

Do not be afraid;  
**you are worth  
 more than many  
 sparrows.**

Matthew 10:31



**June 21, 2020**

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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In our world today, it seems there are many things to make us fearful. We can become distraught over personal finances, relationships, poor choices our children are making, issues with jobs, the changing climate, the way our parish is being run, or a zillion other things. The problems may not be even be evil but may be simply life and all its challenges. But these struggles are real, and sometimes we seek unhealthy solutions. Many people suffer with issues of anxiety and depression, and fear leads others to addiction as a means of coping. In our Gospel today, God lovingly calls us beyond that darkness to light.

**WORTH MORE THAN MANY SPARROWS**

Sometimes we look for very complex answers when a simple promise or solution is right in front of us. As I am writing and looking out the window, I see half a dozen little birds sitting in a bush. Their presence is a reminder to me of God's love and care for each and every one of us. If something that seems so insignificant or incidental is known by God, how

much more are we loved and cared for! Take a moment, look at the world around you, breathe, take it in, and ask God for the help you in your need. Turn matters over and place your trust in a loving God.

Remember, though, Jesus seldom heals without some sort of action on our part. When you have given your concern over to God, other concrete steps may be necessary. Is it time to schedule an appointment with a professional? Time to name an issue? Or time for the sacrament of reconciliation? Evil's power comes from remaining in the darkness. When we no longer close ourselves off or suffer alone but share our concerns with someone, we can begin to grow and heal and move past them. It is seldom magical or instantaneous. It is a long arduous process. But we hold on to the simple reminder, "You are worth more than many sparrows!"

Today's Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

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**Celebration of the Sacraments:**  
 Mass: Saturday:  
 Sunday:

**Temporary**  
**Mass Times: Sat., 5:00PM & Sun., 9:00AM**  
**Tues. - Fri. 8:00AM**  
**Confessions: Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 9:00-10:30AM**

**Welcom**

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

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**We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:**

Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Jason McCormick. Wendy Melton. Wanda & George Duke. John Ott. Kathy Fleming. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Mike Fleming. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emly Walker. Mike Brown. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

**Please pray for the men and women active military service from**

**our parish community:** 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Airman First Class Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3RJAMES Morgan (SonInLaw of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

### **ENTHUSIASM AND GRAMMAR**

There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don't show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today's reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run on sentences that leave lectors gasping for breath. So what? Take a closer look at how Paul's fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage's early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined. What leaves us in this condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ!

### **POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR JUNE**

#### **The Way of the Heart**

That all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

### **Mass—Intentions**

**Sat 6/20** Pour Souls in Purgatory (M & M Kelly)  
**Sun 6/21** Fathers & Grandfathers of the Parish  
**Tue 6/23** Russell & Nadine Anderson+ (Ruddie Anderson)  
**Wed 6/24** Joe Cirasola+ (M & M Stephens)  
**Thurs 6/25** Fr. Mike (M & M Stephens)  
**Fri. 6/26** Poor Souls in Purgatory (Rosary Makers)  
**Sat. 6/27** Poor Souls in Purgatory (M & M Kelly)

### **PARISH SUPPORT**

		<u>Attendance</u>
Required Weekly Funds	\$ 3,962	Sat 31
Offerings June 13th & 14th	\$ 4,497	Sun 46

**One can Give without Loving...  
But one cannot Love without Giving.**

I am so grateful for the support that our parishioners has given during these bumpy days, weeks and months. You always come through in the time of need. Thank you for taking the time to send in your contributions plus more above and beyond.

I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

*Rev. Fr. Mike Snider*

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

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

**Second Reading —** The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

**Gospel:** All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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

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

**Wednesday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

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

**Friday:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4

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

**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

**FATHERHOOD:** When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.—William Shakespeare

**WHAT WE LOVE** We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love.—St. Francis de Sales

**Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Saturday, June 20th at 5:00pm and Sunday, June 21st at 9:00am.**

**Extra Protocols for weekend Masses:**

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass.
4. **Chairs** are set up with the 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS**, they are to remain as they are.
5. **Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.** Do not enter through glass doors into the Narthex to the church

**Temporary Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tuesday — Friday at 8:00am.**

**Extra Protocols for weekday Masses:**

1. **Call Fr. Mike on his cell phone 903-490-3883 (do not text). Limited to 20 people.**
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the Narthex or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
4. **In church** we ask you to cooperate by **alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
5. **Enter & exit** double glass doors into the church through the overhang.

The **Welcome Committee** has decided that it would be prudent to not have the Ice Cream Social this August. We sure hope to have one in 2021.

**St. Gregory Cathedral School is currently looking for a full time Pre-K 4 teacher for the 2020—2021 school year.** College degree required. Experience is preferred. Please email resume to Mrs. Robin Perry at [rperry@stgregory.info](mailto:rperry@stgregory.info)

The efforts of our **“Garden Angels”** have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for all the hard work and sweat mowing, raking, hauling off large amounts of pine needles, trash, pulling weeds, watering, etc and maintaining our garden for everyone to use.  
God Bless You!!!!  
*Fr. Mike*

*Happy Blessed Father's Day!!!!*

**We have another new parishioner to Holy Spirit!  
Let's give a warm welcome to:**

**Elizabeth Eagan**

**Dispensation:** The entire diocese remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice. The faithful are under no moral obligation to attend Mass at this time. Before deciding to attend Mass, everyone is asked to consider their own health condition and living situation carefully. All vulnerable individuals should continue to stay at home. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that they could carry the virus back home. People who feel sick or have symptoms of possible COVID-19 MUST remain at home.

**Confessions: Tues., 6/23; Wed., 6/24; Thurs., 6/25 from 9:00—10:30am.** Confessions rain or shine, cold or hot weather. I will be parked in front of the double glass doors that you enter into the Narthex, under the overhang, seated in my front seat of my car. Please drive up and park your vehicle 6 feet from my vehicle and stay in your vehicle. Roll your window down, turn motor off and start your confession. After, your confession, you may drive around to our meditation garden, to say your penance.

**Food donations:** Thank you so much for the nonperishable goods that you donated last weekend. Those items were very helpful to the people in need.

We are still in need of **peanut butter and we started collecting sundries.** Plastic container is located in the **parish hall** for now. We have been feeding 70—90 people per week. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or [theduckdude@att.net](mailto:theduckdude@att.net) if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

**Cenacle of Life:** Fr. Mike has given us his permission to resume the Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm beginning June 24th.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382

**Second Collections for the month of June:**

6th & 7th: Building & Maintenance

20th & 21st: Retired Priest of the Diocese of Tyler

27th & 28th: **Peter's Pence (Pontifical Collection)**

At the end of February or first of March Fr. Mike set out the **Rice Bowl Boxes** in the Narthex. If you picked one up and you filled it with change would you please return your box to the church office or give to Fr. Mike.

**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
*Amen.*

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