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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 21st, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Francis Dietz
 (Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Francis Daly)

WEDNESDAY - The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
5:30 PM - Betty Petro
 (Req. by Jenno Lecci)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Albert Reynolds Sr.
 (Req. by Mary Reynolds)

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Francis John Beaujon
 (Req. by Fran & Charlotte Beaujon)

SATURDAY - Vigil of 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - Sally Flaherty
 (Req. by Fr. John)

SUNDAY - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Pro Populo

SANCTUARY CANDLE

**For the Spiritual and Temporal Welfare
of Fr. John**



The daily readings may be found
at either USCCB.ORG or with the
daily readings listed in the back of
the missalette.

**Rectory Office Hours: Monday through
Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM**

IN LOVING MEMORY: The Sanctuary Lamp is available for your intentions by calling the parish office. Please attempt to request your intentions as early as possible. A \$10 donation is suggested.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Confessions are heard from 6:30 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday Evenings. **CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 3:00 PM until 3:40 PM THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH.** Confession may ALWAYS be arranged with Fr. John personally by calling the rectory office. Please avail yourselves to this life-giving sacrament!

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Scheduled no less than nine months prior to the date of marriage. Four preparation sessions with the pastor, as well as all diocesan requirements, must be met. **All Catholic candidates for Marriage must be registered, practicing members of a parish at least 6 months prior to scheduling the wedding. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

INFANT BAPTISM: Baptisms are generally celebrated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Pre-baptismal instructions must be completed by the parents at least 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Catholic godparents must obtain a letter of eligibility from their pastors four weeks in advance. Baptisms are never celebrated during the Season of Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Celebrated after any Sunday Mass as requested and as a parish during the Easter Season.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Wednesday and Friday following Mass.

MEMBERSHIP: Forms are located on the back page of the bulletin (or on the parish website) to be filled out and sent to the parish. Registrations are also welcome by phone.

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Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:

Anonymous Petitioners, Pat Balagusz, John Bair, Ralph Blair, David Clark, Ronald Cleaver, Dolores Danner, Dorothy Fisher, Barbara Fox, Paul Harnish, Catherine Heinlein, Mary Carol Hill and children, Donna Johnson, Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Betsy Konar, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Dick Krumenacker, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leflie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia Mainhart, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Myla Minner, Pauline Molchany, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petrero, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rovon, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varnecky, Carrie Young

Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of June 22nd to June 28th:



Margaret Mekis
 Nicholas Mical
 Mike Letzo
 Andrew Turner

Pauline Molchany
 Nancy Conahan
 Michael Slick
 Louise Crum

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part

 We always pray the rosary Saturday evening at approximately 3:30 PM prior to Mass as well as every Tuesday at 6:00 PM. On Wednesdays, Mass is celebrated at 5:30 PM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament also occurs on Friday following the 12:05 PM Mass until 1:30 PM. We also pray the litany of St. Joseph since Wednesday is dedicated to him as the patron of the Universal Church. Remember the parish intention for the rosary is for Fr. John's health, however, personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own. A VISITATION WITH OUR LORD PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS NEARLY A PERFECT FORM OF PRAYER AND CAN HELP YOU TO BELIEVE THAT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!



A Sincere Thank You - Julie and I would like to thank you all so much for your generous gifts, the reception and for celebrating my ordination with us. We are truly humbled and grateful for all everyone has done in welcoming us into the Visitation Family. We look forward to serving our Lord together with you all.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them."
 ~ Matthew 18:20



If you ever need to reach out to Deacon John, his contact information is below:
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Beautify Our Grounds - On Saturday, June 27th, we would like to have a crew to do some weeding on the grounds starting @ 9 AM. Please bring your own tools and gloves. We will provide bags for rubbish and water. Please plan on staying until at least 12 PM.



School Cleaning - In order to maintain our school building while not in use, it needs to be periodically cleaned. The building has not been officially "spring cleaned" since the departure of the Learning Lamp. Looking forward to future showings of the building for possible rental of the space, we are in need of people to come forward to help thoroughly clean the building at this time since we are currently without a full-time maintenance person (Chris continues to recover from her car accident). You can either call Gaile Krumenacker @ 243-7899 or sign the sign-up sheet in the back of the Church to arrange the details and to volunteer for this very important work. Thank you for taking time to help support our parish.

From Pontiff to Pew:

During this past Sunday's Angelus, Pope Leo XIV offered the following reflection in its entirety:
 Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Sunday!

Today's Gospel (Mt 9:36-10:8) brings us a great gift, for it draws all who hear it into Jesus' gaze: it is a story that bears witness to the attentiveness of this gaze, as well as telling us what the Lord sees. We read, in fact, that Christ "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless" (v. 36). Having become our brother, the Son of God looks at the people, he looks at humanity: he sees the oppression that burdens and the violence that causes strength to fade. He sees the wounds of war and the emptiness of consumerism. He sees faces reduced to masks, families torn apart by evil, and young people misled by false ideals. Jesus sees and loves. He loves and suffers for and with us: his compassion expresses not only fraternal closeness, but his desire to redeem.

For he knows our hearts and cares for us. Looking upon so many people like "sheep without a shepherd" (v. 36), Christ devotes himself to all as the Good Shepherd and, as Lord of the harvest, sends workers into the field of the world (cf. v. 38). What is their task? They must offer God's comfort to those who suffer by bringing charity where there is misery, hope where there is affliction, faith where there is distrust.

The Gospel lists the names of the first twelve "workers:" they are disciples made apostles, that is, missionaries and preachers. Among them, the first we find is Simon, called Peter. But we also find Judas Iscariot, named last, to remind us that one can follow Jesus and betray him. Even so, the Gospel remains for all a living and true word. The Good News that spans the centuries is the same, always young, fresh, and liberating: "The Kingdom of Heaven has come near!" (Mt 10:7). Yes, it is near because in Jesus Christ, God draws near to every man and woman, to every people and nation. When this Gospel is proclaimed and lived out, evil crumbles like a disease that passes away (cf. v. 8), like a night giving way to dawn, like death conquered by the risen One.

This is how Jesus' gaze transforms reality. Filled with love, his initiative gives birth to a new people, the Church, called to continue the mission of the apostles: "You received without payment; give without payment" (v. 8). Yes, Jesus' gift is entirely gratis, for its value exceeds all measure: it is impossible to merit or "buy" it. This grace is the beautiful name of God's mercy, which seeks us out wherever we are, to draw us to himself. "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38)!

Dear friends, the task of evangelization springs from God's gift, which in Christ becomes forgiveness for the world, service to the least and the poor, and a commitment to justice. Let us invoke the help of the Virgin Mary, full of grace, so that we may respond with joy and courage to the mission to which Jesus calls us.

In his weekly **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Leo began his exploration of the Documents of the Second Vatican Council. III. Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium. 3. Rite, sign and symbol. Here it is in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

Today, I would like to share some reflections on the Apostolic Journey I made last week to Spain, visiting Madrid, Barcelona, the Abbey of Montserrat and the Canary Islands.

After the long Journey in four African countries, this time I found myself immersed in a European country with an ancient and very rich Catholic tradition. And it appeared evident that today in Spain, which has experienced significant social and cultural changes, the Pope was welcomed everywhere with enthusiasm and readiness to listen. For this I give thanks to God and to the entire Spanish people, the King and the civil Authorities, the Bishops and the ecclesial communities.

The people of God gave me great comfort through the joyful expression of their faith and affection. For my part, I confirmed the faithful and, as Bishop of Rome, I encouraged them to overcome every form of division and conflict by always promoting communion, dialogue and unity in diversity. This is the very service of the Successor of Peter, a service which finds a specific expression in Apostolic Journeys, each time adapted to the ecclesial and social situations of the countries visited.

With regard to Spain, I was able to observe with joy that people of all ages and situations had been looking forward to the Pope's visit. I found multitudes [of people] everywhere, who welcomed me with great warmth. This was not something that was taken for granted, and is worthy of reflection. Naturally such participation expresses, first of all, as I said, the faith of the Spanish people. At the same time, I believe it reveals a widespread need to find unity based on a true and deep foundation, one that is neither ideological nor based on partial interests — a foundation which, ultimately, can only be ensured by Christ, and is conveyed in the lives of people by the Gospel, through the necessary "inculturation". It can do so because its message fully responds to both these needs: the search for truth and the thirst for justice.

In Madrid and Barcelona, we gathered in the great Cathedral as well as in modern stadiums. We prayed the holy Rosary at the Abbey of Montserrat. We celebrated [Mass] at the Sagrada Família — a majestic symbol, a symphony of stones and light that speaks to everyone of the Christian mystery. This encounter of ancient and modern, Catholic tradition and contemporary culture enabled me to perceive first-hand the very character of Europe, its inestimable wealth, as a living reality, not a thing of the past. It is a heritage to be safeguarded with care, so that it may be invested in today's global world with its momentous challenges: peace, integral ecology, equitable and sustainable development, and respect for human dignity. They are challenges that the Second Vatican Council had already clearly recognized, and to which the subsequent Magisterium returned, up to my recent Encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, which aims to safeguard the human person in the time of artificial intelligence.

Through the various meetings, I sensed a need to hear from the Pope's voice, the Gospel of hope for today's humanity, which is sorely tried by the negative consequences of a deceptive model of development. I recognized this need, which found expression in the many testimonies I was able to listen to — testimonies that were sometimes moving, sometimes edifying — also and above all in the faces of the little ones and the poor whom I met: the child

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