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WELCOME!

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP - JUNE 1 & 2, 2024

Donation	\$5,908.00
Donation Online	\$862.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$6,775.00



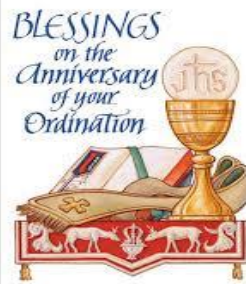
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Annual Catholic Appeal



One Mission,
One Family,
Together
in Christ

**2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal
\$43,706**



**To Our Dear
Father Paul Thanh Vu, SDD.,
Congratulations on the 1st
Anniversary (June 9th) of
Your Priest Ordination! We
honor your support services.
Our prayers are with you!**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Please Call for Appointment

PARISH OFFICE 206-735-7598

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick: Ext. 1
Parish Staff: Ext. 2
Administrative Support: Ext. 3

Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's family is not a country club — you don't need the right pedigree or the proper connections to join. Christ claims everyone who does the will of God. Let us call upon the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts, that we may live in kinship with Christ.

Observances for the week of June 9, 2024

- Sunday:** 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. Barnabas, Apostle
- Thursday:** St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** Flag Day
- Next Sunday:** 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day



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10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - HOMILY BY FATHER JOSEPH VU

The Real Source of Courage

Jesus was focused on his mission.

- He worked hard to communicate his message of salvation, to train his apostles, to heal the sick and comfort the troubled. In fact, he worked so hard to fulfill his mission that it was “impossible for [him and his disciples] even to eat.” But not everyone appreciated Jesus and his dedication to his mission.

- Even members of his own extended family, St. Mark's Gospel tells us, thought he was crazy.

- And the more popular and respected religious and cultural leaders of the time rejected him.

They actually accused him, as today's Gospel passage makes clear, of being an instrument of the devil.

It must have been hard for Our Lord, to stay focused on his mission, to be faithful to what his Father had sent him to do, when he ran into so much opposition, mockery, and misunderstanding.

And yet, he persevered.

- He didn't let criticism, rejection, jealousy, mockery, or persecution of any kind interfere with his loving fulfillment of God's will.

- Where did he get the courage to be true to his identity and mission even when those closest to him were rejecting him?

- In his relationship with the Father – his heart was anchored not in the shifting sands of this fallen world, but in the everlasting love of the Lord, in doing God's will.

As today's Psalm puts it: “My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak.”

We too find it difficult to be faithful to our mission in life, to God's will for us, to his commandments and to the circumstances that he permits to trouble us.

- We too run into opposition, mockery, misunderstanding.

We too need courage.

And so, we too need to anchor our hearts in the Lord, so that we can persevere, be strong, and endure.

Four Ways to Know God's Will

The courage that comes from having our hearts anchored in heaven enables us to embrace and fulfill God's will here on earth.

But how do we know what God's will is?

There are four ways to know God's will.

First of all, we have the Commandments of the Bible and the Church.

- The Ten Commandments,

- Christ's command to love our neighbors as ourselves,

- the Church's trustworthy teaching about modern moral issues,

these are the first and most basic ways that God reveals his will to us.

Second, we have the duties of our state in life.

- This is an area of God's Providence: the normal responsibilities that go along with our normal roles and relationships are an essential part of his will for us.

- Spouses need to serve, honor, and love each other.

- Parents need to protect, provide for, and educate their children.

- Students need to be responsible and diligent in their studies.

- Lawyers need to be honest and hardworking in defending justice.

Wherever we find ourselves, we have some basic relationships and responsibilities in the world and in the Church - being faithful to them is God's will for us.

Third, we need to contemplate and follow the example of Jesus Christ.

Every Christian should strive to imitate Jesus Christ, to follow in his footsteps - in all our words and in all our actions.

Fourth, we need to seek God's guidance whenever we have to make a major decision.

- Changing jobs, buying a house, joining the seminary or a religious order, getting married - these are life-decisions that God really cares about.

- He wants to guide us in these moments.

We need to let him - by getting good advice from people who are wise, and by seeking light and guidance through prayer.

The Commandments, the duties of our state in life, the example of Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit - these are the four ways that we can know God's will.

As we continue with this Mass, let's beg God for the grace to keep our hearts anchored always in heaven, so that we can have the courage to embrace and fulfill his will here on earth, no matter what obstacles we may face.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In the Family Way

Look here: there is no one more family-oriented than me. I drive a minivan. I wear mom jeans. I wipe unidentified gunk off of kids' faces without a second thought.

I'm all about family, but I'm not always a fan of what "family" has come to mean in the modern lexicon. Family values. Family-friendly. Family-oriented. It's usually a synonym for "non-offensive." Soft. Moderate. Nice.

It's all fine, I suppose. But is it genuine? Creating a family, bringing that family physically into the world, was the hardest and most painful thing I ever did. The care and keeping of that family — the teamwork with my spouse, the feeding and watering of the children, the teaching of the writing and the reading the and praying — it's very hardcore. It's not all stuffed animals and peekaboo. It's a mental, spiritual, and physical challenge that daily brings me to my knees.

I'm not even talking exclusively about parenting young children. I'm talking about being part of a family in any way — being a son, being a daughter, being a sister and cousin and uncle. Families are complicated and strange and messy. Sometimes boundaries need to be drawn, or they need to be crossed. Sometimes walls need to be put up or torn down. It's never easy. It's never simple.

But I've never known someone who didn't want to be part of a family in some way, whether that's a blood family or one created by circumstance. And there's a reason Christ creates a family ("Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother") and not a club.

A family is a crucible, yes — but what comes out is so much more beautiful than what went in. For all the effort and even pain that is sometimes involved in a family relationship, there is nothing more defining, more fulfilling.

We are part of Christ's family, and what we can expect from that is certainly not a life of simple, clear-cut, undemanding discipleship. We can expect confusion. We can expect discomfort. But we can expect to be perpetually drawn to the heart of one who loves us without hesitation, without condition.

In the end, we're family.

"Here are my mother and my brothers." — Mark 3:33

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

Answer:

Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn't have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. St. Paul was a tentmaker. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there!

One way concerns behavior. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of your co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead.

Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus' incarnation reminds us of the value of every human being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God's image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way — in that person in front of you. Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. Loving your neighbor is loving God! Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn't remain only at church on Sunday. We can — and should — let our faith animate our lives!