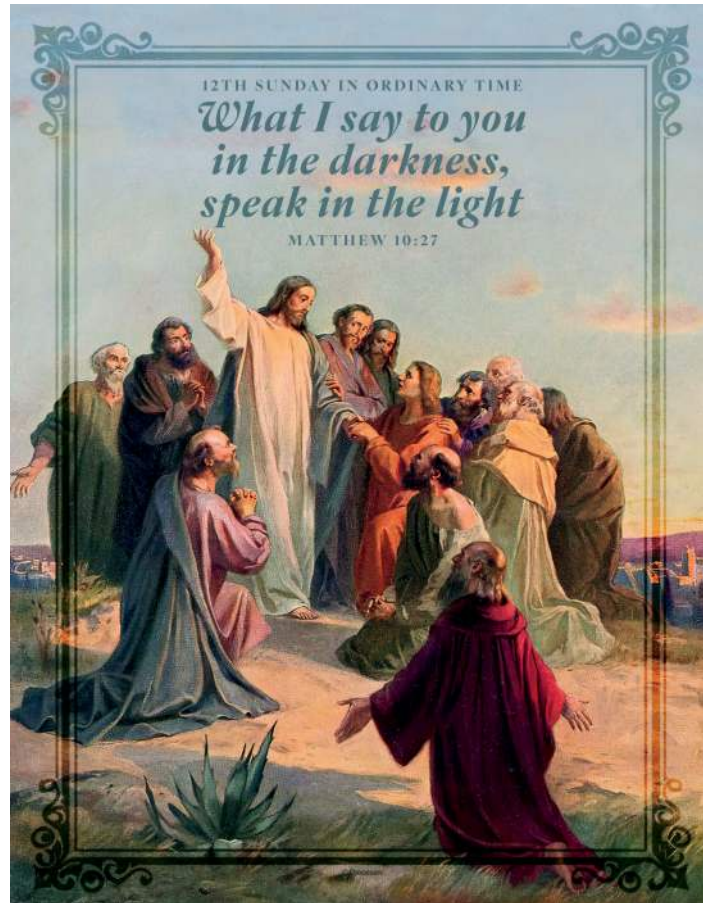


We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them



the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes

we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

Readings for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33.



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Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Patrick: 4:00 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Thomas: 5:30 PM
Holy Day Vigil @ St. Thomas: 6:30 PM
Weekday Masses @ St. Thomas: 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
CONFESSIONS @ St. Thomas: 30 Minutes before Masses or by Appointment

Sunday Masses @ St. Thomas: 8:30 AM & 11 AM
Holy Day Mass @ St. Thomas: 12:00 PM Noon

Divine Mercy: Fri. 11:45 AM
Holy Rosary: Thurs. 11:40 AM

CONFESSIONS @ St. Patrick Mission: 3:30 PM

*"The LORD is with me,
Like a mighty CHAMPION."*

Jeremiah 20:11

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

4:00 PM: Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission
†Kay Havelka by C.B. & Kathleen Trial
5:30 PM: Collective Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle
Will Hewlett (Birthday) by Pat Landreth
†Lillie Kurtz (AOB) by Danny & Roberta Kurtz
†John Bowman II by John & Chi Bowman
†Richard Chavarry by Terri Chavarry

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: Parishioners
11:00 AM: **FATHER'S DAY** - Novena Begins

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

12:00 PM: No Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: Father's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: Father's Day Novena

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: Father's Day Novena

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: Father's Day Novena

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

4:00 PM: Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission
Father's Day Novena
5:30 PM: Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle
Father's Day Novena

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: Father's Day Novena
11:00 AM: Father's Day Novena

Happy Father's Day

Please Pray for ...

All the homebound, all the sick and suffering of our parish, and especially pray for all those who have asked us for prayers.



Cathy Sikes, T. J. Williams, Larry Bryant, Frances Hicks, Eileen Champine, Dalia Gutierrez, Jeanette Respondek, Wallace and Judi Prukop, Fred Nemec, Harold Prejean, Mary Elva Estrada, Shannon Clubb, Courtney Dodd, John Bowman, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Dee Molina, Marty Douglas, Simon Bucknall, Brady Scarborough, Beckie Ranly, Laura Greenwood, Michael Chapman, Tommy Lopez, Debbie Wood, Dawn Sherek, Bill Wilson, Richard Osburg, Tyler Skidmore, Yolanda Peña, Todd Crawford, A.C. Basaldua, and Gloria Valdez.

Please call/email the parish office to include a person on the 2026 PRAYER LIST.

LECTORS for JUNE 27-28, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Les Hoelscher
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Michele Hoelscher
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Frank Wilson



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - JUNE 27-28, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Aaron Hoelscher, Fred Ramos
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Heather Sanchez, J.R. Sanchez, Kera Steward

ALTAR SERVERS for JUNE 27-28, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Grace Landry, Michael Cortino, Matthew Cortino
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Miles Shimek, Joseph Hess, Gabriel & Cyprian Kimmel
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Morgan Boatright, Liam Sanchez, Eliana Garza

USHERS for JUNE 27-28, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman
Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, T. Schumacher
Sunday, 11:00 AM: S. Woolf, B. Boatright, R. Garcia, T. Zurick

A Father's Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,
As a father, help me
To follow Your example
To be patient, To be caring,
To be understanding, To be firm,
To be forgiving, To be a teacher,
To be compassionate, To be loving,
To be a good listener
And most importantly,
To be there as a parent,
As You are always There for me.
Amen.

J.A. Doherty

from the Pastor's desk

INFORMATION CORNER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Altar Flowers: Contact the parish office to schedule flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or for a special occasion.

Baptism: Contact the parish office to register for the Sacrament of Baptism. All paperwork must be completed before attending class or scheduling Baptism. See website for more information.

Bulletin: Bulletin announcements are due on Monday by 1:00 PM.

Confession: Religious Education Student will have confessions on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:30-8:30 PM.

Religious Ed: For registration and questions contact the parish office or the DRE Michele Hoelscher at 361-244-2138.

Scripture Study: Sunday's after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the KC Bldg.

LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Matthew 10:26-33)
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FAMILY CONNECTION

It is not only individuals who need reassurance about God's love and protection. Communities need this reassurance as well, including the community of the family. Children rely on the confidence of their parents for this assurance. Parents can help the entire family's growth in trust and confidence in God by witnessing ways in which daily family needs are entrusted to God's care.

As the family gathers, distribute pieces of paper to each person. Tell them to write or draw ways in which they believe that God's help is needed for each person and for the family as a whole. Each slip of paper can then be collected in a basket.

Invite one member of the family to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:26-33. Recall together how well God knows your family and thank God for this wonderful grace. Conclude by praying together for each of the needs identified on the slips of paper. After each need is read, pray together, "God, we trust you because you know us so well." Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father.

This practice might become a regular part of your family's prayer. Set the basket in a place of prayer and encourage family members to add other needs throughout the week. Perhaps your family can pray for these things together during a family meal.

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from the Pastor's desk

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Father's Day; **Monday:** St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop, Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs;

Wednesday: Nativity of St. John the Baptist;

Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Blessed Virgin Mary.

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THE BIBLICAL EVIDENCE FOR APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

(continued from last week)

Sent in the Name of Jesus

To understand apostolic succession, we must understand the biblical concept of being sent. The *Catechism* uses John 20:21 as an example of this: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" (CCC 858). The Greek word here for send is a form of *apostello*, a familiar-sounding term. *Apostolos* is the noun form of the same word. Its connotation is not sending in the sense of sending a letter. It has a specific meaning of "one sent with the authority of the one who sent him." Thus, according to Jesus, his New Covenant ministers were not just "sent" in a generic sense; rather, they were "sent" by and with the authority of Christ.

Understanding this idea has ramifications regarding the infallibility of the Church, its juridical authority, and more. Think about it: if Christ's ministers are "sent" with the authority of Christ, infallibility necessarily follows. Jesus did not teach mere opinions of what he thought Scripture might mean. He spoke the infallible word of God, and so must his ministers!

Jesus limited this infallible authority he gave to the apostles in both Matthew 16:18-19, when he communicated it to St. Peter and his successors and in Matthew 18:15-18. (to be continued)

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