

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 21, 2020

Readings

First Reading: Jer 20:10-13

Second Reading: Rom 5:12-15

Gospel: Mt 10:26-33

Reflection

My persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. (Jeremiah 20:11)

Jeremiah was not having a good week. He had been arrested, beaten, and thrown into prison. Then, having been released, he pronounces an oracle of destruction against Jerusalem and offers a bitter prayer accusing the Lord of “seducing” him into this dangerous ministry (Jeremiah 20:7). And he prays for the chance to see his enemies’ downfall—and to savor it (20:12)!

Today’s reading is not what Jesus had in mind when he said, “Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44). We have only to think of Jesus’ words of forgiveness on the cross to see how he really wants his people to respond to persecution and enmity.

It’s comforting to know that even a great prophet like Jeremiah had bad days. It gives us some perspective on our own lives. Who among us hasn’t wished vengeance on someone who has hurt us? We know we shouldn’t, we know it’s wrong, but sometimes we find it very hard to resist the pull toward resentment and revenge.

The truth is, change takes time, and we have to keep working at it. We have to keep checking our thoughts, examining our motives, and holding our tongues until we develop the virtues that mirror Jesus’ perfect, unconditional love. We also have to keep pressing in to stay close to the Lord so that his love continues to shape our hearts.

But remember this: you are not alone! You are part of a Church filled with saints, both famous and obscure, who show that change is possible. You also have friends you can turn to for support when you need it. And most important—and most reassuring—you have the Holy Spirit, who is always ready to remind you of Jesus’ love and to give you his grace and encouragement.

Jeremiah had far more good days than bad days because he never gave up. Neither should we.

“Lord, teach me how to love everyone, even the people who are making my life difficult.” (Word Among Us)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2020

Sunday, June 21

8:30am at **St. Theresa**: Intention of Donor
9am: Parishioners of St. Anthony, St. Theresa & Our Lady of the Valley
10:30am: +Dorothy Bricher by Jim & Helen Lessard
11am at **Our Lady of the Valley**: Intention of Celebrant
noon: +Maria Guadalupe Cortes Sencion by Familia Morales-Veronica
+5pm: Intention of Celebrant

Monday, June 22

8:30am: +Maria Guadalupe Cortes Sencion by Familia Morales-Veronica

Tuesday, June 23

8:30am: +Maria Guadalupe Cortes Sencion by Familia Morales-Veronica
12:15pm: +Ron Spomer by Kirk & Teresa Blackford

Wednesday, June 24

8:30am: +Gordon Bakker by Pat & Anita Fletcher
12:15pm: +Maria Guadalupe Cortes Sencion by Familia Morales-Veronica

Thursday, June 25

8:30am: Lawrence & Florence Meister by The Supik Family
12:15pm: +Maria Guadalupe Cortes Sencion

Friday, June 26

8:30am: +Maria Guadalupe Cortes Sencion by Familia Morales-Veronica
12:15pm: +Special Intention by Anonymous
Our Lady of the Valley, 6pm: Intention of Celebrant

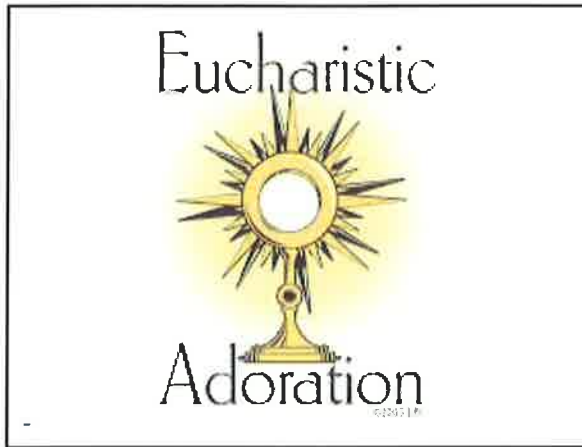
Saturday, June 27

8:30am: +Gary Troxel by Dennis & Ann Eckardt
12:15pm: +Maria Guadalupe Cortes Sencion by Familia Morales-Veronica

COLLECTION FROM JUNE 14, 2020

Cody	\$5,598.00
Online	\$ 500.00
Family Fund	\$ 362.00
Online	\$ 100.00
Our Lady of the Valley	\$ 296.00
St. Theresa	\$ 80.00

Sincere thanks to all those who contributed. Your generosity is truly humbling. For those of you interested in tithing & since Masses have resumed, there is a collection basket in the vestibule. If you're unable to attend Mass, please consider using U.S. mail, dropping off your envelope to the office, signing up for online giving or contacting your financial institution to set up bill pay. To sign up for online giving, please visit our website, www.stanthonycody.org for the link.



“Good friends find pleasure in one another’s company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a Friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to him straight from the heart.” (St Alphonsus de Liguori)

Thank you to those of you who have committed to a Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour. May God reward you! There are still some Holy Hours available that we ask you to prayerfully consider:

Mondays @ 11am; Tuesday @ 5pm & 6pm;
Wednesday @ 10am; Thursdays @ 1pm & 2pm; Fridays @10am.

The priests, deacons and staff feel like parents whose children are coming home from college!! It’s such a joy to see so many of our St. Anthony Family back in Church!!!

For those who are unable to attend Mass, please know that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still dispensed. If you are ill or high-risk, you are advised to stay at home. The Live-Stream Mass is still available at 9am on Sundays. You may either watch it live or at a later time.. The link is below and may also be found on our website.

https://www.facebook.com/SaintAnthonysLiveStreamMass/?_tn_=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARA_xlmuSAcwtXM_PjSvvTW_KcymYTi1HDRxXV9kxaZAhNa9iZXp2ULMzrFj3ltMk63HZRxGE_ohGmA

Mass schedule for the weekend of June 20th/21st

Saturday, June 20	5pm	Last names beginning O-S
Sunday, June 21	9am	Last names beginning T-Z
Sunday, June 21	10:30am	Last names beginning A-D
Sunday, June 21	noon	Last names beginning E-I
Sunday, June 21	5pm	Last names beginning J-N

Mass schedule for the weekend of June 27th/28th

Saturday, June 27	5pm	Last names beginning J-N
Sunday, June 28	9am	Last names beginning O-S

Sunday, June 28	10:30am	Last names beginning T-Z
Sunday, June 28	noon	Last names beginning A-D
Sunday, June 28	5pm	Last names beginning E-I

We are able to accommodate a greater number of people in the Church for Mass while still allowing space to **socially distance**. We ask for your “holy flexibility” as we move forward together. **We will continue to require masks, sanitize, & receive the Body of Christ in our hands.** For how much longer? Not sure. The only thing we know for certain is that we don’t know anything for certain!! Madonna di Monte Berico, pray for us!

CONFESSION: Please call the Office to schedule an appointment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fathers Clark & Heston are in the Office Tues-Fri. Father Ignatius will be here until June 25th and Father Rick Malloy will be arriving on the evening of June 18th through the first part of August. Lots of opportunities!!

Thank you to all who made a pledge to the Living and Giving in Christ: unity in Diocesan Ministries 2020 appeal! Your gifts play an important role in strengthening ministries that protect the dignity of all human persona, heal those who are wounded, and work toward justice. Thank you to all those who gave the gift of prayer. Your prayers united with those of your sisters and brothers in Christ to bring about positive change throughout the world. St. Anthony’s is at 43% of our parish goal of \$76,699.00; St Theresa is at 48% of its goal of \$2,766.00; Our Lady of the Valley is at 84% of its goal of \$4,396.00. You may donate online at livingandgivinginchrist.org.



TO ALL OUR AMAZING FATHERS, ON EARTH & IN HEAVEN!!

Father: “And when he proposed, did you ask him to see me?”

Daughter: “He said he had seen you, but he still love me.” Archbishop John L. May of St.Louis

“The world’s toughest job—parenting—God gave to amateurs.” George Mettam

“After a pastor’s wife took her overworked husband to the family physician, the physician took the wife aside and whispered: “I don’t like the way your husband looks.” “I don’t either,” she replied, “but he’s always been a good father to the children.” George Goldtrap

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