

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 25, 2023
Duodécima Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, 25 de junio de 2023



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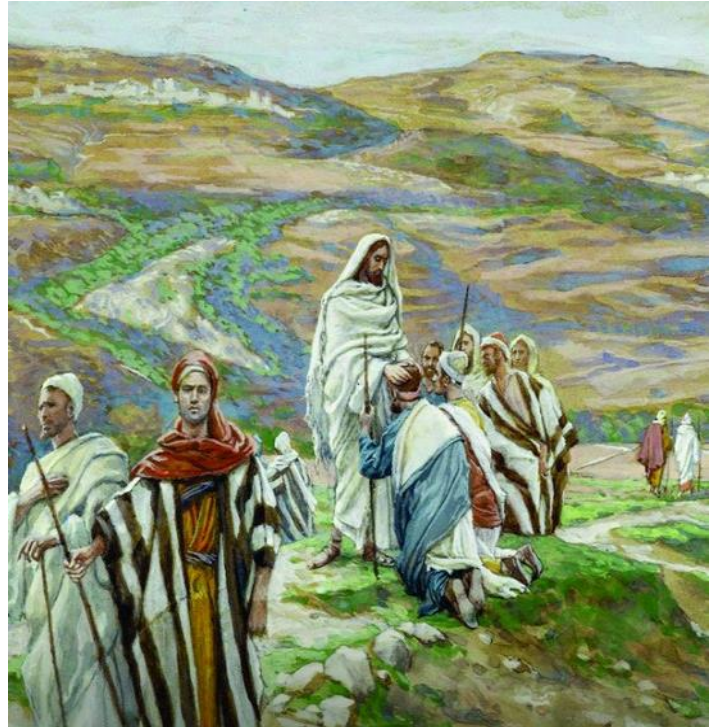
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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

“Por lo tanto, no tengan miedo, porque ustedes valen mucho más que todos los pájaros del mundo”. - Mt 10, 31

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LITURGY

Public Weekend Masses—In Church

Saturday: 5 PM English
Sunday: 8:30 AM Spanish
10:30 AM English

Public Weekday Masses—In Church

Tuesday: 7 PM Spanish
Wednesday: 9 AM English
Thursday: 9 AM English
Friday: 9 AM English
1st Friday & Adoration: 8 AM-Adoration
8:30 AM-Rosary
9 AM-Mass
Adoration ends at 11 AM

Adoration

Tuesday: 5 PM—6:45 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM—11 AM

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the month, or by appointment.

Confessions

Tuesday: 6 PM—6:45 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM—10:15 AM
Saturday: 4 PM—4:50 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM—8:20 AM

Parish Office Hours for 6/26-6/30

Monday—Friday: 10:30 AM—2:30 PM
Saturday & Sunday: Closed
All major holidays: Closed

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13–14

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WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS PARISH!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

BIENVENIDOS A LA PARROQUIA DE SANTO TOMÁS!

Gracias por celebrar con nosotros. Les damos una cordial invitación para celebrar la santa misa cada domingo con nosotros. Si usted desea ser un miembro de nuestra comunidad de fe, por favor llene el formulario de registro. Nos encantaría contar con usted como miembro de nuestra familia.

**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE ESTA SEMANA**

Sunday, June 25, 10:30 AM

Jack & Melisia Mascarenhas (by Jack Mascarenhas)

Monday, June 26

No Mass

Tuesday, June 27, 7 PM

Wednesday, June 28, 9 AM

Scott & Michelle Miller (by Michelle Miller)

Thursday, June 29, 9 AM

† Cheyenne Chilo (by The Schwarz Family)

Friday, June 30, 9 AM

† Araceli Tarabi (by The Schwarz Family)

Saturday, July 1, 5 PM

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, ALL
THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

FOR THE SICK: We remember especially: Tess Kelley, Bang Nguyen, Bill Gorjance, Martha Hickman

FOR THE DEAD: Please pray for our beloved deceased Felix Brodigan, Bill Haugen, Joan King, Marie Lohmann, Judy Lund, Gary Northrop. May the Lord receive him unto Himself giving strength, comfort, and peace to

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OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

June 10th and June 11th, 2023

Sunday Offerings.....	\$6,388.76
Weekly Online Stewardship.....	\$763.61
Maintenance Fund / Fondo de Mantenimiento.....	\$525.00
Total Donation / Donación Total.....	\$7,677.37

Thank you for your generosity!



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (Gospel Meditations)

25 de junio de 2023

12º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En algún momento de nuestra vida nos llegan problemas y dificultades. Porque la vida no es fácil; y ser cristiano mucho menos. Aceptar el compromiso como bautizados, ser fieles y leales a Jesús no es tarea fácil. Ser padres comprometidos con los hijos cuesta, ser buen trabajador y un estudiante que dé al cien implica darlo todo. La nueva cultura de la tecnología tan avanzada a veces hace sentir que estamos solos, que vamos contracorriente, si no tenemos lo último de la moda. Sin embargo, el Evangelio nos invita a tener confianza en Jesús, a ser fieles a él. Solo en él tendremos la verdadera felicidad. ¿Crees esto? ¿Lo has experimentado de alguna forma?

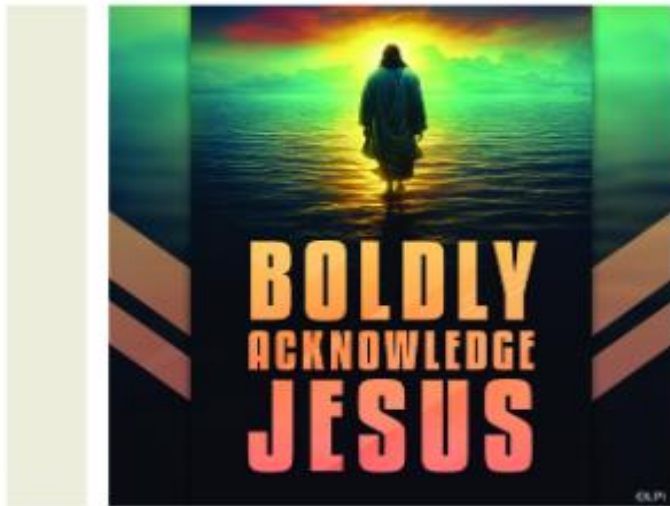
Jesús advierte a sus apóstoles que no tengan miedo. Les dice que la tarea a realizar es complicada, con muchas trabas. "Nada hay oculto que no llegue a ser descubierto, ni nada secreto que no llegue a saberse" (Mateo 10,26). Con estas palabras son animados a seguir su misión, sabiendo que Jesús los acompaña y está a su lado siempre. Solo hay una cosita importante a seguir y es reconocer a Jesús en todo lo que se hace, es decir, no avergonzarnos de ser católico, de rezar y mostrar amor al prójimo. Que no nos dé miedo defender la justicia y hablar por los sin voz. De defender a los que arriesgan la vida para decirle al mundo que tú nos amas. "Al que se ponga de mi parte ante los hombres, yo me pondré de su parte ante mi Padre de los cielos" (Mateo 10,32-33). ¡Gracias Señor Jesús, por ser nuestro abogado!

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Bulletin Notices: The article deadline is 12 PM (Noon) on the Friday a week before the weekend you wish it to appear (8 days in advance). Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email bulletin articles/notices to : michellem@sainthomastukwila.org

Worship & Meditation



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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?

— Father John Muir

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Answer:

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?

Can you imagine sitting at the feast of the Apostles? St. Irenaeus was born in Asia Minor – now Turkey – and was tutored in Christianity by St. Polycarp, himself a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. Irenaeus caught the missionary zeal and became a priest sent to Gaul (modern day France). Following a persecution by the pagan Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius, Irenaeus replaced the martyred bishop in the region. His trials were not over, however. The heretical sect of Gnosticism spread to Gaul. Gnostics proclaimed a secret, spiritual knowledge available only to a few. Irenaeus researched the Gnostic texts and exposed the falsehoods they taught, such as denying the divinity of Christ. His book *Against Heresies* is still being published today, over 1800 years after his death. May St. Irenaeus intercede for our own quests for greater understanding!

