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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 21, 2020

The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them food in due season.



Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test sometime in our life journey. "Do not be afraid," Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel. Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His Providence, under His watchful gaze—even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him. Steadfast in this faith, we must trust God the Father and his love for us. By the gracious gift of himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does help who is in distress because He is a Father and loves us.

XII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / A

L'umanità è stata resa vittima del peccato dal primo Adamo; ma il dono di grazia di Gesù Cristo nuovo Adamo è stato riversato su tutti gli uomini. Dio, in Cristo vuole la salvezza di tutti: sta agli uomini scegliere se stare con l'umanità peccatrice o con quella salvata. La storia dell'uomo sarà sempre confronto tra chi sta con Cristo, diventandone testimone e profeta, e chi sta dalla parte del vecchio Adamo, facendosi persecutore dei seguaci di Cristo. Chi sta con Cristo sa che sempre subirà persecuzione, ma, anche morendo, sarà con Cristo; e sa che nessuna persecuzione potrà cancellare la presenza di Cristo e della sua Chiesa dalla storia del mondo. Vale anche per noi oggi, in particolare per i fratelli perseguitati in molte parti del mondo, l'appello alla fiducia: chi è con Cristo non teme la persecuzione e la morte.



Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:00pm

For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM (English)

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM (Italian - English) & 11:00 AM (English)

Registration:

Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.

Baptism:

Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.

Marriage:

Parish Membership & Preparation required. Call Office 6 months in advance.

Reconciliation - Confession:

Saturday 4:00pm & 30 min. before each Mass or on request.

Anointing of the sick:

Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.

Church & Hall at one level:

Wheelchair & Washroom Facilities available. Hall: 768-9368



A Reflection On Father's Day



A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealers showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted. As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called

him into his private study, told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and how much he loved him. He handed him a beautifully wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with his name embossed in gold. Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "**With all your money you give me a Bible?**" He stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind. Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and a wonderful family but realized his father was very old. He thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. But before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away and willed all of his possessions to him. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things. When he arrived at his father's house, sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important documents and **saw the Bible, new, just as he had left it years ago.** With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt.7:11 "**And if he, being evil, know how to give good gifts to his children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask Him?**"

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words ... **PAID IN FULL.**

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected? So let's be ready to receive the daily God's blessings and love. Whether this is true or not, the impulse to honor fathers is a worthy one and it comes with the biblical admonition to honor our fathers and mothers.

In the Bible, it is **Abraham** who is counted as the father of faith and he is revered in Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. The word "faith" is an important component to remember because it means to trust in God--being able to rely on that which is dependable. Abraham trusted God's assurance that his children would become a great nation.

Joseph of Galilee is an exemplary father in the Bible. He married Mary, despite the unusual circumstances of her pregnancy. He dared to be unconventional because he trusted that God was working through her and him. He was a righteous man who dared to take on the roles of husband and foster father. And as refugees from danger, after the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, it is clear that he protected his family by going beyond what was familiar to find a haven. We can learn much about fatherhood from Joseph.

A final father from the Bible that is impressive is the one who had two sons, one of whom went astray. This is, of course, the story told by Jesus of the prodigal son. The father in the parable teaches his two sons powerful lessons of love: the one who went astray who discovered that his father's care came to him even when he had run away from it and the other who struggled to understand such extravagant love in the face of his brother's failures and his fidelity. **The father in the story, like God, never gave up on either of his children.**

On Father's Day let us remember that we have been given a heritage of dedication and faithfulness from the fathers we encounter in the Bible and I ask the Lord to bless all the fathers and grandfathers in our Church Community.

UPDATE ON CHURCH REOPENING: We are working to make sure the church is safe for your return. **Churches will reopen the weekend of June 27 / 28. Our church can only allow 30% capacity, that is equal to 150 people at each Mass.** We remind you that if we do reach capacity at the mass you are planning to attend, there are other mass times available. We thank you for your patience and support.

CONFIRMATION: please visit our WEBSITE

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

PROGRAM is posted on the church website to replace the sessions that were cancelled. The children are asked to complete the program at home with their parents to prepare for First Holy Communion. Please view our website for more information. www.stanthonysparish.ca

****IMPORTANT MEETING** for all Group Leaders: C.W.L., Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Music Ministry, Seniors, Ushers, Youth and any other ministers or volunteers. There will be a brief meeting on **Tuesday, June 23 at 7:30pm** in the church to share the updated news on the safe reopening of our church and new adjustments.

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Thank you to all Parishioners & friends for your continued generosity & support. God Bless!



*Please continue to pray
for all those affected
by the coronavirus.
Stay safe, we will get through
this difficult time with the help
of our Blessed Mother.*

PASTORAL CENTRE OFFICE: is CLOSED until further notice due to the rules of the Ontario government. They will respond to telephone calls and e-mails to the best of their ability.

For further updates please visit the Diocese of Thunder Bay Website: www.dotb.ca

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JUNE TAKEOUT DATES:

June 14- Penne, Gnocchi & Meatballs
 June 21- Father's Day Family Lasagna
 June 28- Penne, Gnocchi & Meatballs
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**ALTHOUGH CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED,
 FR. LUIGI WILL SAY MASS (IN PRIVATE) AND
 MENTION & PRAY FOR ALL INTENTIONS**

MASS INTENTIONS June 22— 28, 2020

Monday, June 22

All Parishioners
 Don Giuseppe Scopacasa
 Deceased of Pascuzzo Family
 Settimio Arella

9:00am English

Pastor
 sorella Angelina
 Frank & Anna
 wife Rita & Family

Tuesday, June 23

Peter Trevisan

7:00pm Italian

Francesca

Wednesday, June 24

Marcello & Domenico Donato
 Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Bruzzese & Romeo
 Raffaella & Giorgio Basilide
 Filippo & Giovanni Arella & Carmela & Giovanni Guerico
 Nazzareno Larizza & Pasquale Mauro

7:00pm English

Family
 Family
 figlia Gina
 E. Arella
 M. Larizza

Thursday, June 25

Antonio Tassone
 Sam Larizza
 Ernesto Romito, Giuseppina Conforti & Tutte
 Antonio Berti
 Natalina Quinn
 Gino Perri

7:00pm Italian

G. & C. Salerno
 Rocco, Pina & Bruna
 le anime E. Romito
 Maria & Figli
 Family
 G. Commisso & Fam.

Friday, June 26

All Souls

7:00pm English

Parishioner

Saturday, June 27

Len Tremblay
 Frank Barca
 Giuseppe Colistro
 Battista Cava
 Francesco Colistro
 Lawrence Spooner
 Pasquale Casoria
 Paolo Galle

5:00pm

Family
 Family
 B. & E. Melchiorre
 L. Morrone & Fam.
 S. & I. Vetere
 Rick & Family
 Moglie & Famiglia
 Galle Family

Sunday, June 28 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am

Giosino, Antonio & Antonietta Fiorito
 Angelo Nardari
 Rita & Quinto Bordignon
 Eva Sacchetti
 Franco Paladino
 Giulietta & Ugo Micieli
 Battista, Rosina & Rosario Filice
 Bruno Larizza

M. & V. Cacciatore
 Wife & Family
 Family
 DiGregorio Family
 Moglie e figli
 M. Agostino
 M. Arella
 Moglie & figli

11:00am

Giuseppantonio Rosso
 Ildio, Adelina DaSilva
 Jose Cabral
 Frank Joseph Cappello
 Giovanni Malench & Peter & Lucia Sandri
 Valeriano Valente
 Pina Valente
 Maria Cava
 Manuel Jose

Rosina
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