

READINGS FOR SUNDAY
June 18, 2023
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6a
 Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11
 Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

FOCUS: *The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

God's heart has been *moved with pity* for us throughout salvation history. God sees us in our wanderings, like sheep without a shepherd. Our readings today weave together a tender saga of God's loving care as he works to gather us back unto himself.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, God reminds the Israelites of his care, exhorts them to keep his covenant, and promises to make them *a kingdom of priests, a holy nation*. In Paul's Letter to the Romans, we are reminded that we were reconciled, while we were still helpless, through Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus is moved with pity and sends his disciples to heal and preach.

Readings for next week, Sunday June 25, 2023

- 1) Jeremiah 20:10-13
- 2) Romans 5:12-15
- 3) Matthew 10:26-33

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FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP
AS A WAY OF LIFE

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

We are called to be laborers for the Lord. This week, find a way to be at service for God and fellow man: perhaps donate to the Catholic Ministries Appeal or food pantry or volunteer to mow the lawn for an elderly neighbor or take them food shopping.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Sunday Offering ~ June 11	\$5,461.00*
Same Week Last Year	\$5,567.00*

Mass Attendance for ~ June 11	557
Same Week Last Year	461

**Does not include Faith Direct*

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEL

St. Mary's Parish Assessed Goal	\$66,300.00
Amount Raised to Date	\$17,245.00
Number of Gifts and/or Pledges	57
Percentage of Goal	26%

✠ Celebrants for the Weekend of ✠
June 24/25, 2023

	Celebrants*	Lector
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Volunteer Needed
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Lauder	Mary Doran - L
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Mary & Joe Castellano - L
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Lora Lofaro - L
12:30 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Volunteer Needed

* Subject to last minute changes.

**A REMINDER REGARDING
 DONATIONS TO ST. MARY'S**

All checks should be made payable to **St. Mary's Church**. If the check is for a special purpose, please indicate that on the memo line. For example: Human Concerns, 300 Club, Religious Education, Diocesan Collection, etc.

We thank you for your generous support of our Parish and its activities.



Just a reminder all St. Mary's
 Masses are on Youtube link

<https://tinyurl.com/St-Marys-Roslyn>

The Pastor's Page

Dear Friends:

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." –Mark Twain

We often hear that the "generation gap," according to which parents and children see world from opposite points of view, is a relatively recent phenomenon. If Twain's comment is any indication, however, perhaps we are not so different from our forebears. The question is whether, amid the differences in perspective, we approach each other as allies or, sad to say, as adversaries. In a recent conversation with a friend, I shared the ideas of Alasdair MacIntyre, the Catholic ethicist who is something of a firebrand in contemporary philosophy. He tries to retrieve the concept of "virtue" in the moral development of young people. Key to this idea—and something that goes increasingly against the grain in American culture—is the willingness of the young to submit to the better judgment of those who are charged with their training. In short, MacIntyre believes in the "obligation to subordinate oneself to the best standard yet achieved." It does not mean that the "superior"—parent, teacher, coach, mentor, boss—is perfect; far from it. "Yet achieved" implies that progress can still be made. And yet, the novice must trust at the very least, that his guardian has something he lacks, and has his best interests at heart. If this is lacking, the relationship will be toxic. At best, the child learns nothing; at worst, he learns the wrong lesson.

Pope Francis emphasizes the central role a father plays in the life of his children:

God sets the father in the family so that by the gifts of his masculinity he can be close to his wife and share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And to be close to his children as they grow – when they play and when they work, when they are carefree and when they are distressed...when they stray and when they get back on the right path... The fact is that children need to find a father waiting for them when they return home with their problems.

It would be easy to say that the responsibility lies solely with children to "snap to" the guidance of their fathers, but I think that the challenge goes both ways. In the military I remember an aphorism among the soldiers: "I don't care how much you know until I know how much you care." One cannot establish this kind of

relationship all of a sudden, but only through a lifetime of effort, sacrifice, and deferment of one's personal interests.

This week, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist this week even as our nation observes Father's Day. St. Augustine points out John's preeminence in the communion of saints as the only one, along with Jesus himself, whose birth is recorded in the New Testament. St. Luke's Gospel presents to readers a literary "diptych," whereby the circumstances of John's miraculous birth to aged parents are compared with those of Our Lord's supernatural birth to a virgin. The advanced age of Elizabeth and John reflect the Old Law that Jesus came to fulfill, and Zechariah's doubt is surpassed by the Virgin's faith. True, Zechariah ("God remembers") is an imperfect man, but in his roles as priest and father, he plays a vital part in the history of salvation. Along with Elizabeth ("God promises"), he raises John ("God is gracious"), who will prepare the way of the Lord.

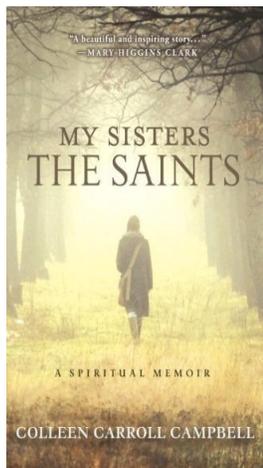


This week's artwork is Bartolome-Esteban Murillo's "Birth of St. John the Baptist" (1655), a piece that does double duty for both the Solemnity and Father's Day. According to the Norton Simon Museum, the artist combines a master of chiaroscuro (light and shadow), saturated colors, and elegant naturalism to convey an

idealized setting, while the individuals featured in the painting are ordinary "working class" people similar to Murillo's neighbors in Seville. The scene is rich with imagery. John's mother, Elizabeth, is attended to in bed, recovering from the exhaustion of labor, and his father Zechariah, has only just recovered his speech (for having doubted the message of the angel Gabriel) to deliver the famous Benedictus canticle (Luke 1:67-69). John's parents are placed in relative obscurity, while the focus is clearly on the infant himself as he emerges from his first bath. M. Louise Holert (Artpage) explains that the basin of water foreshadows his vocation as the Baptist who heralds the coming of Christ, while the red tablecloth nearby signifies the martyr's death by which he witnesses to his kinsman. Even the little puppy curled up on the chair symbolizes the "dogged" fidelity of the "last" of the Old Testament prophets to his duty.

Let us thank God for the example of our fathers who, despite their limitations, consistently put the welfare of their families above their own.

Faithfully,
Fr. Valentine



OUR FEATURED SUMMER

READ FOR YOU

My Sisters the Saints: A Spiritual Memoir by Colleen Carroll Campbell, is now available for purchase at the church location, on the kiosk book rack at the entrance doors, for \$10. Please place your payment into the slot marked on the lower corner of the rack. A discussion on this book will be scheduled in late September. If you are interested in joining us, please leave your name and phone number with Cathy the rectory during office hours on Monday or Wednesday. Happy Reading!



Human Concerns

The Human Concerns Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Paper Goods	Coffee	Crackers
Peanut Butter	Tea	Rice
Jelly	Pasta Sauce	Snacks
Spaghetti	Tuna Fish	Juice
Cereal	Cookies	Soups
	Mac & Cheese	

Please bring your donations to Msgr. Ryan Hall at 440 Round Hill Road, Roslyn Heights between 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Those in need of food or other supplies may call Elsie Calderone at (516) 626-1097 or send her an e-mail at outreachstmary7@gmail.com

An Invitation



Do you like to Sing? New members are always welcome to join our choir. This might be the ministry for you. It's a very warm welcoming group with whom you will enjoy singing. We rehearse Thursdays at 7 PM in the lower church. If interested see Paul Eschenauer after Mass or call the Rectory.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVE

1LT Doug Alessi
CAPT Peter Clarke
CAPT Brendan Echausse
COL Daniel Friend
SGT Joseph M. Friend
CDR Christian R. Foschi
CAPT Daniel Grabher
PFC Steven Hyyti
CAPT David Jacobs
SK1 John D. Klick
PFC Michael P. Lanciki

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LCpl Caitlin Lyons
LT Dennis Mackin
Cpl Tommy Mozer
SGT Julio Ortiz II
LCpl Jonathan Peres
GSGT Jonathan Porto
LT James Raphael
PVT Michael Starczewski
SGT Luke Whitting
RCT Jordan J. Williams

Lord, hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their self-forgetting acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen.



Short Prayers ~ Prayer for Forgiveness

“Lord, I am so sorry for the way I complain about my circumstances. Please forgive me for my bad attitude when things are not going my way. I want to see Your hand in every part of everyday, good or bad. please help me learn how to face every storm with confidence, knowing that You really are in control even though I cannot hear Your voice or see Your hand at work. In Jesus name. Amen.”

***Prayer to
St. Michael the Archangel***



Saint Michael Archangel Michael on the roof of the Basilique Notre Dame de Fourvière in Lyon, France.

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protector against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
And do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen
(Prayer by Pope Leo XIII)

Religious Education at St Mary's - 6/18/2023

Volunteers Wanted!

Join us! We are seeking volunteers to be teachers for our program starting in September!

Tuesday afternoons 4:30 – 5:30
& evenings 7pm-8pm

Please email director.stmarysreled440@gmail.com with any inquiries or suggestions!



Vacation Bible School
Registration ends soon!

We hope you can join us – it's going to be a BLAST!

KID'S CORNER

Jesus Sends out the Apostles Word-Find

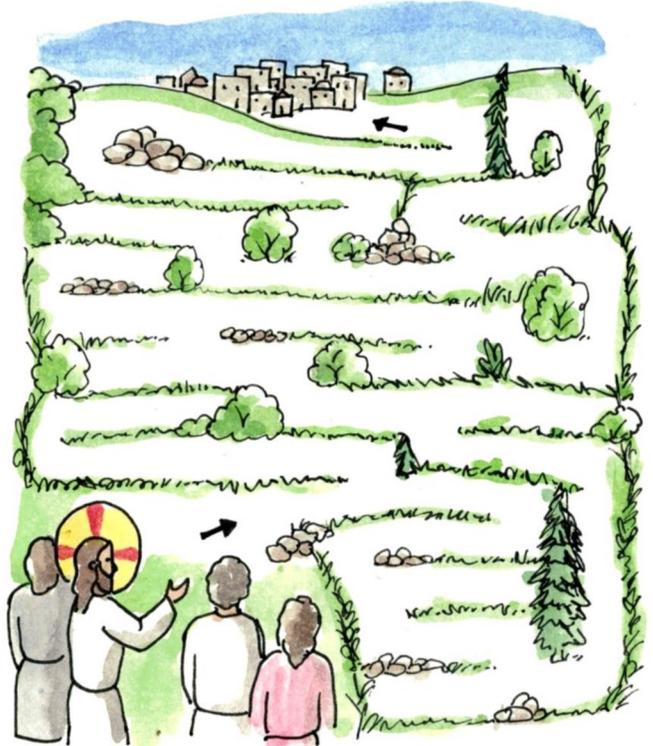
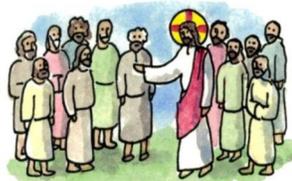
Find the words in CAPITALS hidden in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called PETER, and his brother ANDREW; JAMES, the son of Zebedee, and his brother JOHN; PHILIP and BARTHOLOMEW, THOMAS and MATTHEW the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and THADDEUS; SIMON from Cana, and JUDAS Iscariot who betrayed him.

JESUS sent out these twelve after INSTRUCTING them thus, "Do not go into PAGAN territory or enter a SAMARITAN town. Go rather to the lost SHEEP of the HOUSE of ISRAEL. As you go, make this PROCLAMATION: 'The KINGDOM of heaven is at hand.'

I PKINGDOMA J P
S ABNTHOMASE O
R GASSHEEPAS D
A ARTIGIVEMUE
E NTRCSJTPASM
L DHUKMAHERHO
P ROCLAMATION
H ELTETEDETUS
I WOIPTSDRASJ
L YMNEHTELNEO
I OEGREJUDASH
P UWESWSSIMON

Cure the SICK, raise the dead, cleanse LEPERS, drive out DEMONS. Without cost YOU have received; without cost you are to GIVE."



Jesus sent His Apostles to the surrounding towns to preach and heal. Can you find the way to the nearby town for the Apostles?

Eleventh Sunday Ordinary Time

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Entrance

A Living Faith



1. Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still
 2. Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith,
 3. Faith of our broth - ers, sis - ters too,
 4. Faith born of God, O call us yet;



In spite of dun - geon, fire and sword;
 Your work for Christ is love re - vealed,
 Who still must bear op - pres - sion's might,
 Bind us with all who fol - low you,



O how our hearts beat high with joy,
 Spread-ing God's word from pole to pole,
 Rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,
 Shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross



When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word:
 Mak - ing love known and free - dom real:
 The cross of Christ still burn - ing bright:
 Un - til the world is made a - new,



Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith,
 Faith of our moth - ers, ho - ly faith,
 Faith for to - day, O liv - ing faith,
 Faith born of God, O liv - ing faith,



We will be true to you till death.

Text: St. 1, Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.; sts. 2-4, Joseph R. Alfred, © 1981, alt.
 Tune: ST. CATHERINE, LM with refrain; Henry F. Hemy, 1818-1888; adapt. by James G. Walton, 1821-1905

Responsorial Psalm



We are his peo-ple the sheep of his flock.

Offertory

The Kingdom of God



1. The king - dom of God is jus - tice and joy;
2. The king - dom of God is mer - cy and grace;
3. The king - dom of God is chal - lenge and choice;
4. God's king - dom is come, the gift and the goal;



For Je - sus re - stores what sin would de - stroy.
The cap - tives are freed, the sin - ners find place,
Be - lieve the good news, re - pent and re - joice!
In Je - sus be - gun, in heav - en made whole.



God's pow - er and glo - ry in Je - sus we know;
The out - cast are wel - comed God's ban - quet to share;
God's love for us sin - ners brought Christ to his cross;
The heirs of the king - dom shall an - swer his call;



And here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.
And hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.
Our cri - sis of judge - ment for gain or for loss.
And all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God all in all.

Text: Bryn A. Rees, 1911-1983, © Mrs. Olwen Scott
Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM, 10 10 11 11; Charles H. H. Parry, 1848-1918

Holy, Holy, Holy
Acclamation
Great Amen

When We Eat This Bread

F. Schubert

F. Schubert

Lamb of God

F. Schubert

Communion

Taste and See

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the



Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the



good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses



1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
 I called the Lord who an - swered me;
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;



for God has been so good to me.
 from all my troub - les I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

Recessional Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To his
3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; Well our
4. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; You be -



1. feet thy trib - ute bring; Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for -
2. chil - dren in dis - tress; Praise him still the same as
3. fee - ble frame he knows; In his hands he gen - tly
4. hold him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be -



1. giv - en, Ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
2. ev - er, Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
3. bears us, Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
4. fore him, In his ho - ly dwell - ing place. Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: 8 7 8 7 8 7; based on Psalm 103; Henry F. Lyle, 1793-1847, alt. Music: John Goss, 1800-1880.

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