

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: June 28, 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.

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever receives you receives me"

Today, upon listening to Jesus' words, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me..." (Mt 10,37), we are puzzled. However, as we delve deeper, we realize the lesson the Lord wants to convey: for Christians, the only absolute is God and His Kingdom. Everyone must discover their vocation - possibly the most delicate task of all - and faithfully follow it. If a Christian man or woman has a marital vocation, they should realize that fulfilling their vocation consists in loving their family as Christ loves the Church.

The vocation to religious life or priesthood asks not to put family ties before those of faith, as long as we do not fail to meet the basic requirements of Christian charity. Family ties cannot enslave and stifle the vocation to which we are called. Behind the word "love" can hide a possessive desire for the other that takes away their freedom to develop their human and Christian life; or the fear of leaving the family nest and facing the demands of life and Jesus' call to follow him. It is this distortion of love that Jesus asks us to transform into a free and generous love, because, as Saint Augustine says, "Christ has come to transform love."

Love and hospitality will always be at the core of the Christian life, towards everyone and, above all, towards our family members, because they are usually the closest and also constitute the "neighbor" that Jesus asks us to love. In welcoming others, there is always the welcoming of Christ: "Whoever receives you receives me" (Mt 11,40). Therefore, we must see Christ in those we serve, and also recognize Christ the servant in those who serve us.

Second Collection: We will have a second collection on this Sunday (June 28) for **Peter's Pence (for the Holy Father). Please be generous!**

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Today's Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."



Parish Picnic

There will be a Parish Picnic on July 12, 2026 at Tower Grove Park. The picnic will start at 9:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. Mass will be celebrated at the Park at 10:30 am. **There will NOT be 9:00 am.** Food and drink will be provided. Games and sports are available. Please come and have fun with us.

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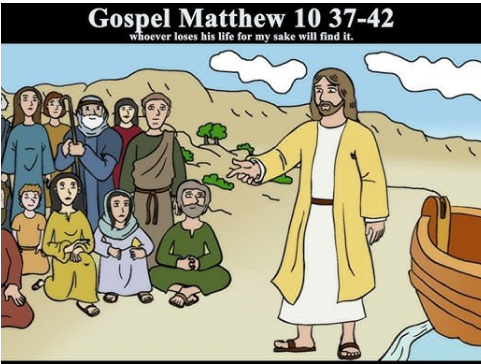
Offering our Gifts for Others

In today’s first reading we hear of a wealthy woman who would stop and provide a meal to the prophet Elisha whenever she saw him walking by. She recognized him to be a holy man and decided to go even more out of her way by providing a furnished room from Elisha to stay. This woman used her gifts and possessions to serve others. This should serve as a model of stewardship for all of us.

Let us ask ourselves, how do we use our gifts to serve others? The woman in the reading is described to be wealthy, so she was able to give from her material wealth to support the prophet. However, while we may not have the same material wealth as this woman, we all possess the wealth of our time. As stewards we should reflect on how we can use our time to serve Christ and the church. Perhaps one way is by offering our time to help with various ministries that take place over the summer months at the parish.

The reading tells us that for her generosity, the woman was prophesized to soon bear her first child. We too as stewards can look forward to the reward of our labours. We will receive the gift of joy in this life as we work towards the ultimate reward of eternal union with God in heaven.

Summary: The woman in the first reading was able to give from her material wealth to support the prophet Elisha. However, while we may not have the same material wealth as this woman, we all possess the wealth of our time. As stewards we should reflect on how we can use our time to serve Christ and the church



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Offering for June 21, 2026

Total Sum. Collection \$

Capital Improvement \$

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“Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Find your life by answering God’s call in your life. Seek him as you strive for holiness.

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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 6/28: * All souls by 1 person

* 2 Joseph and Maria by family

* Ancestors both sides and intention by family

Mon 6/29: * Dominic and thanksgiving by Ca Do

Tues 6/30: * Joseph and Maria by Hong Au

Wed 7/01: * Peace for family by Hong Au

* All souls by Hong Au

Thus 7/02: * Paul by Ngo Cuong family

Fri 7/03: * All souls and unborn babies by 1 person

* Dominic and Ann by Minh Quy family

Sat 7/04: * Vu Minh Kinh by Nhung Nguyen