

FATHER'S DAY IN THE U.S.

The originator and promoter of Father's Day in the U. S. was Mrs.

Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington. Her father, William Jackson Smart, had accomplished the amazing task of rearing his six children after their young mother's death. Mrs. Dodd's suggestions for observing the day included wearing a flower — a red rose to indicate a living father and a white rose for a dead father. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge made the first Presidential proclamation in support of Father's Day, and in 1972, President Richard Nixon declared the third Sunday in June a National Day of Observance in honor of fathers.



A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Bless those fathers, who have taken it upon themselves the responsibility of parenting.

Bless those fathers, who have lost a spouse to death... or divorce, who are parenting their children alone.

Bless those fathers, who when the money runs low and when we need things; they provide.

Bless those fathers, who love unconditionally when they think they can't and they do.

Bless our fathers and give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

Bless our fathers by strengthening them with Your love that they may become the loving, caring fathers they are meant to be.

Bless our fathers by guiding them to be good role models and love all Your children.

Bless our fathers who choose to be brave and serve in the military. Thank you to the fathers who protect us, when we are scared and frightened.

Bless our fathers that with Your help, will be a father like You.

God, grant that we, their sons and daughters, will always honor them, love them and respect them.

God, heavenly father, bless all the fathers in the world. We ask you to grant this through Christ Our Lord and the Holy Spirit.

Amen!



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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

Year A

“Happy Father’s Day”

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The Scripture readings for this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time challenge us to put all trust in the Lord. We must preach the Gospel of Christ through our words and lives without fear. He knows everything that is going on in our life, He loves us he will take care of all our needs.

The first reading tells us how the prophet Jeremiah trusted in the power of God while he faced opposition for his prophetic ministry. He was intimidated by attacks upon his character, but he was unafraid to speak out in the name of the Lord.

Today's Gospel passage is taken from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as he sends them forth to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simple lives and to expect opposition and rejection. After having foretold future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages his disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged, "Fear no one!" "Do not fear!" "Do not be afraid!" Instead of shrinking from their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly, because they will be protected just as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection. Hence, Jesus commands his disciples not to fear their persecutors. He presents before them the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' trust and hope in God. The readings hint at the opposition we future Christians will encounter as we carry on the work of Jesus in the world, and they encourage us to persevere in doing the work of Jesus. They assure us that we will be successful, despite the opposition we encounter.

We need not be afraid because our life is in the hands of a loving God. Sometimes we are afraid that we will make a wrong decision. At other times, we are afraid of what others will think when we speak up for Jesus. We are afraid of what the future will bring to us, our children, our loved ones, and our friends in general. We are also afraid of growing old, of bad health. Every fear we have is grounded in the knowledge that we have something or someone to lose. I can lose my job, family, house, money, health and even life itself. We are afraid of being rejected by others especially our friends. This fear of rejection leads some of us not to live according to our Christian values.

Because of fear we forget one thing which important: that whatever trouble or crisis we face at that moment, God understands it and is far powerful that what we fear. Our Heavenly Father knows exactly what is happening. This is the good news: to know that God is always on our side; that our life is in the hands of a loving God! The next time fear grips our life we need to remember that being faithful to Christ wherever we meet him in this life is much more important than our fear of rejection and loss.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:
Jeremiah 20:10-13

Responsorial Psalm:
Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading:
Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

*Father suggests you say the
Prayer for Spiritual Communion
during communion time.*



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are truly
Present in the Most
Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things
And I desire to possess
You within my soul.
Since I am unable at this
Moment to receive You
Sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually
Into my heart.
I embrace You as being
Already there, and unite
Myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be
Separated from you.

Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dick Zimmerman, Charles Alter, Rollin Cowles



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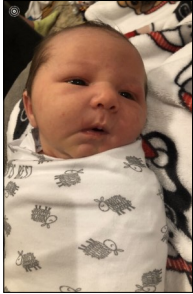
BIRTHDAY'S FOR JUNE

Fritz Sitterding-1st, Evan Pausic-2nd, John Selmer-3rd, Michelle Puttmann-7th,
Charles Hartz & Peter Quinn-13th, Marge Dembeck & Johnna Harris-14th,
Tom Foley-16th, Arlene Warren-17th, Mary Ann Larssen-18th,
Gerrie Lohr & Bob Scherrer-24th, Barbara Zimmerman-25th, Sharon Hawksworth-27th,
Baylen Miller-28th

ANNIVERSARYS FOR JUNE



Fritz & Suzanne Sitterding1st, Gary & Lynne Richardson-13th, Dave & Emily Filippi-
21st, Tom & Mary Virginia Bliley-22nd, Scott & Kathy Kauffman-21st,
Ray & Jean Kostaskey-25th, Don & Sandi Delagrang-27th.



We are proud to announce the birth of

Audrey Anne Walsh

Born: June 5, 2020

Weighing in at 8 lbs. 1oz.

Parents-Colin and Leslie Walsh & brother Charles

Grandparents are Chuck & Carol Walsh and

Great Grandmother Anne Dunn.

Congratulations and God Bless our newest parishioner.

THANKS

Our aluminum can proprietors, Bob Borden and Mike Dreelin delivered the cans to Middlesex Metals last week earning slightly over \$100. They report they have to open the trash bags now and ensure all cans are "aluminum only" before they can be accepted, so please help them out and donated only aluminum cans.

YARD SALE RECEIPTS

The Cryer Center gave us a check for \$165 this week, representing 60% of the sales price of items donated and tagged as coming from the Church of the Visitation Parishioners. Half of this amount will go to community outreach and the other half to the Building Fund. If you have items you desire to donate for our cause, the trailer is parked in our parking lot at all times for your use. To donate large items, call the Cryer Center and ask for a pickup, stating it's from the Church of the Visitation.



Dear Parishioners,

These last few months have been full of challenges. Since the beginning of March COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged and changed our lives. Even when this passes, if it will, I think things will never be the same. We have to adjust and learn new ways of living and working. The Church is not spared. It is now three weeks since we resumed our public Masses and one can see how life has changed.

But as a community of faith we always look to the Lord for strength and encouragement. Faith gives us hope to go through all these changes knowing that we are not alone, He is always there to support and sustain us. Let us keep going, taking all the precautions in place for our safety and that of others.

And in these last weeks we have faced another challenge. People marching all over the country for justice especially racial justice. For some it may not be a big issue, but because we live on this planet earth together, whatever happens affects all of us together.

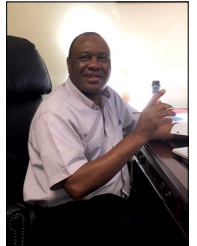
Therefore, we need to take these events as a moment of reflection and learning. Yes, we all need peace and justice, we all want to be loved, accepted and respected. But all these begin with me as an individual. So, let us pray that the Lord will make us channels of peace and justice, of love and respect. St. Paul in the second reading last Sunday (Feast of Holy Trinity) reminded us of the way to achieve and leave in real peace:

"Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss".

This is a perfect prayer and wish, and it is a starting point towards living in happiness and harmony with each other.

You are all in my Prayers.

Fr. Gerry



TO VIEW OUR MASS @ 9AM-SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

-Go to our website:

<http://www.church-of-the-visitation.org/>

Under "Bulletin" or "Links" there is a Facebook icon-just click and you will go directly to the Facebook page and be able to view the livestream.



*Remember you **do not** have to have a Facebook account to view the live stream.

*If you need help or support in anyway with the livestream, please call the office or send and email. We will respond as soon as possible.

**During Mass you can respond in the comment section to interact with others who are also viewing the Mass. "We're all in this together!"*

MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: JUNE 14, 2020

Collection: \$ 2,143
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 98,606
Total Budget Projection: \$ 112,538



We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$194 May Electricity; \$260 Lawn Care; \$686 Rectory & Pastor Expenses for May.

As an alternative to mailing us a weekly donation, you can do it online at offertory.richmonddiocese.org. Open the site, select a donation amount and scroll down and select our church. It is a very simple process.

ORDINARY TIME

We have now re-entered the period of the Liturgical year entitled Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

Because of the term ordinary in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

The normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time for those days when there is no special feast is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

*Today's flowers are donated by Ray and Jean Kostas
in memory of their parents.*

CHURCH INFORMATION

Our hours for prayer when the church is open are Wednesday and Thursday from 9AM-12:00.

We are happy and enthusiastic about the opportunity to celebrate Mass publicly again with our parishioners. We look forward to the ensuing weeks ahead as we slowly emerge from this pandemic threat.

We believe our procedures are sound and offer a reasonably safe environment for the Mass celebration. As a further precaution, we sanitize the church on Monday weekly.

Church attendance was 38 this past Sunday with two guests from Richmond and one from North Carolina. This coming week the Mass is for parishioners in Group L-Z with allowance for visitors, household guests, and special cases such as assigned ministers. Under all circumstances, if you have a special need to attend Mass apart from your alphabetical grouping, please notify the office so we can add you to the roster of potential attendees.

Our master plan for seating, approved by the Diocese, calls for a maximum of 106 attendees, accounting for social distancing, and we have not as yet approached that number. *We have now commenced daily Mass on Wednesdays at our normal time.* To allow for proper Social Distancing, Mass will be in the main church, and Father will initially perform all ministerial functions.

Although our offertory collection goals will not be met this year (end of June) we are eternally grateful to the parishioners who have faithfully supported us during the crisis with regular donations at Mass, through the mail, and with on-line giving. On the subject of e-giving, it has become a beneficial alternative for some parishioners to use in making donations. As a result, we are considering introducing it permanently as a convenience to parishioners, and in the near future, we will solicit your ideas on the matter via e-mail.

Since the beginning of the Pandemic, Evelyn Scott has provided the Altar flowers weekly at a minimum cost to the church. We will continue that practice for the time being. If you want to help defray that weekly cost, please donate \$25 to us earmarking it for flowers, and we will acknowledge you in our bulletin as the donor for that week.

For those planning to attend Mass this Sunday, please remember when receiving communion, to approach with mask on, receive the host from Father, step to the right or left six feet (line on floor), lower you mask, consume the host, readjust the mask to cover you nose and mouth, and return to you seat.

We want to reemphasize that you are under no obligation to attend Mass. If you choose to, we welcome your participation. Livestreaming will continue indefinitely for those who cannot attend or choose not to. Thank you