

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time: June 21, 2026

Holy Father's Intention for June:

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body”:

Today, after choosing the twelve, Jesus sends them to preach and instructs them. He warns them about the persecution they may likely suffer and advises them on their attitude: “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” (Mt 10,28). The narrative of this Sunday develops the theme of persecution in a style reminiscent of the last Beatitude of the Sermon on the Mount (cf. Mt 5,11).

Jesus' speech is paradoxical: on the one hand, he tells us “Do not be afraid”, and he presents us with a providential Father who cares even for sparrows; on the other hand, he does not tell us that this Father will save us from troubles, rather the opposite: if we are his followers, we are likely to share his fate and that of the other prophets. So, how can we understand this? God's protection is his ability to give life to our person (our soul), and to provide happiness even in tribulations and persecutions. He is the one who can give us the joy of His Kingdom—which we can already enjoy here—and is our hope of eternal life: “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father” (Mt 10,32).

Trusting that God will be with us in difficult times gives us courage to speak Jesus' words in the light (cf Mt 10:27); moreover, it gives us the energy we need to do good, so that through our works people can give glory to our heavenly Father. Accordingly, Saint Anselm teaches us: “Do everything for God and for that happy and eternal life our Savior deigns to grant us in Heaven.”

Second Collection:

We will have a second collection on next Sunday (June 28) for **Peter's Pence (for the Holy Father). Please be prepared!**

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Today's Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

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. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."



Bicentennial Jubilee Year:

This July the Archdiocese of St. Louis will celebrate its 200 years of faith in the Archdiocese. In preparing for this milestone and faith-filled event all are invited to come together in prayer: entrusting our gratitude, our petitions, and our hopes to the Lord. Prayers and intentions can be dropped to the box of *Prayer of the People* located at the back of the Church. Prayer intentions gathered from our parish will be presented together at the Jubilee Mass in July. Let your prayer be part of this historic act of communion.

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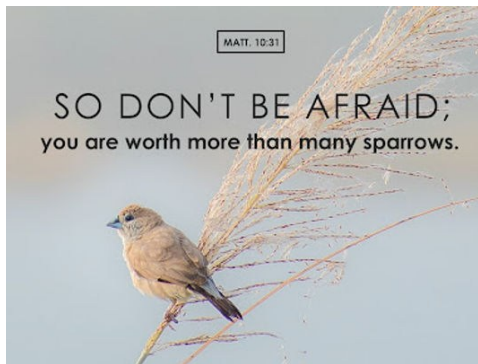
Be not Afraid:

“Do not be afraid!” These words from Jesus in today’s Gospel should be a source of reassurance for all of His stewards. These same words were echoed by St. John Paul II at his inaugural homily as Pope. He said, “Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power. Help the Pope and all those who wish to serve Christ and with Christ’s power to serve the human person and the whole of mankind. Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ.”

As stewards of Christ, it is easy to succumb to various fears. The fear of financial burdens, family crises, health complications as well as the spiritual fear of not being a “good” enough disciple. It is to these fears and more that Jesus, and St. John Paul II, says to be not afraid.

But how do we fight these temptations of fear? We fight them through prayer and trust in God. Whenever fears or worries take hold of our lives, whenever we doubt the fruits or importance of our stewardship, let us run to prayer. It is in those quiet moments before the Lord that He will slowly reveal His love for us which “casts out fear” (1 John 4:18). Let us take a moment today to intentionally pray to God, asking Him to fill us with greater trust in His goodness.

Summary: Jesus in today’s Gospel, as well as St. John Paul II throughout his pontificate, encourages us to “be not afraid!” In our lives as followers of Christ and stewards many fears and worries may begin to take hold of us. Let us strive to fight these fears through the power of prayer and daily grow in greater trust in God.



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Offering for June 14, 2026

Total Sum. Collection \$ 4875

Capital Improvement \$ 580

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“Be not afraid.” Do not fear how Jesus is calling you to build his Church. Pray for clarity in your discernment.

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Baptism: Arrangements must be made one week in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 6/21:* Maria Nghiem by Hoi Man Coi

* Thaddeus, Ann, Paul, Peter, Gioankim and all souls by Hue, Linh, Trinh

* Maria, Joseph, Theresa and John the Baptist by 1 person

Mon 6/22: * All souls by family

Tues 6/23: * Maria by 1 person

Wed 6/24: * Augustine by Hanh

* Thanksgiving by 1 person

Thus 6/25: * Thanksgiving by Lap Sam family

Fri 6/26: * Maria by Vu

* All souls, unborn babies and forgotten souls by 1 person

Sat 6/27: * Maria and John the Baptist by Ngo