

Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday is the **Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**. Jesus missions the Twelve to proclaim the message that, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

We celebrate the **Memorial of the Jesuit Saint Aloysius Gonzaga** this week. Saturday is the **Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**.

The first reading this week is from Paul's **Second Letter to the Corinthians**. Paul is defending himself. He tells the people of Corinth and us not to receive the grace of God in vain. Paul reminds them about generosity and cheerful giving. He begs the community not to dismiss him because of his poor speaking abilities saying, "Even if I am untrained in speaking, I am not so in knowledge." He boasts about his weakness, which he had at first begged to be freed from by the Lord, who said to him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

We have ended our readings from Mark for this Liturgical Year and take up the **Gospel of Matthew**, which will be part of our readings for the rest of the year. In the **Sermon on the Mount** Jesus calls us beyond simply being moral. His message is not an "eye for an eye," but turning the other cheek, loving our enemies and praying for them. Jesus warns us about performing good deeds for others to see. He teaches us to pray simply, because our Father knows what we need. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal.... For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Focus on God, not the world: "No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and mammon."

Daily Prayer This Week

There is nothing like the Sermon on the Mount to help us hear the message of Jesus, and to let ourselves be addressed by those words. All of us can ask for these graces with real specificity, that is, with real people and real daily circumstances in mind. We know with whom we need to "turn the other cheek" and to love more. We know the circumstances in which we are tempted to "be religious" in the right circumstances only.

Upon reflection, each of us can take the time to "locate" our hearts, by discovering what we tend to treasure. We can check ourselves out by making a list of the "five most important things" to me. Then we can make a list of the five things I spend most of my time on. Comparing the lists will help us get concrete about asking the Lord for the grace we need to put our lives back in balance, if we aren't. All of us can name what we worry about. And so we can all ask for the graces to "seek first" the Kingdom of God.

All of this reflection can happen throughout the week in the background of our daily life, if we get into the habit of focusing for a few moments each morning. If we take just 30 seconds, at the edge of our bed each morning, it will begin to establish a habit of living more reflectively.

Thank you for this day, Lord. Help me to be focused today on not getting so hooked by Ann's ways or Bob's harsh words. I need your grace to place my trust in you. Help me especially before I have to talk with Ann on the phone and let me stay focused before Bill comes home from work.

Our version of a brief moment with the Lord - friend to friend - can be repeated and made more specific, while we are going about our day. Some days, we might have 20 such moments of prayerful conversation with our Lord - guided by the Word, the desires that are surfacing, and the events of our daily lives. And, each night, we can give thanks for this deeper relationship with the Lord that is developing in my heart.

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This past weekend we welcomed into our Faith Community through the 'Waters of Baptism'Scarlett Anne Knight

Our Sacred Stories Disciple Formation – Now what?

June – T'is the season. Thousands of graduates and students seek part-time, full-time work and careers. What do I want to do now and how do I craft my application? I have spent a long time in education, formation and training, now what do I do with it? Being a disciple of Jesus is much like this.

Jesus gathered a motley crew of followers around him. The twelve that we hear of in the Gospel, were no shining lights. They were not rabbis or teachers or experts in the law, but people such as fishermen, tax collectors, ordinary women and men from small local communities. They were not especially pious, nor did they have a lot of knowledge of the Jewish Law of Moses. Those who became his disciples were simply curious, wanting to know more about him.

The followers of Jesus began their connection by a simple encounter with the person of Jesus. As they watched and listened, they became friends. Spending time listening and watching, they became more intrigued, growing closer to him.

Matthew's Gospel describes the manner in which the relationship between Jesus and his disciples grew. There was a basic message that was the foundation of all that Jesus said and did. Matthew relates it early in his telling of the story: "Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'" (Matt.4:17). Everything else, all he said and did was the announcing of Gospel, Good News, in word and action.

The disciples of Jesus had encountered someone who was marked by the compassion of God. The central section of Matthew's Gospel has Jesus teaching his disciples what the kingdom looks. Chapters 5-7 of Matthew presents the Sermon on the Mount. It reveals Jesus going up on a hillside to describe the qualities that express the closeness of the kingdom among them. Those who take on the qualities of the Kingdom, Jesus compares to the builder "who built his house on rock" (Matt. 7:24-25)

The disciples did not receive all this solely for themselves. In fact, it was intended to be a message with a mission. The healing and reconciliation that Jesus brought in action was an expression of compassion. His mission was for the wounded, the broken and the lost of all humanity. God's dream was life and love, peace and justice for all humanity and intended for the whole of creation. As the poetic creation account in Genesis expressed it: "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good" (Gen.1:31).

Having instructed and formed his followers as disciples, Jesus called them to take the message on, as a mission. They were formed in order that they might be what the master was for them. The compassion that he revealed to all was to be their mission. "'Proclaim the good news, the kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons (Matt.10:7-8).

In a world much marked by division, violence and injustice, the message and the mission of the community of Christians is one of peace and justice, healing and reconciliation. The pastoral mission of the church is one marked by the compassion shown by Jesus. Its mission is one of openness and welcome to all.

A decade ago, Pope Francis issued an apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel* that set the mandate for his papacy. It was a pastoral mandate in keeping with the compassion Jesus expressed and to which he called all his disciples. "The Church which 'goes forth' is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice.... Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy...." (Pope Francis. *The Joy of the Gospel* 24, 2013)

~John Jennings - 11th Sun Ord. Time

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Mathieu Robichaud, Jean-Paul Breau and James (Jim) Lavigne

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Jun 20, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Jun 22, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Jun 24, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	David Heffernan J. Charles & Doris LeBlanc
Jun 25, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Violette Legere
Jun 25, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Blanche McGowan

****PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEEK DAY MASSES DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE****

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Jun 11, 2023 – Regular - \$2,390.00 Loose Collection \$329.65 eTransfers - \$60.00
 Papal Charities - \$25.00 Cathedral Restoration - \$355.00 Building Fund - \$220.00
 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES

Knights of Columbus 17984 Breakfast: Sunday, Jun 18, 2023 from 9am – 1pm at the Assumption Centre. Adults - \$10, children (12 years and under) - \$4.

The Prayer Shawl Group meets Wednesdays at the Rectory from 10am to 12pm. We provide all the materials as well as lots of fun. **New people are always welcome!** Prayer shawls, hats, and mittens can also be made from the comfort of your own home.

Please contact Jill if interested: 639-0007

St. Augustine's Memorial Garden - How to make a donation: if you would like to financially support the garden, simply put your donation in a clearly marked envelope with your name & envelope number (if you have one), & drop it in the collection basket any time. Or contact the office for other options such as e-transfer.

Cheques to be made out to St. Augustine's Cemetery



GOD CREATED A BEAUTIFUL AND DIVERSE UNIVERSE

As June is Pride Month we take this time to recognize and support all the diversity within the human family. This includes not only LGBTQ2 Plus community but also our indigenous brothers and sisters, those living in poverty and all people whose voices are not heard and rights not fully upheld. Let us pray that all their human rights are upheld and respected in our society, and in the world.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
 SMWS - Office Number - 738-2320
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 Monday: both offices closed

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“THOSE WHO LOVE MORE CAN DO MORE” (St. Gregory the Great)

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time - June 18, 2023

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION HAS RESUMED AT ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITE BEGINNING AT 3:15PM PRIOR TO THE 4PM SAT MASS

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: June 18, and 25 at St. Rose Worship Site 1 – 2pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Holy Spirit Parish –Please contact Linda Spinney at 636-0677 or email her at holyspiriteducationsj@gmail.com

Gentle Path – Counselling Services – Pathways to Hope

Gentle Path Counselling Services provides counselling at the 199 Chesley Drive, Saint John Office and is now scheduling appointments at Horizon’s Market Place Wellness Centre in the Lower West Side

We offer counselling for:

Anxiety	Addictions	Grief & Loss	Domestic Violence
Couples Counselling	Sexual Assault Trauma	Self Esteem & Body Image	Sexual Identity & Orientation
PTSD	Parenting	Depression	First Nations
Kids & Teens	Blended Families	Anger Management	Work Related Issues

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