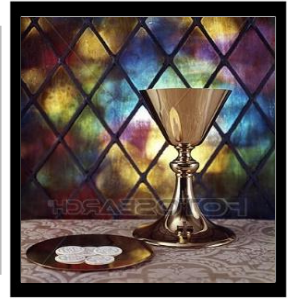




# TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JUNE 21, 2026



### *Gospel Summary*

In today's gospel passage, Jesus reminds his disciples that they will meet opposition if they try to live His message but that they should not be fearful because all that is hidden will be made known. Most of us would be concerned about having everything in our past revealed, but the attitude of Jesus is not that of an investigative reporter. He is referring to the truth, which He has brought into our world and has entrusted to all his disciples. This teaching possesses a hidden power, so that all the violence and bluster that oppose it, though sometimes appearing overwhelming, will in fact crumble before it. Even death will not be able to withstand the power of Jesus' word of truth.

How can this be? Because God is on the side of truth and God is not only all-powerful but also fiercely attentive. He is never distracted, so that He takes note of every sparrow, and even every hair of our heads. God watches closely to see that His truth triumphs and that those who proclaim it and live by it share in that victory.

Accordingly, at the final judgment Jesus will himself present to His Father those who have been faithful to His teaching, just as He will disown those who have allowed themselves to be deluded by the bright lights and sweet sounds of a philosophy that seeks dominance and justifies ego-centricity.

### *Life Implications*

Jesus teaches us that our only source of freedom and strength is the goodness of our heavenly Father—a goodness that is mediated through Jesus himself as well as through good people and beautiful flowers. Furthermore, the discovery of this goodness carries with it the solemn obligation to pass on one's blessings through concern for others.

Our world is full of hype and glitter, but the only truth that will prevail is the truth taught by Jesus. The elements of this teaching are not mysterious or obscure. First, one must be honest enough to acknowledge one's need for help in seeking liberation and fulfillment. This same honesty will enable one to see the goodness in life, both that which is visible to everyone and that which is subtle but very real. We must look for the goodness in life and learn to count our blessings.

As one sees more and more goodness, and gathers it in, while letting the evil go by, one will become ever more confident and able to love in a way that responds to the needs of others. Such thoughtfulness will often appear unpromising and illogical, but it is in fact quite invincible so that absolutely nothing can withstand it. It is the hidden power of this truth that will be revealed and fully vindicated in the final judgment.

Low self-esteem is a very common form of bondage; it destroys our confidence in the beautiful gifts that God has given us. And that means that others are deprived also. How consoling it is to hear Jesus say, "You are worth more than many sparrows." This surely means that God is present to every one of us with His offer of love and support. The more we open ourselves to that bountiful gift, the more we will be able to become a blessing in the lives of others.

**Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B**

**Happy Father's Day** to all the fathers. May God the Father continue to love and guide you; May God the Father listen to your prayers and strengthen you; May God the Father reward you with abundant blessings. Amen.



There are small packets of "Blessed Salt" in the foyer of the Church to be sprinkled in small amounts on property, throughout your neighborhood, and at the threshold of your door (praying against the threat of the evil one). These will always be available so please take only one packet. Thank you!

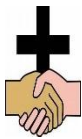


"This is my body." The same words are used by the Savior of the world to bring life, and by the advocates of abortion to bring death. They are spoken from opposite ends of the universe, with totally opposite meanings and results.



**What does the 'sign of peace' mean in the Catholic Church?**

The Catholic liturgical tradition regards the Sign of Peace at Mass as a disciplined and restrained public gesture to those nearest you, and **not** an affectionate gesture of intimacy or friendship. When we exchange the sign of peace with those near you at Mass with a handshake or bow, we do so with the same words Jesus spoke to the disciples, "Peace be with you".



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Please remember to keep Saint Francis Parish in your will.

**Prayers for healing:** Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez, Bill Garbinski, Nick Birchard



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.  
Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.  
Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass & Wednesday at 6:15 pm

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, June 20**

5:00 P.M. †Asunsion Calvillo, †Leonor Nunez  
†Holy Souls in Purgatory  
†Chase and †Beth by Sabina Anselmo

**Sunday, June 21**

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 A.M. †Cyrus Crawford, Anna Moeling  
†Barbara Gilbert & †Nancy Putnam  
by Debbie Keener  
11:30 A.M. †Eduardo Cruz Vozquez

**Monday, June 22**

**Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop  
Saints John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs  
NO MASS**

**Tuesday, June 23  
NO MASS**

**Wednesday, June 24**

**The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**  
5:30 P.M. †Lawrence Caroselli, David Ramsey  
Joyce Mielnik by Stan Michalik

**Thursday, June 25**

9:00 A.M. †Damaso Daniel Acevedo  
†Miguel Angel Diaz  
Jean Oppermann 86<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Friday, June 26**

9:00 A.M. †Liegl family by Rosie Greenwood  
Joyce Mielnik by Stan Michalik, For all Priests

**Saturday, June 27**

**Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
5:00 P.M. Jeanette Koegler  
Col. Wm. (Bill) McCormick by Ron & Delphine Moss

**Sunday, June 28**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 A.M. Mike & Lyllian Scarborough 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
Anna Moeling  
11:30 A.M. †Eduardo Cruz Vozquez

Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:  
Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez and Elizabeth Scoon

