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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday: 6:30 pm

Tuesday - Friday: 7:30 am

Sunday Mass

Saturday Evening: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,
2:00 pm (Polish)



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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – DO NOT BE AFRAID

Jeremiah knew the loneliness that comes from speaking God's word. He was not opposed because he had done something wrong. He was opposed because he had spoken the truth. Even those who once seemed close to him were watching for his fall. His enemies were not strangers. They were his own people, people who should have recognized the voice of God, but who did not want to hear what God was saying.

That has always been the cost of prophecy. The prophet does not simply repeat what people want to hear. He speaks what God gives him to speak. Sometimes that word comforts. Sometimes it corrects. Sometimes it wounds in order to heal.

The same thing happened to Jesus. He came to His own, and many of His own rejected Him. He spoke with mercy, but He also spoke the truth. He welcomed sinners, but He never blessed sin. He healed the wounded, but He also called them to conversion. For that, He was opposed, mocked, condemned, and crucified.

We live in a similar time. Many want a faith that comforts but never corrects, a Church that blesses but never challenges, a Gospel that encourages but never calls anyone to conversion. Sunday is no longer guarded as the Lord's Day but is often swallowed by sports, shopping, work, and distraction. The unborn are treated as disposable. Chastity is mocked. Gossip is excused. Anger is fed. Prayer is pushed to the margins. God's design is treated as something we can rewrite. And many Christians, afraid of being judged, go silent.

In other parts of the world, bearing the name of Christ can cost Christians their freedom or even their lives, and their courage should humble us. We are not being threatened with death. We are afraid of embarrassment, of the raised eyebrow, the awkward silence, the sarcastic comment, the label of being too religious, too serious, too old-fashioned, too Catholic.

So we shrink back. We stay quiet when someone mocks the faith. We hide our beliefs at work. We avoid praying in public. We laugh along with things we know are wrong. We tell ourselves we are being polite, but sometimes we are really being afraid.

That is why the words of Jesus are so powerful: "Fear no one." He does not say there will be nothing frightening in the world. He says we must not be ruled by fear. "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." That warning is necessary because fear can silence truth. Fear can make us more concerned with being accepted than being faithful.

But a disciple cannot remain hidden. The witness we are afraid to give may be the very word someone else needs to hear. Jesus reminded us last Sunday that the harvest is still abundant. The crowds that moved the heart of Jesus are still around us. There are people searching for hope, longing for truth, and waiting to encounter the love of God. Christ sends us into that harvest.

That is why His promise matters. If we have the courage to acknowledge Him before others, He promises to acknowledge us before His heavenly Father. That is both promise and warning. It is promise because no act of courage, no quiet witness, no faithful word is forgotten by God. It is warning because when fear rules the heart, silence can become its own kind of denial.

Still, Jesus does not leave us trembling. He speaks of sparrows. Not one falls to the ground without the Father knowing. Even the hairs of our head are counted. In the middle of opposition, Jesus gives us tenderness. God sees. God knows. God does not abandon His faithful ones.

Our task is not to predict whether the world will listen. Jeremiah was not asked to be successful. He was asked to be faithful. So are we. And that faithfulness must look like Jesus: truth that does not compromise and love that does not condemn.



Deacon Fernando
*Lord Jesus, give us courage to
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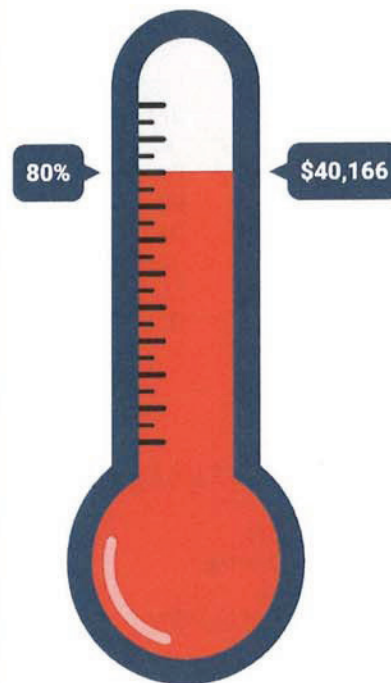
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10:30 AM MASS

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MONDAY, JUNE 22

7:30 AM MASS

Stephen Hovanetz by Marie Maenza

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

7:30 AM MASS

Robert Shoopack by Kathy Pelaez

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

7:30 AM MASS

Thomas Darlington by Mary Alice & Steve Tardy

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

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Kathryn Mullen by The O'Dowd Family

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SATURDAY, JUNE 27

4:00 PM MASS

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8:00 AM MASS

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10:30 AM MASS

Gloria Simoes by Fernando & Dina Alves

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, June 22

NB 7:30 am Daily Mass

No Adoration

No 6:30 pm Mass

11:30 am Golf Tournament Registration

5:30 pm Golf Tournament Cocktail Hour

6:30 pm Parish Dinner & Entertainment

Tuesday, June 23

7:30 am Daily Mass

8:00 am Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:30 pm Life in the Spirit

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Social Meeting

Wednesday, June 24

7:30 am Daily Mass

8:00 am Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

12:00 pm Bible in a Year Barrett Center

Thursday, June 25

7:30 am Daily Mass

8:00 am Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 pm Bible in a Year Barrett Center

Friday, June 26

7:30 am Daily Mass

8:00 am Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, June 27

12:00 pm Community Meals

3:00 –3:45 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, June 28

8:00 am Mass

10:30 am Mass

11:30 am Cursillo Group

2:00 pm Polish Mass

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Do You Understand the Mass?

Liturgy of the Eucharist - I Am Not Worthy

At every Mass, just before we receive Holy Communion, the priest lifts up the Sacred Host and says:

“Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.”

These words remind us who is before us. This is not ordinary bread. This is Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, truly present: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. He is the One who takes away sin. He is the One who gives Himself for the life of the world. He is the One who now invites us to the sacred banquet of the Eucharist.

And before we come forward, the Church places on our lips the words of the Roman centurion:

“Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

In the Gospel, the centurion came to Jesus asking Him to heal his servant. When Jesus offered to come to his house, the centurion answered with remarkable humility and faith. He knew he was not worthy to receive the Lord under his roof. Yet he also knew that Jesus did not need to be physically present in his home to heal. One word from Jesus was enough.

At Mass, we make the centurion’s prayer our own. We acknowledge that we are not worthy to receive the Lord under the “roof” of our bodies and souls. None of us earns the Eucharist. None of us deserves so great a gift. Yet Jesus comes to us anyway, not because we are perfect, but because He is merciful. He comes to heal what is wounded, strengthen what is weak, forgive what is sinful, and draw us more deeply into communion with Himself.

This prayer is not meant to keep us away from Holy Communion. It is meant to prepare our hearts to receive with reverence, humility, gratitude, and faith. Like the centurion, we approach the Lord trusting in His power. Like the centurion, we believe that His word can heal. And like the centurion, we recognize that the Lord who comes to us is not distant, but near.

As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, may we never approach casually or carelessly. May we come with humble hearts, aware of the greatness of the gift before us. And may we believe with renewed faith that Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, is our healing, our hope, and our salvation.

