



ST. PATRICK OF THE ISLAND BULLETIN - WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2020

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WE'VE MISSED YOU

It has now been three months since the pandemic forced our doors shut – though our doors were closed our hearts were open. Each day we prayed for our parishioners and for the day when we could once again celebrate together.

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Good News Everyone!!

We re-open Saturday June 27th with Mass at 5 pm & 7pm and Sunday June 28th with Mass at 10 am!

Please note: We are allowed a maximum of 50 people per Mass and you MUST wear a mask.

This Week's Readings:

The theme of fear and denial seems prominent in today's Gospel. It is in stark contrast to other messages presented throughout the Bible. However, perhaps the theme is actually a promise of life everlasting.

JEREMIAH 20: 10-13 – All my close friends are waiting for me to stumble.

ROMANS 5: 12-15 – Just as many have died through one man's trespass, much more surely has the grace of God abounded for the many.

MATTHEW 10: 26-33 – “Everyone who acknowledges me before humans, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven.”



REFLECTION FOR THE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday it will be fifteen weeks since we celebrated together as a Church family that most important sacrament, the Holy Eucharist. As Catholics, I think this has had an effect on us both spiritually and emotionally. As a community, we have been separated from the “source and summit of our faith” for too long. Sunday’s readings challenge our response to this pandemic. Fear has been a predominant emotion over the past few months, but how have we responded to it? Have we succumbed to negativity and doubt? Have we become cynical and judgmental? How have we been preparing for our return to Church, to communion?

As Jeremiah reminds us, “I hear the whisperings of many: ‘Terror on every side...’ But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion.” In Sunday’s Gospel however, Jesus tell us, “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.” He continues, “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father”. At first, this appears contradictory, until we remember that we must make a re-commitment to respond to Christ on a continual daily basis.

Who can separate us from Christ? Nothing or no one unless we allow it. How do we acknowledge Christ? We acknowledge Christ more by our actions than by our words. Jesus Christ exemplified love; the Holy Spirit enacts love through our participation in the world. Every time we reject love in our lives we become separated from Christ, this is what sin is. However, every time we allow love to grow in our lives, every time we show love to others, every time we forgive others, every time we become a beacon of hope in the world we acknowledge our belief in Jesus.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul offers us a final word of hope for when we do not do as well as we should. “But the gift is not like the transgression... how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many”. Sometimes we trip on our path towards Christ, this is normal we are human, but Christ’s grace and love overflows into us if we are available and open to Him. As we look forward with hopeful anticipation to the opening of our churches, to receiving Holy Communion again, maybe we can recommit our lives, in all their messiness to our loving Father and mirror His love in the world.

Hope is stronger than fear.

Deacon Nic

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY JUNE 27, 2020

5 pm Nicki De Santis & Allen Paradis from Norma & Grace
7 pm Sacred Heart in Memory of Dick, Doris & Holy Souls

SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2020

10 am In Thanksgiving

SATURDAY JULY 4, 2020

5 pm Blessed Virgin in Memory of Dick, Doris & Holy Souls
7 pm Intention of the Parishioners

SUNDAY JULY 5, 2020

10 am Priest's Intention

(Mass intentions for the last 3 months will be rescheduled)



THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR:

In Thanksgiving

- LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:



Bernice Miller, Audrey Angelozzi, Jean & Joseph Gabriel, Edward Bertrand, Maria Linck, Jacques R., Bob Forest, Tom Law, Heather Coulter, Anthony Hulse, Paule, Noah & Bailey Santos, Jean Clifford, Gordon Hincks, Kayla Cordeiro, Helen Lalonde, Helene Larose Pullin, Allison Latham, Caron Rothwell, Caiti Dore, Andria MacDonald, Karen Descoeurs, Mary & Marian Lapchak, Betty, Gerry & Mary Guy, Elaine Kerr, Claude Bourbonnais, Catherine Shea, John Battaglia, Frank McCluskey, Virginia Camus, Antanas, Nadia Lombardi, Cathy Good, Molly Gillette, Michel Leclerc, Ralph Jenkins, Kathleen Guy, Anyone affected by the virus.



Happy Fathers' Day

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece
was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

Pope Francis' Message For These Times:



“Now, in the midst of this pandemic, I think of you in a special way and wish to express my closeness to you... You often feel rage and powerlessness at the sight of persistent inequalities and when any excuse at all is sufficient for maintaining those privileges. Nevertheless, you do not resign yourselves to complaining: you roll up your sleeves and keep working for your families, your communities, and the common good. Your resilience helps me, challenges me, and teaches me a great deal.”

- Pope Francis



A THOUGHT FOR THIS WEEK

The story of the children of Israel wandering in the wilderness sounds like the most dysfunctional family trip ever. The people forget so quickly that God saved them from slavery. God gets mad and punishes them. They complain about the quality of the food – they want meat, not just bread.

God barks back, offering them so much meat it will come out of their nostrils. Moses is stuck in the middle of it all. It's a miracle they make it through the wilderness at all. The story is ridiculous. But there's also something kind of wonderful about it, because it is a relationship.

The mess is exactly what we were made for – to be in. And that doesn't just mean beautiful prayers and peaceful words. It means living into the reality that life is messy and even messier together. But it's also better together.