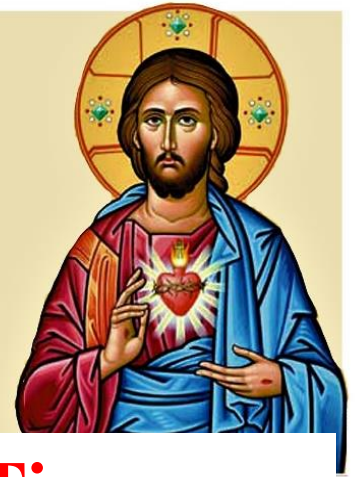


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13th SUNDAY of Ordinary Time June 29/30, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

June 29 – Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

July 3 – Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

July 5 – Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Patronal Feast of our parish – counted from Pentecost Sunday

Reception following the 8:30 AM Mass

First Friday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass and reception

July 6/7 – Celebration of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart at both Masses

July 6 – Reception after Mass for the parish feast

July 13/14 - SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

July 15 – Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre

July 22 – Feast of St. Mary Magdalen

July 25- Feast of St. James, Apostle

July 31 – Solemnity of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits

August 2 -First Friday – Adoration after the 8:30 AM Mass

August 5 – Dedication of St. Mary Major

August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

August 7 – Restoration of the Society of Jesus

August 10/11 - **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**



Pope Francis'

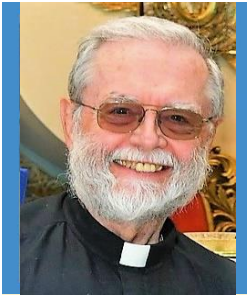
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR JUNE

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

VIDEO OF THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

<https://youtu.be/BFnk7Aeg6gg>



RAMBLINGS OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

In my old age I am really starting to not like the term “Ordinary Time.” Because when the Mass is concerned, there is nothing “ordinary” about it, and I worry that too many people treat the Mass as “ordinary,” something casual or optional, something that is just part of everyday life.

I hear reports from different places and different countries that the move among younger people is a search for something sacred, something different, something that is specifically NOT ordinary and casual and optional. They say that they don’t find that in the local churches where they go to Mass. Many are going to the Tridentine Mass where the whole celebration is in Latin, and the ritual is much more formal. The times I have gone to those Masses, the congregation was mostly younger people (under 40) and most were what we would call “dressed up.” The women were wearing dresses and the men were in coats and ties.

For them, going to Mass is anything but “ordinary.”

Now I am not advocating a return to the Tridentine Mass, and while I am not a fan of the current liturgical form of our Eucharistic worship – I do not think the current structure of the Mass does what the liturgists tell us they want it to do – I do think that there are spiritual and personal advantages in a religious approach that is more personal and less formal. At the same time, I resonate with the feeling that we need to remember and focus on the truly and deeply sacred character of what we do. We can easily fall into a too casual treatment of our attendance at a miracle. We can start to think of weekly Mass as a social gathering rather than our honored participation in the sacrifice on Calvary, the Last Supper, the continuing physical presence of God in our lives. We fit Mass into a busy schedule, and come late and/or leave early because there is a track meet or a cocktail party, we didn’t leave enough time for traffic or... well, there are more excuses than there is space on the page. The dress is casual, cookies and fruit juice boxes and toys are brought into Church, and people answer the cell phones that aren’t turned off. The sense of “sacred” is lost.

Think of the most special occasion in your life. Not something like the birth of a child or the death of a parent, but a recurring event – a birthday party, the visit of a dignitary, an anniversary – whatever the event, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is, in the “real world,” more important. And deserves at least as much respect and attention and priority. I don’t think that because I am a priest; I am a priest because I realized what was ultimately the most important thing in my life. It wasn’t getting a good role in theatre or singing a concert, it wasn’t owning a house or getting a new car, it wasn’t even falling in love. At one point or another in my life I had done all of those things.

But I found that if I really and truly believed in God – and I did – it was a really bad choice to put anything else ahead of God. That doesn’t mean going to live in a cave or taking a vow of silence – we all know I could not do that. It does mean giving God and His Church the importance, the respect, the sense of being something sacred that they deserve.

I guess the goal is to make respect and importance and that sense of the sacred ordinary – certainly for the Sunday Mass but ideally in all aspects of our lives as well. “Find God in all things,” says St. Ignatius. Every minute of every day in every single thing we do. Because God should never be “ordinary.”

Let us continue to pray for one another and for a world that needs changing.

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Facebook: If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

SACRED HEART CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY, JULY 5

The usual Mass at 8:30 AM will be celebrated at the Jesuit Center. Following the Mass there will be a reception in honor of the Solemnity. It is also a First Friday, so Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place following Mass. Adoration will extend until 10:30 AM, so those who wish may attend the reception and then return to the chapel for prayer.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

Because this is our parish patronal feast, we will celebrate the Mass of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart at our two weekend Masses. Following the Mass on Saturday, we will have a reception in honor of the feast at the parish hall. All are invited, and those who wish are invited to contribute baked goods or specialty items to help make the event even more special.

AUGUST CLOSING

As has been the custom in the past, the Jesuit Center will be closed during the month of August. The daily Mass at 8:30 AM will continue as scheduled throughout the month. Jesuits will still be available but advance scheduling is suggested.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE? WHAT DO YOU WANT? WHAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED?

A note from Father John:

While I've been in the U.S., in quiet moments I have been thinking about the coming year, and schedules and events and I have continued the process of penciling in special Masses and celebrations.

Now I would like to know from you – in terms of our parish life, which includes the weekend Masses but also weekday Masses and receptions and special events – what do you like of the things we do during the year? What are we NOT doing that you would like to see added or expanded? What ARE we doing that you would like to see changed or put in the closet or replaced with something else? Be honest. You will not hurt anybody's feelings if you say you don't like something or would like to see something changed. You will not immediately be volunteered if you suggest something to add (although it is always important if you suggest something you would like to do or be a part of). New ideas are always welcomed and old programs are not automatically good.

So let me know. Email is best because it stays put until I can get to it, and there is a written record. Don't wait until you return if you're away, or put it off until later. Do it now, so your input can be part of the scheduling for the new year – which begins in August. However remember that I am scheduling through May, so don't forget Easter and First Communion and maybe an end of year celebration – a farewell Mass for people who are leaving – let me know NOW and without making any promises, know that your opinion is very important and does influence what I do. What WE do. What gets done.

Thank you.

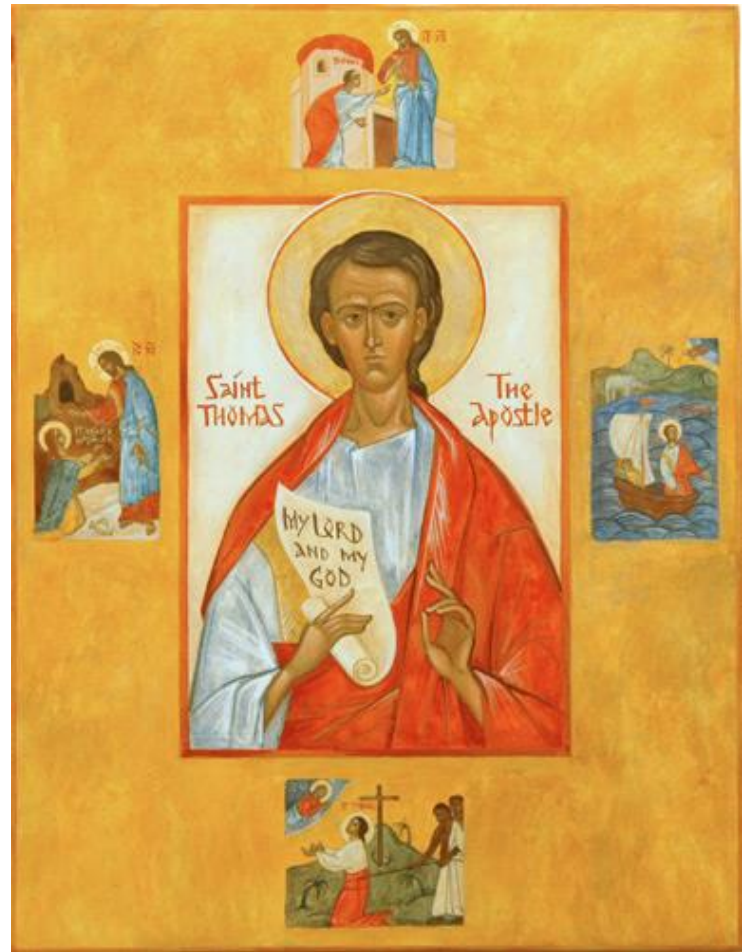


SAINT OF THE WEEK – St. Thomas, the Apostle, July 3rd

Thomas first speaks in the Gospel of John. In John 11:16, when Lazarus had recently died, the apostles do not wish to go back to Judea, where some Jews had attempted to stone Jesus. Thomas says: Let us also go, that we may die with him.

He speaks again in John 14:5. There, Jesus had just explained that he was going away to prepare a heavenly home for his followers, and that one day they would join him there. Thomas reacted by saying, Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?

John 20:24-29 tells how doubting Thomas was skeptical at first when he heard that Jesus had risen from the dead and appeared to the other apostles, saying, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. But when Jesus appeared later and invited Thomas to touch his wounds and behold him, Thomas showed his belief by saying, My Lord and my God. Jesus then said, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.



He is informally referred to as "Doubting Thomas" because he doubted Jesus' resurrection when first told (in the Gospel of John account only), followed later by his confession of faith, "My Lord and my God," on seeing Jesus' wounded body. He was also called Didimos, which mean 'twin' because of the paired fingers of his hand. The tradition says that when St Thomas put his paired fingers in Jesus' wounds they got separated and became normal and other apostles kissed his hands, which touched the resurrected Jesus Christ. The Christian practice of kissing the hands of bishops and priests originated from this.

Traditionally, he is said to have travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, travelling as far as Tamilakam which are the states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala in present-day India. According to tradition, Thomas reached Muziris, (modern-day North Paravur and Kodungalloor in the state of Kerala, India) in AD 50 and baptized several people, founding what today are known as Saint Thomas Christians or Mar Thoma Nazranis. After his death, the reputed relics of Saint Thomas the Apostle were enshrined as far as Mesopotamia in the 3rd century, and later moved to various places. In 1258, some of the relics were brought to Abruzzo in Ortona, Italy, where they have been held in the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. He is often regarded as the Patron Saint of India, and the name Thomas remains quite popular among Saint Thomas Christians of India.

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