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**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "**The harvest is abundant, but the labourers are few.**" Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send labourers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees.



**Blessing of Fathers**

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts. You are our model of a loving father. When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up. We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others. Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children. Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**The month of June has traditionally been dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.** "In that divine heart beats God's love for everyone, for each one of us individually."  
—St. John Paul II

**Congratulations to Olivia Bijakowski & Isabelle Gomez** who recently received the Sacrament of First Eucharist in our parish. Congratulations!

**On Saturday, June 24th at Noon,** Carter & Shoko Rendall will have their daughter Emma baptized in our parish. Parishioners who would like to attend, are most welcome to do so.



**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Our Mission: To Live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

We have parishioners who will take on executive positions for our parish SVDP. More members are welcome. Phone the office for information. Please note that a volunteer position in this ministry requires police vulnerable sector screening. Thank you!

**Sunday, June 25th, 2023**



**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."  
- Mt 10:31

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "**Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.**" Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Will You Say Yes?**

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

**St. Ann Family Pasta Take Out**

The first St. Ann Family Pasta Take Out dinner held on June 8<sup>th</sup> was very successful. The generous donations from people/businesses inside and outside the parish and the very hard work of volunteers helped raise \$3211 for our parish. A heartfelt thank you to everyone! And, thank you to parishioners and the community for supporting this. There were a few people who purchased tickets but could not use them due to the sell out. These tickets will be honoured in July. Please let us know if you were one of them.

The day after the event, two volunteers made extra meatballs and sauce which have been frozen. If anyone would like to purchase them, phone the office.

The 50/50 draw of \$61 was won by Vicky Wilson. **The next take out dinner will be held on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.** **We welcome any donations of the following to help defray our operating costs:** Pasta – Penne Rigate, Large 100oz cans of "San Marzano" tomatoes (It's a red, white and green can from Costco), Tub of pre-peeled garlic, Extra virgin Olive Oil, vinegar, 1 bag of sugar, sea salt, parsley, sweet onion, bread crumbs, romano cheese, lettuce, carrots, eggs. Raffle tickets for the gift basket valued at \$500 are available- \$5 each. Phone or email the parish.

**Next week, we will begin selling tickets for the July dinner.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....** If you volunteered for our first dinner but were unable to assist, please let us know if you can help with the event on July 5 (prep) and July 6. **MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** Please consider helping during one or both days. Without your help, we will not be able to continue.

Mon. June 26	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. June 27	9:30am	✠ Ralph Biancaniello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
	7-8pm	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Wed. June 28	9:30am	Mike & Anne Young & Family (Douglas & Alexandra Martin)
Thurs. June 29	9:30am	✠ John Buckner (Racz Family)
Fri. June 30	9:30am	Intentions of Walters Children & Their families (Colin & Teresa Walters) David & Anne Marie Brown & Family (Douglas & Alexandra Martin)
Sat. July 1	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	Happiness & Salvation of Vulcan & Arwen (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Sun. July 2	9:30am	Special Intention for Rebecca Larocque (Family)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses**

**Mission Appeal—Weekend of July 15 & 16, 2023**

At the weekend liturgies of July 15/16, 2023, Fr. Stephen Kolawole, a diocesan priest from Ijebu-Ode diocese, Nigeria, will be here to speak about the missionary work currently going on in the Catholic Diocese of Ijebu-Ode, Nigeria. Fr. Stephen has worked in Ijebu-Ode diocese, Nigeria, a mission diocese for many years. **He has a vast knowledge of the rural area of the diocese, having played different roles in the affairs of the diocese.**

More information and collection envelopes will be attached to the next bulletin of July 2 & 9, 2023.

**Youth Ministry** has ended for the summer break. Thank you to the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate for coordinating this ministry and helping to enhance the spiritual lives of our young people.

**Children's liturgy** will pause for July & August and resume in September. Thank you to all the volunteers!

**Sunday, June 18th, 2023**



**11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." - Mt 10:6-8

Sat. June 17	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
Sun. June 18	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Cecil Shannon & Joseph Racz (Racz Family)
Mon. June 19	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. June 20	9:30am	Health & Salvation of Tim Dunne (Douglas Martin)
	7-8pm	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Wed. June 21	9:30am	Steve & Lisa Racz & Family (Douglas & Alexandra Martin)
Thurs. June 22	9:30am	Colin & Teresa Walters & Fam. (Douglas & Alexandra Martin)
Fri. June 23	9:30am	✠ Dorcas Miller (Sherry & Jake Voogt)
		Blessings for the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Colin & Teresa Walters (Lorraine Mullin)
Sat. June 24	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	Special Intention for Patti & Cyril Simek
Sun. June 25	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Dorcas Miller (Sherry & Jake Voogt)

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**Offertory June 4th, 2023 \$1,395.00**

**Offertory June 11th, 2023- \$1,485.00**

**Hall Floor Renovation Collection To Date: \$7,910.00**

**Special collection for hall renovations**

The hall renovations are going well. A major cost is the flooring. If anyone would like to make a donation to help defray this cost, there are special envelopes at the back of the church. E-transfer is also available for this. E-stannfendonations@cogeco.net. No password required.



