAY IS SATURDAY, JUNE 27.**

**THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST APPARITION OF THE QUEEN OF PEACE IN MEDJUGORJE IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24.**

**THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET ARE SAID BEFORE MASS.**





# **Weekly** Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:**
"Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

**Psalm:**
Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

**Second Reading:**
But the gift is not like the transgression.
For if by the transgression of the one the many died,
how much more did the grace of God
and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ
overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

**Gospel:**
"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops."
(Mt 10:27)

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## Live The Liturgy
### Inspiration of the Week

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light." We all hear God's voice whispering in our hearts. Discipleship means speaking those words out loud. We all feel the Spirit sing into our souls. Discipleship means that we dance to the tune.

## Observances for the week of June 21, 2026

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| **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 |




## Virtues, *Explained!*

In being affable, we make ourselves friendly, approachable, and agreeable to those around us, regardless of how they make us feel. "How good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together as one," writes King David in Psalm 133.

## Blessing for Juneteenth

Dear Lord,
Pour Your goodness and grace upon our brothers and sisters. Even as we celebrate our triumphs, be with us in today's work that strives to bring justice to the oppressed and liberty to captives. Write Your message of freedom in our hearts, so that we might live more deeply healed. Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of June 21, 2026

**Sunday:**
Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/ Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

**Monday:**
2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:**
2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:**
**Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

**Day:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Thursday:**
2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/ Mt 7:21-29

**Friday:**
2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/ Mt 8:1-4

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

**Next Sunday:**
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42)



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an "indignant despair." Haven't we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today's Gospel: "**Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.**" (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow's fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, "Do not be afraid," hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father's care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

*— Father John Muir*




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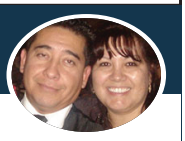
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