



## Guardian Angels Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

One of the strongest emotions that is part of human personality is to be “afraid”. It allows us to take precautions in times of trouble. It also, on the other hand, keeps us from venturing into the unknown. For some, this gives them opportunity to show courage and inner strength. Prophet Jeremiah loved to be quiet, hidden and away from any controversies. To him God gives the task of announcing the “gloom and doom.” It is dangerous to be a prophet and proclaimer of truth. The reading of this Sunday begins with the crowd reacting to his words and they even try to lynch him.

Jeremiah echoes the words of this Sunday’s Psalm – “For your sake I bear insults and shame covers my face. I have become an outcast to my brothers, a stranger to my mother’s sons. – Psalm 69.” but, Jeremiah wisely reminds us, “the Lord is with me like a mighty Champion.”

Jesus reminds us this Sunday when in situation like Jeremiah, it can lead us to embarrassing and painful situations. But if we really believe what we profess to believe, we will be like a rock unshaken since Lord assures us of his abiding presence.

On this Father’s Day, the hymn “Faith of our fathers! living still... we will be true to thee, till death,” should inspire all the Dads - Happy Father’s Day!

I would like to remind all our parishioners to observe the provincial and archdiocesan guidelines in celebrating and gatherings of people. I would request all of you to be present at least 5 minutes before service. If you arrive late, and Mass is already in progress, our volunteers and the congregation are distracted. Please be caring for one another.

Have a wonderful time.

Prayers and blessings,

**Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD**

Pastor

## **Understanding Stewardship in a Complex World**

Whether we are still observing stay-at home orders or slowly emerging from our quarantine and getting back to Mass in those places where permissible, we know that our Catholic faith is a communal faith, not meant to be lived in isolation. Our prayer and spirituality serve as a springboard to a life of Christian charity and service to others in some form or fashion.

In Saint John's Gospel, Jesus alludes to the lives of action his disciples will lead. He speaks to God about his followers: "I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one" (John 17:15). As a communion of Christian stewards, we live our Catholic faith in a challenging world. We see overwhelming problems and social ills, and we're bombarded from so many sides to take action. We are sometimes hit by "compassion fatigue," and often the issues are complex and our response unsure.

There are a host of Catholic agencies that can help us better understand Catholic social teaching and how we apply that teaching to the complexity of world issues that surround us. Catholic Relief Services and Jesuit Refugee Services, to name just two, deal with international issues with a focus on faith, and Catholic Charities USA focuses on domestic issues. But are you aware that our United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) addresses many issues on the domestic and international front, through its educational resources as well as its activities? Many times, news reports focus on the Church's position on one or two issues. But in reality, the bishops are very active and outspoken on a wide range of social concerns, and by joining with them as people of faith we can create a united front that promotes positive change and enhances the common good.

Through its teachings and programs, the USCCB addresses issues such as human trafficking, hunger among our nation's poor, the human suffering brought on by Syria's civil war, employment, health care, the environment, education and capital punishment.

Visiting [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) can bring you up to date on a wide range of issues and show you how you can help address them by applying the teachings of our Catholic faith. Together as a communion of faith we can make a difference as we live in this world as Christ directed even in these disquieting times.

## **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of June 20/21, 2020**

In today's gospel reading Jesus tells his followers to have no fear. The claim that whatever is covered up will be uncovered and secrets made known arises from the power of the gospel, in which the disciples participate through the means of their mission. Their simplicity, vulnerability, and dependence on God demonstrate the reality of God's presence and character in the face of the world's claims to possess real power. Even though proclaiming the gospel will bring suffering, the gospel must be proclaimed "in the light" and "on the housetops" (Mt 10:27), for the gospel proclaimed and lived is the most powerful tool at the disciples' disposal against fear. Reflect this week on how you might use the Bible to confront whatever fears you may have and how your proclamation of the gospel can calm the fears of others.

## Mass Intentions



Day			Intention
Saturday	Jun 20	9am	Sp. Int. of Teresita Salvani
		4pm	Anonymous
		6pm	+Kim Anderson+
Sunday	Jun 21	9am	+Margaret Roybal+
		11am	+Edward Bilek+
		12:30pm	Parishioners
Monday	Jun 22	8am	Anonymous
Tuesday	Jun 23	8am	+Rose & Jerry Deschenes+
Wednesday	Jun 24	8am	+Milagros Jarcia Daluro+
Thursday	Jun 25	8am	+Merlene Evers+
Friday	Jun 26	8am	Intentions of Barbara Winiewska

### KIDS & SENIORS CORNER

(Contributed by Nyles Fernandes)



- 1) What has a head and a tail, but no body?
- 2) What goes up when the rain comes down?
- 3) What is the first thing a gardener plant in the garden?
- 4) Who were the parents of St John the Baptist?

ANSWERS:

1) A coin  
 2) An umbrella  
 3) A foot  
 4) Zechariah, a Jewish priest and his wife Elizabeth a relative of Mary the mother of Jesus.

### Stewardship Reflection

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
- June 21, 2020**

*"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."  
(Matthew 10:32)*

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

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O United Hearts of Jesus and Mary, You are all grace, all mercy, all love. Let my heart be joined to Yours, so that my every need is present in Your United Hearts. Most especially, shed Your grace upon this particular need... (State your need here.) Help me to recognize and accept Your loving will in my life. Holy and Sacred Wounds of the United Hearts of Jesus and Mary, answer my prayer. Amen.

Source: Catholic Online

Happy

Father's Day  
to all fathers!!!

*I shall be father to you,  
and you will be  
sons and daughters to me,  
says the almighty Lord.*

2 Corinthians 6:18

### Prayer for Fathers (Catholic Online)

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done. Amen. (Pope John XXIII)