

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

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Our Lady of the Lake Mission Statement

We, the Parish of Our Lady of the Lake, united in baptism and empowered by the Spirit, endeavor to live our commitment to proclaim God's love by: being a welcoming parish community; worshipping, working and celebrating together; serving the spiritual and material needs of all; spreading the Gospel through personal witness; inviting each parishioner to active participation in our parish life and in surrounding communities; and, through our unique call, welcoming our many visitors.

We share our gifts and ourselves in the name of Jesus. †



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27 - July 3

Events

SATURDAY June 27

Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00-4:30pm - Confessional

2nd Collection
Our Lady Cares

SUNDAY June 28

2nd Collection
Our Lady Cares

MONDAY June 29

No Events today

TUESDAY June 30

OCIA - 2nd Inquiry Session
6:30-8:00pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY July 1

Stitchers
9:00am-12:00pm - St. Francis Room

THURSDAY July 2

OLL Game Day
1:00pm-3:30pm - Faith Formation Room

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:30-8:00pm - Faith Formation Room

FRIDAY July 3

Parish office closed

1st Friday Book Club
11:00am - Gathering Space

Spanish Charismatic Group
6:00-9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY July 4

No AM Events today



Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm
7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am
10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am

1st FRIDAY

10:00am

Adoration

TUESDAY

Resumes July 14th

THURSDAY

Resumes July 16th

Important Links

[Click Here For
PARISH CALENDAR](#)

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MASS INTENTIONS](#)

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FLOWER INTENTIONS](#)



*Flower Intentions
available for July & August*

Mass Intentions

Sat.	6/27	5:00pm	Annie Crimmins (L)
Sat.	6/27	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (L)
Sun.	6/28	8:00am	Tom Ackerman (L)
Sun.	6/28	10:30am	Mike and Veronica Axelson (L)
Mon.	6/29	9:00am	George & Ellen Jaap †
Tue.	6/30	9:00am	Izzi Rudin (L)
Wed.	7/1	5:30pm	Hope Rock (L)
Thur.	7/2	9:00am	Steve Rock (L)
Fri.	7/3	10:00am	Crystal Rock (L)



[Click Here to Make a Prayer Request](#)

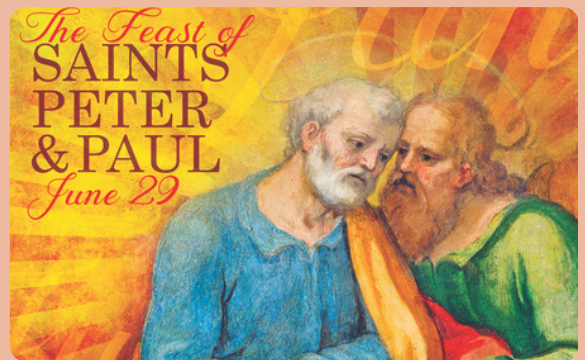
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 [Click here](#) for Mass Times & Sacrament of Reconciliation



 [CLICK HERE](#) FOR DAILY MASS READINGS

Collection through June 21, 2026

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Envelopes:	\$36,013.00
Plate:	\$3,950.00
Green Envelopes:	\$13,548.81
Total:	\$53,511.81

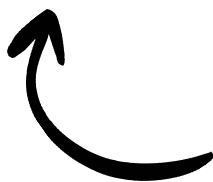


To date, our parish has **143 donors** who have pledged **\$69,170** toward our goal of **204 donors** and our goal amount of **\$83,921**
 Thank you!

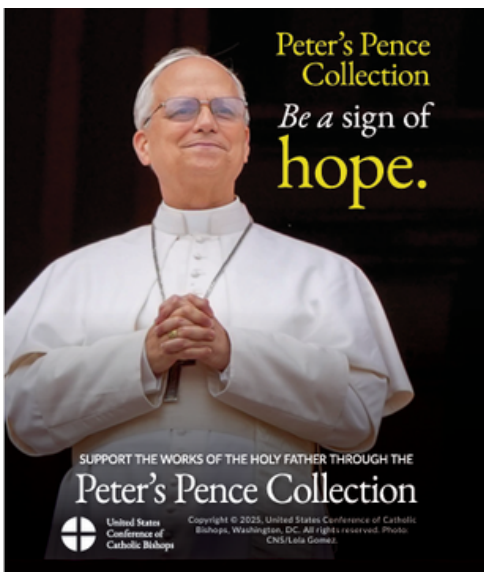
If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given.

The diocese and Church in southern Missouri needs your participation.

Please complete and return your DDF pledge envelope next Sunday, if you were not able to do so today.



Donate Today!
 Click on the link below
[Diocesan Development Fund](#)
 Or Scan the QR code



Peter's Pence Collection Sunday, June 28

Support the Works of the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection

Pray for the Holy Father, for those he serves in compassion, and for the success of his appeal. And please give if you are able. Even a small gift can go a long way in supporting the work of the Holy See.

If you have your envelope for the Peter's Pence Collection this weekend, kindly place it in the regular collection. You're also welcome to drop it off at the parish office during the week.



OCIA is a process of study, exploration, faith-sharing, and faith formation for those who are curious about the Catholic faith, whether unbaptized adults or baptized Christians from another tradition who are drawn toward full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you have been talking with someone about our Faith, please invite them to attend our

Next Inquiry Session
June 30, 2026
6:30-7:30pm
In the Heritage Room
(lower level of the Church)

For more information, please contact the Church office. (417) 334-2928

Our summer sessions are the first part of the Inquiry portion where those who have questions about the Catholic Faith are encouraged to attend with absolutely no commitment required.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." — Matthew 7:7



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

The Catholic Duty to Safeguard America's Founding Principles

As we approach the 250th Anniversary of the United States independence, I continue to seek out themes and historical events that are connected to our Catholic faith. One of my go-to resources for ideas is Aleteia.org. This week's newsletter featured an article written by Tom Hoopes; [4 Reasons America's future depends on Catholics](#). The article summarizes comments made by Pope St. John Paul II with a papal central theme that American Catholics should turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe to lead us – specifically, to be the “soul” of the Republic. The following is my summary of Tom's article.

Reason 1: America's future depends on religious people because its founding principles are religious principles. Self-government only works with a religious people who obey God's will — when people have no self-control, the government has to control them instead.

Reason 2: Catholics have a deep understanding of the Nation's founding principles. Catholic thinkers influenced the Declaration of Independence directly, and the words of Doctor of the Church, Robert Bellarmine, match key phrases in the Declaration document.

St. John Paul II made the connection explicit: “In a world without truth, freedom loses its foundation, and a democracy without values can lose its very soul. But America possesses a safeguard, a great bulwark, against this happening. I speak of your founding documents: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights.”

Reason 3: Democracy requires moral truth. St. John Paul II said, "The continuing success of American democracy depends on the degree to which each new generation, native-born and immigrant, make its own the moral truths on which the Founding Fathers staked the future of your Republic."

Reason 4: America functions as a “new Rome” and Catholics are called to be its “soul.” Catholics must play the same role early Christians played in Rome: offering a moral compass and spiritual witness. American Catholics are urged to turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe so that the Gospel might transform American culture from within. Pope Francis commented that the principles of the Declaration continue to inspire global movements for human dignity.

St. John Paul II's devotion to Our Lady was lifelong and unmistakable. In contrast to the culture-of-death, he called Our Lady of Guadalupe the Mother of Hope and the Mother and Evangelizer of America. He highlighted this theme at the First Synod of all the Bishops of America in December 1998.

His prayer to her captures it beautifully: "Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, we pray to you for all the Bishops, that they may lead the faithful along paths of intense Christian life, of love and humble service of God and souls."

As America marks 250 years, St. John Paul II's prophetic vision continues to ring true. The future of this Republic rests not on politics or power, but on whether Catholics answer the call to be its soul. May the grace of Our Lady of Guadalupe, of the Ozarks, of the Lake and of the Cove, draw our nation closer to her Son.

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

AUGUST 15, 2026

Want to attend but don't want to drive?



**Our Lady of the Lake
will be taking a chartered bus
to West Plains.**



**NO COST
TO RIDE**

**DEPART FROM OLL
SAT. AUG. 15TH AT 6:00AM**

HOWEVER...

You will need to register & pay to attend the Congress.

***REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JULY 31*
(unless all seats are filled before then)**

Cost to Attend the Congress

There is a registration fee of
\$10 per person or
\$25 maximum per family
(parents with minor-age children).

The registration fee includes:

- all Congress activities
- speakers
- materials
- and a lunch meal

TO SIGN-UP FOR THE CONGRESS

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress - DioSCG



Scan QR CODE
(Congress)

TO RESERVE A BUS SEAT(S)

Eucharistic Congress Bus reservation | Flocknote



Scan QR code
to reserve bus seat(s)



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AUGUST 15, 2026

WEST PLAINS CIVIC CENTER

REGISTRATION

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Bishop James Conley



Bishop Edward Rice



Fr. Leo Patalinghug



Dr. Scott Hahn



Fr. Elvis Gonzalez



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Mari Pablo



Brian Miller



Sr. Karolyn Nunes, FSCM

JOIN US IN PRAYING, LEARNING & CELEBRATING

at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress



DIocese of **SPRINGFIELD-
CAPE GIRARDEAU**



Visit WWW.DIOSCG.ORG/DIOCESAN-EUCHARISTIC-CONGRESS or scan the QR CODE for more resources, including suggestions for the Year of Spiritual Preparation, and updates to the Congress!



OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

Safe Environment Requirements for:

Clergy Employees Adult Volunteers*

*(which include the following ministries)

Knight of Columbus
Welcome Women
Ushers
Help Desk

Parish Office Volunteers
Sacristans
OCIA
Hospitality
Young Adult

Hispanic
Homebound
Gift Shop Volunteers
Funeral Ministry
PSR

Safety & Security
Music Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Bible Study Leaders
Lectors

*Before engaging in diocesan, parish and school-sponsored activities for minors and vulnerable adults, all clergy, employees and **adult volunteers** are required to be in compliance with the diocesan Safe Environment Requirements which include:*

- 1) A Background Screening**
- 2) Safe Environment Training**
- 3) Code of Conduct - *must be completed annually***

- For any new volunteers, to begin the process, an account must first be created in VIRTUS. [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/\(Online account\)](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/(Online account))
Select: Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO (Diocese)
- There the Background Screening Application will be prompted and is now completed online through their VIRTUS account.
- The training, which includes "Protecting God's Children" and "Mandated and Ethical Reporting", are accessible through their VIRTUS account and are also completed online.

The Code of Conduct is **required annually** and is made available at the beginning of each fiscal year, **July 1**.

The Code of Conduct can be accessed through the diocesan webpage

<https://dioscrg.org/child-youth-protection/>

Scroll down - towards the bottom of the page there's a *RESOURCES SECTION*

Select the Prevention and Protection tab.

The documents may be found there.

OR [click here](#) to access the form

The Code of Conduct is to be read, signed, and submitted to the local Safe Environment Coordinator at the parish - Nickie Rivera

If you need assistance, please contact
Nickie Rivera
Please call, text, or email
417-251-1819 Cell
NickieRivera@ollbranson.com
Director of Formation

Any questions may be directed to the
Associate Safe Environment Coordinator,
Shelly Ferry, sferry@dioscrg.org or
the Director of Child and Youth Protection, Bill Holtmeyer,
billholtmeyer@dioscrg.org
or at The Catholic Center, (417) 866-0841.

OLL Games

Join us July 2nd OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

Swoop - The Hee-Haw Girls
Big Winner Margaret -124
Sharron -261 Judy H -287
Jeanie -313 Sharon A -381
Lil' Winner Juliann -403



Mahjong
Table 1
Edean -50
Judy O -50
Monnie -5-



OLL Train - The Cavaliers
BIG Winner Joe -216
Remy -273 Kevin -293
Eva -304
Lil' Winner Ed -516



Mahjong Table 2
Susan C -25 Harry -25
Joyce -25 Brenda -0
OLL Train - Steve and the Girls
BIG Winner Judy E -151
Julie J -316 Mary -352
Rose Marie -360
Lil' Winner Steve -380



July 2nd we will celebrate



JOIN THE FUN!



Bragging Rights!



OLL Train - Steve and the Girls: Judy E went out 7 times in 11 hands!
Swoop - The Hee-Haw Girls: Margaret went out 6 times in 11 hands
using her Wild Cards!

ALL ARE INVITED

TO JOIN A 5 WEEK SERIES
"33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY"

Which prepares individuals to make a prayer of
consecration to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist
(dedicating oneself to the worship and service of Jesus Christ).

Participants will be reading daily excerpts
(2-4 pages in length) from the book,
33 Days to Eucharistic Glory
by Matthew Kelly at home.



**Participants are also invited
to join a small discussion group (optional)
which will be meeting on
Sunday mornings at 9:15-10:15AM
July 12, 19, 26 and August 2 & 9
in the Faith Formation Room
(in the lower level of the church)**

Upon completion of reading this book,
participants are invited to make the prayer of consecration.
This summer, those attending the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on
August 15 will be making a prayer of consecration to Jesus in the Holy
Eucharist at the closing Mass.

Others not attending the Congress are invited to make their prayer of
consecration during or after Sunday Mass on August 16 at their local parish.

If you are interested in ordering the book and/or
participating in the Sunday small group discussions,
please sign up online using this link:

<https://forms.gle/2e2Vrhw2dd9C4TCM7>



Our Lady of the Cove

Vacation Bible School

July 6, 7 & 8

9:00AM-12:45PM

Registration for the 2026
Vacation Bible School
"Rainforest Falls"
can be completed
by going to
Ourladyofthecove.org



OR Scan the
QR Code



Or

Click on the link below
Vacation Bible School

ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM -
Our Lady of the Cove - Kimberling City



How Sweet the Sound Retreat

A lyrical reflection on
"Amazing Grace"

Wednesday, July 29th

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Our Lady of the Lake
(In the Church)

Explore the text and reflect
on each verse of this piece
by Sarah Hart.

Let its message touch our hearts
and draw us closer to God.

(All materials will be provided)

Presented by
Dorene Oesterreicher

ALL ARE WELCOME

"May the Sacred Heart of Jesus inspire us to love one another, especially the poor, the immigrant, and the marginalized.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary draw us deeper into the love of her Son."

Bishop Edward M. Rice

June
PRAYER INTENTION

If you have any questions regarding
PSR (Parish School of Religion),
Sacraments, or Quinceañeras.

Please call, text, or email
Nickie

Director of Formation

NickieRivera@ollbranson.com

417-251-1819 Cell



ATTENTION

PLEASE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NO SATURDAY MASSES ON AUGUST 15, 2026

THE DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IS TAKING PLACE AUGUST 15, 2026

A SUNDAY EVENING MASS WILL BE ADDED ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH TIME: TBA

Renew, Refresh, and Reignite Your Marriage

If your calendar tells the story of your life, what does it say about the importance of your marriage?

Schedule a weekend to renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience!

For information, visit: www.wmenc.org



Upcoming Weekend

July 31 - August 2

**Drury Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
Cape Girardeau**



CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

HELP CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS IN SPRINGFIELD

Help the Catholic Campus Ministry, O'Reilly Catholic Student Center prepare for the upcoming school year by donating any of the items listed. Drop off donations Monday-Thursday mornings, or Sundays at CCM, 847 S. Holland Ave., Springfield. Thank you in advance for your continued dedication and support!



ITEMS NEEDED:

- ✓ Trash Bags (55/13/4 gallon)
- ✓ Paper Towels
- ✓ Toilet Paper
- ✓ Solo Cups
- ✓ Individually Packaged Snack Items
- ✓ Gift cards or Monetary Donations



catholic campus ministry
DRURY - MSU - OTC
at the O'Reilly Catholic Student Center

Our Contact
(417) 865-0802
More Information
www.ccm847.org



FIRST FRIDAY MASS for VOCATIONS

Bishop Rice will celebrate the *Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart* for Vocations each First Friday of the month, followed by the Rosary.

All parishes are invited to celebrate First Friday Masses for Vocations as we continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

BISHOP RICE'S SCHEDULE FOR FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Fri., July 3	St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield	5:30 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 7	St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield	5:30 p.m.



Our Lady of the Lake utilizes Flocknote to maintain connection with our parishioners.

Through this system, we send out the weekly bulletin, along with important parish announcements and updates, via email or text message.

If you have never signed up or need to update your information please click link below or go to:

<https://ollbranson.flocknote.com>

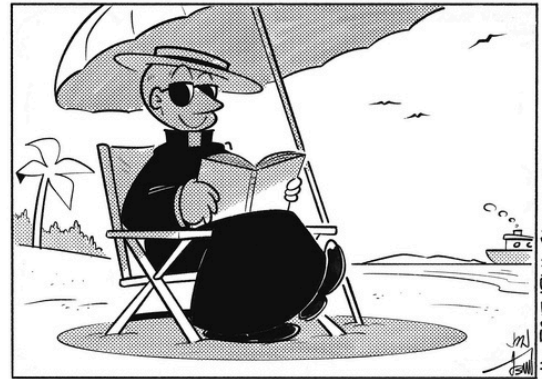
13th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



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"What do you call it when a priest spends the weekend at the beach?"



THE FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"Sancti-Vacation!"



We all need a vacation from time to time so we can relax and recuperate. Even our priests go on vacation!

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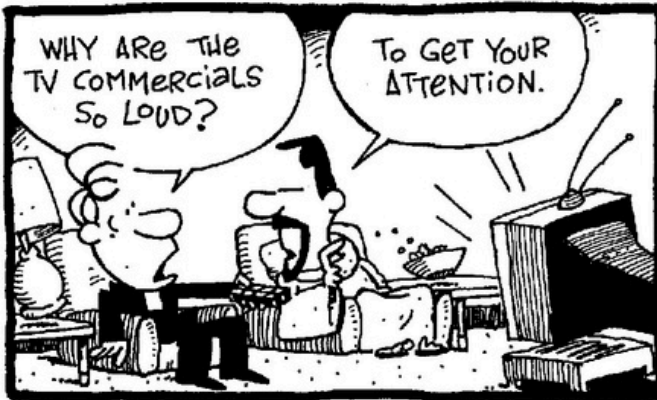
CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the "Holy See"?

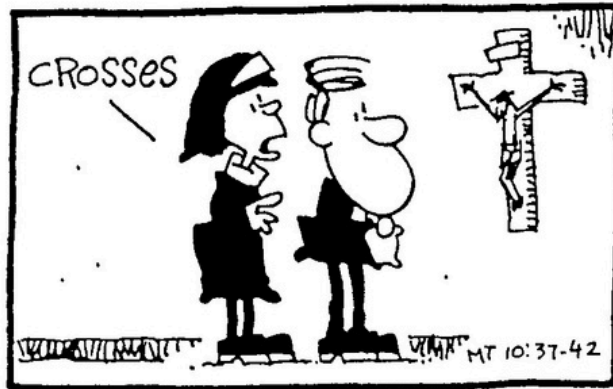
Answer: The Pope, the Diocese of Rome, and sometimes the papal government.

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13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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All for Jesus

MIGUEL DULICK

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 "semitism"—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."

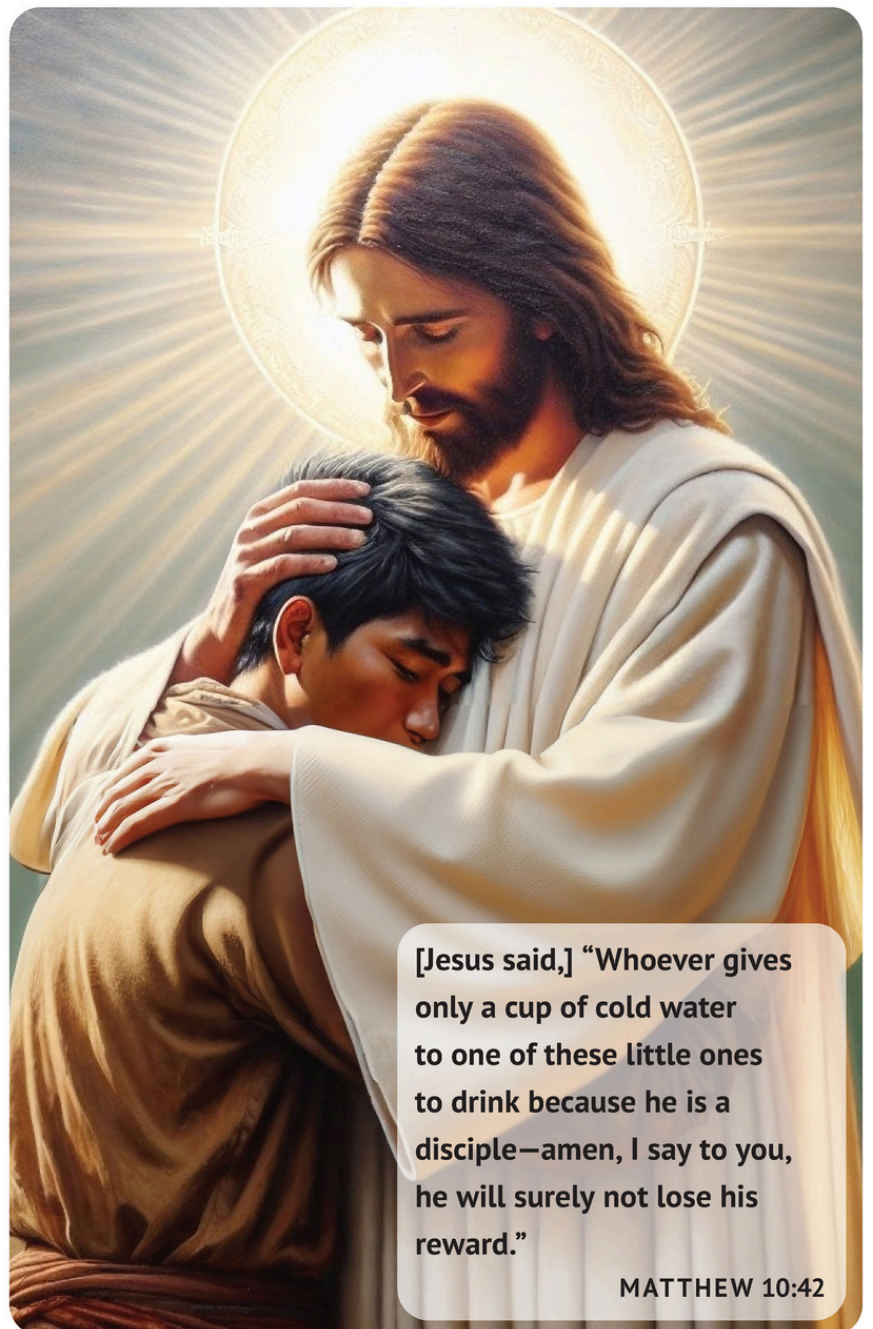
It reminds me of Honduras, where I live. Here, a cup of cold water can make the difference between life and death. And that is no exaggeration! ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

**Have I read a whole gospel
from start to finish?**



[Jesus said,] "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

MATTHEW 10:42

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kgs 4:15-16)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:4)

Gospel:

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Mt 10:39)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Whoever receives the one sent in Christ's name receives Christ. Whoever loves the Word of God loves God Himself. Who is Christ sending to you in his name this week? What Word do they speak into the stillness of your soul? Receive them. Receive him.

Observances for the week of June 28, 2026

- Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles
Tuesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Wednesday: St. Junípero Serra, Priest
Friday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Saturday: *Independence Day*
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

When a person hears a "call," he cannot simply go — he must first figure out where the call is coming from. It's not enough to simply have an idea; the idea needs a good, thorough background check. This is discernment.

Blessing for Marriage

Dear Jesus,
Bless the married couples in our community and grow their bonds of love for each other. Give them the grace to share minds, hearts, dreams, growth, challenges, and strength in every season of life. Make them a sturdy shelter for each other, a place to find comfort and rest.
Amen.

Readings for the week of June 28, 2026

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

Monday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:1-20/Jn 21:15-19 **Day:** Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday:

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday:

Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday:

Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday:

Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday:

Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: “**Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.**” (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ’s claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I’ve learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It's easy to receive Jesus, or at least the Jesus presented to us by pop culture. But it's harder to receive God the Son, consubstantial with God the Father who sent him — the one from the Old Testament who says and does a bunch of things that make modern people uncomfortable.

Receiving

I receive a lot of junk mail. I'm on a bunch of people's asking-for-money lists, and so were the people who owned this house before me, and when you put it all together, it results in quite the pile of paper accumulating on my counter.

I leave it there because, while I have received this mail, I don't want to *receive* it. Do you see the difference? To really receive someone or something, you have to look at it, assess it, make space for it. Accept it. Decide it will have a place in your home or your life or whatever, and give it that place.

It's what the righteous woman did with Elisha. She received him. She had a room all ready, waiting for him, even when he wasn't there.

But I refuse to receive the junk mail. I don't have space for it, in my head or on my counter, so after a day or two, I just throw it away without looking through it.

"Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me," Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew.

But what does that mean, exactly?

It's easy to receive Jesus, or at least to receive the Jesus presented to us by modern imagination — that laidback hippie who lets anyone sit at his table, no questions asked. But it's harder to receive the Christ, God the Son, who is consubstantial with God the Father who sent him.

Ah, yes, God the Father — maybe you've heard of Him? He's the one from the Old Testament who says and does a bunch of things that make modern people uncomfortable.

That's a little more of a challenge, isn't it? Takes a little bit more thought. A little more assessment. A little more making-space.

Can we do it? Well, we have to find a way. Because for the record, laidback hippie Jesus doesn't exist. And Old Testament God makes a lot of sense, if you give Him a little thought. If you make a little space.

So make the space. Receive.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've heard of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. What are they, and what's the difference?

Answer:

As God has shown us mercy, so too are we called to show mercy to those we encounter. We see mercy throughout the Gospels, but the parable in Matthew 25 forms the foundation for the first set of Works of Mercy. This parable of the last judgment shows each person being asked how well they cared for those around them, and being reminded that this care for those in need is care for God Himself. Each person is asked if they have fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked, sheltered the stranger, cared for the sick, and visited the imprisoned. These — along with burying the dead — are the Corporal Works of Mercy, as they primarily concern the physical life of a person.

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