

June 25, 2023

FAITH SHARING

Our Scripture readings for this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time challenge us to preach Christ through our words and lives without fear.

The first reading tells us how the prophet Jeremiah trusted in the power of God while he faced opposition for his prophetic ministry. He was intimidated by attacks upon his character, but he was unafraid to speak out in the name of the Lord.

In the second reading, Paul assures the Christians in Rome that they need not be afraid of opposition both because they share in the death of Jesus and because they are united with Christ, the new Adam, in his Resurrection.

Today's Gospel passage is taken from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as he sends them forth to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simple lives and to expect opposition and rejection. After having foretold future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages his disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged, "Do not fear!" "Do not be afraid!" Instead of shrinking from their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly because they will be protected.

Responsorial Psalm R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

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12 Ordinary Sunday

ENTRANCE HYMN (2 Timothy 2:11-13)

V. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with Him we shall also live with Him; if we persevere we shall also reign with Him.

R. But if we deny Him He will deny us. If we are unfaithful He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

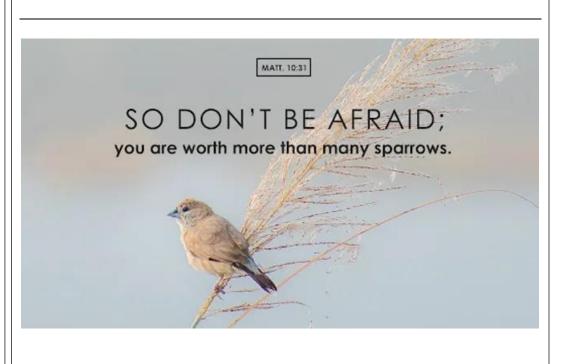
MT 10:26-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the Twelve:

"Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not 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. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn Gather Us In

Hymn to the Holy Spirit 144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn 276 Nearer My God to Thee

> **Communion Hymn** 229 Just As I Am

Recessional Hymn 225 Abide With Me

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, June 25 12 Ordinary Sunday 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN 2023

7/2 - For the Mission Fund
8/6 - For the Mission Fund
8/27 - Youth Sunday – For the Youth Fund
9/3 - For the Mission Fund
9/10 - Solemnity – Brotherly Love – For the Bp. Hodur Retreat Center
10/1 - For the Mission Fund
10/15 - Heritage Sunday – Outreach to Poland Collection
11/5 - For the Mission Fund
12/3 - For the Mission Fund
12/31 - Solemnity- Humble Shepherds – Seminary Fund
1/7 - For the Mission Fund



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis, Dolores McGlone, Marianna Pelka

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

PASTOR TRANSFERRED

July 23, 2023 will be the last Sunday for Fr. Mariusz as an Administrator of St. Valentine's Parish, Philadelphia, PA and Our Saviour Parish, Lawrenceville, NJ.

Father is transferred to Holy Family PNCC Parish in McKeesport, PA.

Please keep Fr. M and his Family in your prayers.

SO, YOUR PASTOR IS BEING TRANSFERRED

So, you just learned that your pastor is being transferred. How do you react? For some folks, even regular church-going types, it doesn't make a lot of difference. They don't have a strong personal relationship with their pastor; their feelings about his performance are neutral; and they just presume that next week someone else will show up to say Mass.

Some are thrilled when they learn that their pastor is moving on. They never really liked their priest to begin with; they thought he was an incompetent, irreverent and lazy; and they think it's just fine that he'll be imposed upon some other unsuspecting congregation somewhere.

And some people are disappointed, even angry, when they learn that their pastor is being moved, and they don't hesitate to tell each other exactly how they feel.

So, let me get this straight. The number of priests available for assignment is decreasing rapidly. Recently, we had more priests retiring or sick, unable to serve. Few pastors and bishops passed away. And we have no new priests ordained. Parishes must be merged or permanently closed.

And it means that everyone's patience, understanding and cooperation will be necessary. So, if your pastor is being transferred, pray for him and his new ministry. Keep in mind that he was ordained to serve the needs of the entire Diocese and the entire PNCC, and not just your parish. If you've benefited from his ministry, thank him, and thank God. And welcome your new pastor too; support and encourage him. Of course, he won't be identical to your former pastor and undoubtedly, he won't be perfect. But if you wait for a perfect priest, the pulpit in your church will be empty for a long, long time.

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