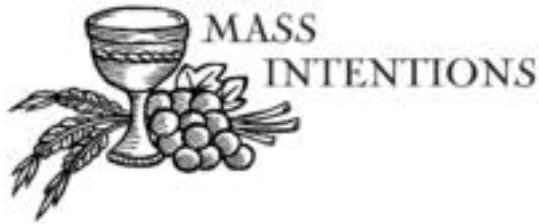


Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, June 21, 2015



Sunday, June 21, Twelfth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

5:00 + Mercedes Santana
8:30 Fathers – Living and Deceased
10:00 (Sp) Fathers – Living and Deceased
11:30 Fathers – Living and Deceased
1:00 (Sp) Fathers – Living and Deceased

Monday, June 22, Weekday

9:00 + Laura and Jose Ramirez
12:15 + Herman Urbano Cabrera

Tuesday, June 23, Weekday

9:00 + Joseph Zane
12:15 + Elaine Zwennker
7:00 (Sp.) + Candida Fernandez

Wednesday, June 24, Nativity of John
the Baptist

9:00 + Josephine Marino
12:15 + Roma Sassone

Thursday, June 25, Weekday

9:00 + Juana Gomez
12:15 + Hugh MacKenzie

Friday, June 26, Weekday

9:00 + John Guarracino, Fusco Family
& Rose and Vince Zingone
12:15 + Josephine Marino
7:00 (Sp) + Gladys Rivera

Saturday, June 27, Weekday

12:15 + Nick Nigro
5:00 + Denis and Sheila O'Sullivan

Sunday, June 28, Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

8:30 Parishioners of St. John's Parish
10:00 + Maria and Leola Johnson and
Mercedes Maldonado
11:30 + Bernadette, Patrick and Michael
Cooney
1:00 (Sp) + Carmelo Montanez Rodriguez

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S
DONATIONS

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church
for the week of June 21-27 in memory of:
ROBERT and CHRISTOPHER KENNY



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.....

Fr. Peter J. McCrann, SMM, Lindsey Guzman,
Alice Ann O'Donohue Mason, Noreen Liddane,
Timothy Mahoney, Christiani Medenois.
*We ask that you please notify the rectory when
to remove a name from the list.*

Fathers' Day Blessings

Traditionally, the 3rd Sunday of June is *Father's Day*. While this is primarily an annual secular celebration to honor fathers, it is an excellent opportunity for us to recall in a special way the vocation of Christian fatherhood.

The staff of St. John's Parish extends our gratitude and prayerful best wishes to all fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, godfathers and all those who exercise a fatherly role in our lives. We pray for God's continued blessings upon these men:

Lord Jesus, our Brother

We praise you for saving us.

*Teach us to love you and your Heavenly Father
By keeping your commandments of love.*

Bless these fathers

and deepen their love for their wives and families.

*By their work, example and prayer
May they lead their children to follow You.*

Lord Jesus,

Hear our prayers

as we offer glory forever and ever. Amen.

2015 Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions from July through
December 2015 for the newly merged parish
of St. John-Visitation may be scheduled will
at the St. John's Parish Office.

Did You Know?

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist celebrated on June 24 occurs close to the summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere as a way to highlight the scripture verse "*He must increase, I must decrease*" (John:3:30) and the symbolism of the true light coming into the world.

It is one of the oldest festivals of the Christian Church and anticipates the feast of Christmas celebrated six months later on December 25th. Saint Augustine proposed these dates since after the birth of John the Baptist, daylight begins to grow shorter whereas after the Jesus' birth, the number of daylight hours begins to increase.

Pope Francis' Latest Encyclical

On Thursday June 18th, Pope Francis encyclical on the environment, *Laudato si*: "*On the Care of our Common Home*" was published on Thursday June 18th. The Latin title "*Praised Be to You*" is taken from St. Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of the Sun*, a hymn of praise to God for his creation written in 1224 AD. During his Angelus address last Sunday, Pope Francis noted: "*This Encyclical is addressed to all: let us pray so that all may receive its message and grow in the responsibility towards the common home that God has entrusted to all.*"

This is the second encyclical of Pope Francis' pontificate. His previous encyclical *Lumen Fidei* "The Light of Faith" was issued on June 29, 2013.

An encyclical is a letter addressed by the pope to all the bishops of the world and to a wider general audience that usually addresses some aspect of Catholic doctrine. To read this latest encyclical, *Laudato si*, visit www.vatican.va

Parish Altar Servers

Mr. Anthony Giacona, our parish pastoral year seminarian, continues to offer training sessions for those who would like to become parish altar servers. An important liturgical ministry that is open to younger parish members (boys, girls, adolescents who have already received First Holy Communion). Please contact Anthony if you are interested

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Church Parking Reminder

The Department of Traffic sign posted outside St. John's Church means what it states, NO PARKING ANYTIME. This includes parish weekday and weekend Masses. The parking lot at St. John's Catholic Regional School north of the Church located at 3143 Kingsbridge Avenue is open and available for parking during the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses.

With the upcoming shuttle bus service to accommodate those from Visitation Parish who will be coming to the merged parish site, access is necessary outside the Church on Kingsbridge Avenue for those who will be attending Sunday Masses as well as those who wish drop off and pick up parishioners with mobility concerns. Likewise, as stated previously, St. John's Church is a public building that requires access for first responders and fire personnel in the event of an emergency.

Your cooperation and understanding in this regard is appreciated.

Not Married in the Catholic Church?

For various reasons, couples choose to be civilly married but did not have a religious celebration in the Catholic Church. According to Church teaching, Catholics who marry are required to have their unions celebrated in the Catholic Church in order to participate in the church's sacramental life.

As family and parent meetings for sacramental preparation have raised, this situation often poses problems for families raising children. For those who are civilly married and did not have a previous marriage celebrated in the Catholic Church requiring an annulment, the process to have the marriage validated or blessed by the Catholic Church is usually not complicated. If you find yourself in this situation, please consider making an appointment to speak with Fr. Kerrigan or Fr. Antonio to discuss what may be done.

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, ‘Teacher do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, ‘Why are you terrified? Do you not have faith?’ They were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this whom even the wind and sea obey?’”

Another sign of the humanity of Christ besides eating, weeping, and even sweating, is finding Him asleep. A crisis arose, but the apostles in panic turned to Him. How strange their question ‘are you not concerned?’ The fact of the matter is that the mission of Christ was founded on His concern for all.

Three words changed the scene. ‘Quiet. Be still!’ We need to hear the echo of this command today. When we are ready to criticize the church, maybe these words will come to mind. Sometimes we forget that we are the body of Christ. Our opinions are important, but we need to know the whole story, see the big picture. Realize that the Lord is in charge.

We were assured of His abiding presence until the end of the world. Why do we sometimes think the Lord is away, or still sleeping on the cushion? He continues to calm our stormy seas, and change the wind into a gentle breeze.

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SU PALABRA HOY
por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

Décimo Segundo Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

21 de junio de 2015

“Jesús estaba en la popa, durmiendo sobre el cabezal. Lo despertaron y le dijeron: ‘¡Maestro! ¿No te importa que nos ahogemos?’. Despertándose, él increpó al viento y dijo al mar: ‘Silencio! ¡Cállate!’ El viento se aplacó y sobrevino una gran calma. Después les dijo: ‘¿Por qué tienen miedo? ¿Cómo no tienen fe?’. Entonces quedaron atemorizados y se decían unos a otros: ‘¿Quién es este, que hasta el viento y el mar le obedecen.’”

Otra señal de la humanidad de Cristo aparte de comer, llorar, y aún sudar, es que lo encontramos dormido. Tuvieron una crisis, y los apóstoles, en su pánico, lo despertaron. Lo que preguntaron es muy curioso: ‘¿No te importa?’ La realidad es que la misión de Cristo está fundada por lo mucho que le importamos.

Dos palabras cambiaron la escena: ‘¡Silencio! ¡Cállate!’ Necesitamos el eco de estas órdenes hoy. Cuando procedamos a criticar a la iglesia, quizá estas palabras vendrán a nuestra mente. A veces olvidamos que nosotros somos el cuerpo de Cristo. Nuestras opiniones son importantes, pero necesitamos conocer toda la historia, ver de forma global. Dése cuenta de que el Señor está a cargo.

Se nos aseguró sobre su constante presencia hasta el fin del mundo. ¿Por qué pensamos a veces que el Señor está lejos, o quizá durmiendo sobre el cabezal? El continúa calmando nuestras tormentas, y transformando el viento en una gentil briza.