

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary**  
**June 21, 2020**



With the mass shootings and acts of domestic terrorism on the increase while the “war on terror” continues, we can identify all too easily with Jeremiah’s word: “Terror on every side!” (Jeremiah 20:10). Jeremiah himself continually felt threatened because he repeatedly condemned the unfaithful kings of Judah. Jeremiah constantly struggles with his calling. Whenever his friends turn against him, he succumbs to doubt and anger. Yet he perseveres in his mission. He convinces himself that with the Lord at his side his enemies will not win in the end. Just as God has rescued the poor and the persecuted, God will rescue him.

Both Jeremiah and the psalmist are subjected to abuse, even from those close to them. Jeremiah’s former friends “are on the watch for any misstep of the mine” (Jeremiah 20:10). The psalmist has “become an outcast to my kin, a stranger to my mother’s children” (Psalm 69:9). In the end, both place their trust in the LORD. “Sing to the LORD . . . for he has recurred the life of the poor,” says Jeremiah (20:13). “I pray to you, O Lord . . . for the LORD hears the poor,” says the psalmist (69: 14, 34). God’s mercy to the neediest gives them confidence.

Jeremiah pleads to God not just for deliverance, but retribution. “Let me witness the vengeance you take on them,” he prays (20:12). He wants to see his enemies hurt as badly as they’ve hurt him. Jesus wants his disciples to stay strong despite rejection and persecution. He assures them repeatedly, “Do not be afraid” (10:26, 28, 31). How can he say this? Because he knows his Father’s care exceeds any harm the world can inflict. This enables him to take up his cross when facing the ultimate persecution. May we be assured of God’s care through all our trials.

**Saturday, June 20, 2020**

**Vigil Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30a.m.** Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Stephen S. Johnson III – Joyce Evans – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao – Leonard Belton – Intentions of Oscar and Lynn Foster & Family

**Sunday, June 21, 2020**

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**8:30a.m.** Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate – Stephen S. Johnson, III – Intentions of Sonja Baham  
**10:30a.m.** Shirley & Lamar Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Oscar and Lynn Foster – Sonja Baham

**Monday, June 22, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Katherine Bertrand – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Intentions of Lynn Foster – Stacy Martin – Sonja Baham

**Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Alfonse DeGrasse – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Sonja Baham – Lynn Foster

**Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Oscar and Lynn Foster – Stacey Martin – Yolande Schnayder – Sonja Baham

**Thursday, June 25, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Nagan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Intentions of Oscar and Lynn Foster – Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey – Sonja Baham

**Friday, June 26, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Sonja Baham

**Saturday, June 27, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Sonja Baham – The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission

**General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:**

Please enter the door in the front to check in.

Please wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.

Every other pew in the Church will be roped off.

Be mindful of social distancing and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.

The sign of peace may be expressed by means of a smile and/or a nod of the head. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged.

When Mass is over, please do not gather in groups in the Narthex and continue to maintain social distancing.

**Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion:**

Please bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.

During Communion, please maintain social distancing in the line by spacing out six feet from the person in front of you.

Communion will be distributed by means of the sacred Host only.

Out of consideration and concern for others, we ask everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.

When approaching the priest for Communion, place your hand flat atop your other hand. The priest will place the Host over your hand and then let go of the Host to avoid any contact with your hand.

**Prayer for Hurricane Season**

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

**Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Freddie Thomas. The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Deacon Oscar and Lynn Foster.

**Blessing for Father Day's**

**God our Father,**

**In your Wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own.**

**Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.**

**Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.**

**In moments of joy, rejoice with them.**

**In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance.**

**Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with the spirit of profound respect.**

**May the example and prayers of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage.**

**Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**May almighty God bless you.**

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.