

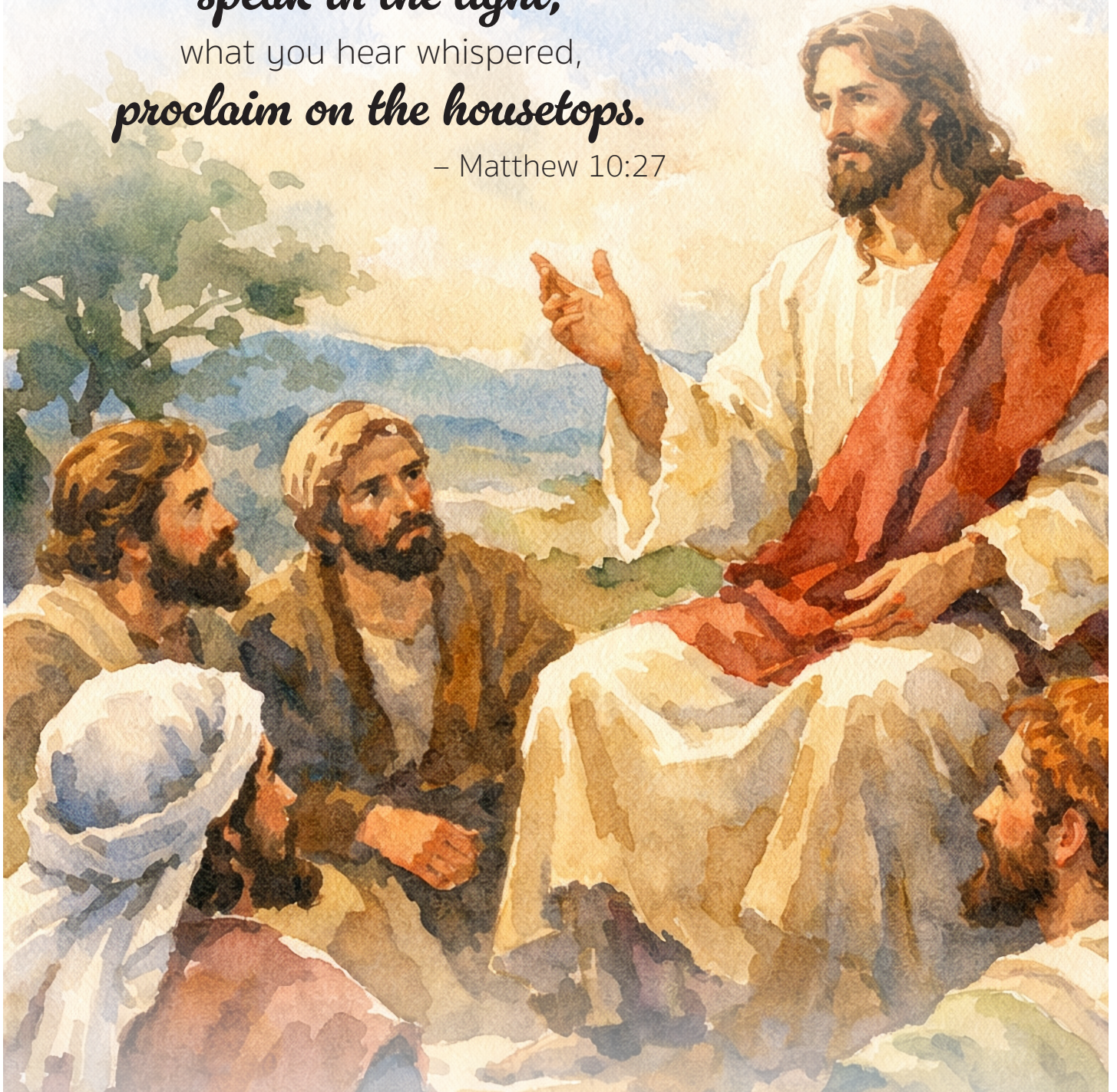
What I say to you in the darkness,

*speak in the light;*

what you hear whispered,

*proclaim on the housetops.*

– Matthew 10:27



June 21, 2026 | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Community of*  
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**Liturgy Schedule**  
 Sunday: 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.,  
 and 5:15 p.m.  
 Monday-Friday: 12:05 p.m.  
 Masses on Holy Days of  
 Obligation & Holidays:  
 Will be listed in the bulletin  
 as they occur.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/  
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 Tuesday/Thursday:  
 10:45-11:45 a.m.  
 Sunday: 9:15-10:00 a.m.  
**Exposition of the Blessed  
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 Wednesday: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

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 204 South Fifth Street  
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**SCHEDULING MASS  
 INTENTIONS:**

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each; only one offering per Mass. All Masses are scheduled by calling the Parish Office. Contact the Cathedral Office at 614-224-1295.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**HOLY CROSS**

**Sunday, June 21 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Scripture Readings:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33  
 9:00 a.m. For the Souls of Fausto and Emma Mercado

**CATHEDRAL**

**Sunday, June 21 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Scripture Readings:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33  
 10:30 a.m. Community of St. Joseph Cathedral & Holy Cross  
 12:30 p.m. Soul of Juanita Walker  
 5:15 p.m. Soul of Chester Lones

**Monday, June 22 – Saint Paulinus of Nola; Saints John Fisher and Thomas More**  
**Scripture Readings:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5  
 12:05 p.m. Soul of Katie Simpson

**Tuesday, June 23**  
**Scripture Readings:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
 12:05 p.m. Souls of John, Christine & Brian Scianamblo

**Wednesday, June 24 – Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**  
**Scripture Readings:** Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  
 12:05 p.m. Soul of Katie Simpson

**Thursday, June 25**  
**Scripture Readings:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29  
 12:05 p.m. Soul of Louis Jouzeau

**Friday, June 26**  
**Scripture Readings:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Mt 8:1-4  
 12:05 p.m. Soul of Daniel Saksa

**HOLY CROSS**

**Saturday, June 27 – Saint Cyril of Alexandria**  
**Scripture Readings:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17  
 11:30 a.m. Soul of Helen Wagoner

**THE COMMUNITY OF  
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**THIS WEEKEND’S MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 21**

	HCC 9:00 a.m.	SJC 10:30 a.m.	SJC 12:30 p.m.	SJC 5:15 p.m.
MC				
Altar Servers	John Feher	Bonnie Maupin	Laura Battocletti	Cole Behrens
		Russell Howard		
		Nate Foley		
Lector 1	Kelly Wagner		Alex Strohmeyer	Jim Thomas
Lector 2		David Garick	Thom Gall	Josie Gonot
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Hospitality/ Ushers		Evelina Horner	DeWayne Hoover	Gordian Igwilo
		Steve Horner	Ed Hueckel	Mark Reed
		Tim Ramage		Margaret Wesseh

**MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER**

**JUNE:**  
**For the values of sports**  
 Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



**ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL MUSIC**

**The Choir is on Summer Break and will return on Sunday, September 13th.**  
*Funding for the Cathedral Music Program is provided in part by a charitable gift from the Mirolo Charitable Foundation.*

**PLEASE KEEP THESE PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS**



Darlene Acton, Tim Acton, John Ankrom, Ed Chong, Barbara Cicua, Christopher Clark, Dorothy Deems, Larry Edwards, Theresa Elliott, Peter Garrett & his Mother, Peggy Halley, Edith Ingram, Dr. Lianna Goetz, Brittany Grinder, Kim Haring, Ruth Harper, Chris and Anna Katanyuta, Denise Lager, Teresa Mallon, Denise McKinney, Sylvia Givens Moore, Colleen Olson, Kathy Perkins, Daryl Phillips, Marie Naseman, Maria Paras, Linda Pauley, The Pemberton Family, Maribeth Riepenhoff, John Ryan, Sarah Stollenwerk, Sandra Valencia, and James Worley

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION:**

Welcome to Saint Joseph Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese of Columbus! We are glad that you are here and invite you to become part of our parish family to be nourished by both Word and Sacrament, and also to become involved in one or more of our parish ministries. To become a registered member, you can pick up a form by the main entrance of our historic church, visit our website, or contact us through the Parish Office. Welcome!

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**  
 Please contact Carol at the Cathedral at 614-224-1295.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:**  
 For those couples recently engaged, please review the new guidelines and procedures on our website at <https://sjchcc.org/sacraments/marriage>.  
**Contact:** Mrs. Cathryn Geppert 614-224-1295, ext. 2102, or [weddings@saintjosephcathedral.org](mailto:weddings@saintjosephcathedral.org)

**FUNERAL MINISTRY:**  
 For parishioners who have died, the family should contact the rector at St. Joseph Cathedral at 614-224-1295 before meeting with the funeral director.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:**  
 Those wishing Holy Communion in the Home due to illness, confinement or visits to a hospital or nursing center, please call 614-224-1295.

**LOW-GLUTEN\* HOSTS** will be served at **All Masses**. Worshippers can receive Low-gluten Holy Communion from the center aisle (please identify yourself to the Celebrant). \*Contains less than 0.01% gluten content and meets the standard set by the Holy See and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**OFFICES, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS:**  
 For Diocesan Offices, please call 614-228-2457 during regular business hours or visit our website at [www.columbuscatholic.org](http://www.columbuscatholic.org).

## TAKING PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL AND HOLY CROSS



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Community of St. Joseph Cathedral & Holy Cross happily announces the coming nuptials of Jacob Altier & Nina Sorine on June 27, 2026 and Joshua Michael Schott & Mary Ann Burnham on July 18, 2026. The Weddings will be held at Saint Joseph Cathedral. Any known reason why these marriages should not happen should be reported to Rev. Jan Sullivan. Please keep them in prayer as they prepare for their wedding.

### DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GROUP FOR MENTAL HEALTH HELD IN CATHEDRAL ON SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Are you or someone you know struggling with depression or other mental health maladies? Have you or a family member survived the loss of a loved one who took his/her own life? St. Dymphna, an Irish Virgin and Martyr, is the Roman Catholic patron saint for Mental Health and those troubled with mental and nervous disorders. The only North American shrine to St. Dymphna is in Massillon, Ohio. Official Church Patronage: *"against depression, epilepsy, for victims of incest, insanity, loss of parents, rape, trauma, PTSD, help for those afflicted with mental disorders, support for mental health professionals and mental health caregivers, psychiatrists, those afflicted by nervous disorders, neurological disorders, sleep disorders."* A monthly Exposition of the relic of St. Dymphna and devotional prayer hour is held at St. Joseph Cathedral on the Second Wednesday of each month, immediately following the 5:00-6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Litanies and prayers for intercession will be led by Cathedral Lector Miss Josie Gonot, OP, who holds a Perpetual Membership at the National Shrine and is also an Associate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Afflicted people of all faiths and their loved ones are welcome to beg the healing intercession of this young Irish martyr. Contact Miss Josie Gonot at 614-209-3337 with questions.

### STRUCTURAL REPAIR NOTICE

Saint Joseph Cathedral will be undergoing structural repair and renovation in phases through October 2026. We will make every effort to minimize disruptions to the celebration of Mass and the sacraments. However, during this time, there may be scaffolding and other necessary equipment for the repairs inside and around the exterior of the Cathedral at Mass and sacramental celebrations. Holy Cross Church will remain unaltered during this time and the Sacrament of Marriage can be held there.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

**Volunteers are needed to assist with coffee-making and setting up for Fellowship Sundays.**

Please contact Ed Hueckel at Emmett2381@yahoo.com.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**We invite you to be part of the Beautiful Liturgies at St. Joseph Cathedral and Holy Cross.**

Consider joining the Liturgical Ministry Volunteers as altar servers, lectors, and hospitality ministers. Please fill out a form in the sacristy or email the form to JP at sjcministriescheduler@gmail.com.



## The Appeal

*Rooted in Christ, Growing in Mission*

## 2026

As we begin the 2026 Annual Appeal, "Rooted in Christ, Growing in Mission," we thank you for your generosity and faithful support. Because we are firmly rooted in Christ, our parish and Diocese continue to grow in faith and reach outward in mission.

Through The Appeal, we support four vital areas of ministry:

- Social Doctrine
- Education and Faith Formation
- Evangelization
- Vocations

Together, these ministries strengthen our Church and serve those most in need.

**Our parish goal this year is \$61,816.15.**

Please prayerfully consider a gift according to your ability.

**The 2026 Appeal has begun!** You may give using the provided envelope or securely online at [columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal](http://columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal). Together, rooted in Christ, we can bear lasting fruit for our Church and our world.

# Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” +Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

***"If we know God, our identification of ourselves with those we love will be patterned on our union with God, and subordinate to it. Thus our love will begin with the knowledge of its own limitations and rise to the awareness of its greatness. For in ourselves we will always remain separate and remote from one another, but in God we can be one with those we love."***

~EXCERPTED FROM *NO MAN IS AN ISLAND* BY FR. THOMAS MERTON, OCSO

**Monday, June 22 ~ Twelfth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time**

**Optional Memorials: Saint John Fisher, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Thomas More, Martyr**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5** Jesus said to his disciples: "Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove that splinter from your eye,' while the wooden beam is in your eye? You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye."

**Meditation:** Let's admit it – we all have the potential to be rather critical at times (and not of the "constructive criticism" variety), but nobody wants to be judged or condemned. Then why is judgementalism so rampant, even among Christians? "Thinking the best of other people" is necessary if we wish to grow in love. And kindness in judgment is nothing less than a sacred duty. The Rabbis warned people: "He who judges his neighbor favorably will be judged favorably by God." How easy it is to misjudge and how difficult it is to be impartial in judgment. Our judgment of others is usually "off the mark" because we can't see inside the person, or we don't have access to all the facts, or we are swayed by instinct and unreasoning reactions to people. It is easier to find fault in others than in oneself.

**Prayer:** O God, who in martyrdom have brought true faith to its highest expression, graciously grant that, strengthened through the intercession of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, we may confirm by the witness of our life the faith we profess with our lips. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus reminds each of us of a heavenly principle that we can stake our lives on: what you give to others (and how you treat others) will return to you. The Lord knows our faults and he sees all, even the imperfections and sins of the heart which we cannot recognize in ourselves. Like a gentle father and a skillful doctor he patiently draws us to his seat of mercy and removes the cancer of sin which inhabits our hearts. Do you trust in God's mercy and grace? Ask the Lord to flood your heart with his loving-kindness and mercy that you may only have room for love, charity, compassion and forbearance towards your neighbor.

**Tuesday, June 23 ~ Twelfth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:12-14** Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not give what is holy to dogs, or throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them underfoot, and turn and tear you to pieces. "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the Law and the Prophets. "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few."

**Meditation:** Jesus' expression about "pearls before swine" is concerns not exclusivity, but with purity — the purity of the faith which has been entrusted to us by an all-loving and all-wise God. The early church

referenced this expression with the Eucharist or the Lord's Table. In the liturgy of the early church, a proclamation was given shortly before communion: Holy things to the holy. The *Didache*, a first century church manual stated: Let no one eat or drink of your Eucharist except those baptized into the name of the Lord; for, as regards this, the Lord has said, 'Give not that which is holy unto dogs.'" The Lord invites us to his table, but we must approach worthily.

**Prayer:** Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus concludes his discourse with the reminder that we must treat our neighbor in the same way we wish to be treated by God and by others. We must not just avoid doing harm to our neighbor, we must actively seek his or her welfare. In doing so, we fulfill the law and the prophets, namely what God requires of us – loving God with all that we have and are and loving our neighbor as ourselves. The personal love we show to our neighbor is fueled by the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). The Holy Spirit is every ready to transform our lives in Jesus' way of love. Do you thirst for holiness and for the fire of God's love? If not, or if you find yourself repeatedly falling short in this regard, pray the prayer of St. Clement XI of Rome: "Let me love you, my Lord and my God, and see myself as I really am – a pilgrim in this world, a Christian called to respect and love all whose lives I touch, those in authority over me or those under my authority, my friends and my enemies. Help me to conquer anger with gentleness, greed by generosity, apathy by fervor. Help me to forget myself and reach out towards others."

### **Wednesday, June 24 ~ Twelfth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 1:57-66,80** When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.

**Meditation:** John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion – to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of God's kingdom. Scripture tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, John leaped in the womb of Elizabeth as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8). John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. What is the significance of John the Baptist and his message for our lives? When God acts to save us he graciously fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes our faith come "alive" to his promises. Each and every day the Lord is ready to renew us in faith, hope, and love. Like John the Baptist, the Lord invites each of us to make our life a free-will offering to God. God wants to fill us with his glory all the days of our lives, from birth through death. Renew the offering of your life to God and give him thanks for his mercy and favor towards you.

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your family may walk in the way of salvation and, attentive to what Saint John the Precursor urged, may come safely to the One he foretold, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Do you marvel at the grace and work of God, especially in your personal life? The friends of Zechariah and Elizabeth marveled at the wonderful way in which God blessed them with a child. This child was destined by God for an important mission. The last verses in the last book of the Old Testament, taken from the prophet Malachi, speak of the Lord's messenger, the prophet Elijah who will return to "turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers" (ref. Malachi 4:6). We see the beginning of the fulfillment of this word when the Angel Gabriel announced to Zechariah the marvelous birth and mission of John the Baptist (ref. Luke 1:17). When this newly born child was about to be named, as customary on the eighth day, his relatives quibbled over what name to give him. This child, however, has been named from above! And Elizabeth is firm in her faith and determined to see that God be glorified through this child. The name "John" means "the Lord is gracious". In the birth of John and in the birth of Jesus the Messiah we see the grace of God breaking forth into a world broken by sin and without hope. John's miraculous birth shows the mercy and favor of God in preparing his people for the coming of its Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **Thursday, June 25 ~ Twelfth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:21-29** Jesus said to his disciples: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."

When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

**Meditation:** What's the significance of the story for us? The kind of foundation we build our lives upon will determine whether we can survive the storms and trials of life that are sure to come. Builders usually lay their foundations when the weather and soil conditions are at their best. It takes foresight to know how a foundation will stand up against adverse conditions. Building a house on a flood plain, such as a dry riverbed, is a sure bet for disaster! Jesus prefaced his story with a warning: We may fool one another with our words, but God cannot be deceived. He sees the heart as it truly is – with its motives, intentions, desires, and choices (Psalm 139:2). There is only one way in which a person's sincerity can be proved, and that is by one's practice. Fine words can never replace good deeds. Our character is revealed in the choices we make, especially when we must choose between what is true and false, good and evil. Do you cheat on an exam or on your income taxes, especially when it will cost you? Do you lie, or cover-up, when disclosing the truth will cause you pain or embarrassment? A true person is honest and reliable before God, neighbor, and oneself. Such a person's word can be taken as trustworthy.

**Prayer:** O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** If you could foresee a threat to your life and the lose of your home and goods, wouldn't you take the necessary precautions to avoid such a disaster? Jesus' story of being swept away by flood waters and wind storms must have caught the attention of his audience who knew that terrific storms did occasionally sweep through their dry arid land without any warning signs. When Jesus described the builders who were unprepared for such a life-threatening storm, he likely had the following proverb in mind: When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm for ever (ref. Proverbs 10:25).

### **Friday, June 26 ~ Twelfth Week in the Season of Ordinary Time**

**Optional Memorial: Saint Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer, priest**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:1-4** When Jesus came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And then a leper approached, did him homage, and said, "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean." He stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I will do it. Be made clean." His leprosy was cleansed

immediately. Then Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

**Meditation:** What can hold us back from approaching the Lord with faith and confidence that he can change and transform us – perhaps fear, pride, and the risk of losing one's reputation and friends? Jesus did something which was both remarkable and unthinkable at the same time. He approached the "unapproachables" – he touched the untouchables. Lepers were outcasts of society. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away with open sores over their entire bodies. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur. The leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean – not only physically but spiritually as well.

**Prayer:** O God, who raised up your priest Saint Josemaria Escriva in the Church to proclaim the universal call to holiness and the apostolate, grant that by his intercession and example we may, through our daily work, be formed in the likeness of Jesus your Son and serve the work of redemption with burning love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** There once was a man named Francis, who at one point in his life met a leper on the road as he journeyed towards Assisi in Italy. "Though the leper caused him no small disgust and horror, he nonetheless, got off the horse and prepared to kiss the leper. But when the leper put out his hand as though to receive something, he received money along with a kiss" (from *The Life of St. Francis* by Thomas of Celano). Francis did what seemed humanly impossible because he was filled with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit inflames our hearts with the fire of Christ's love that we may reach out to others with compassionate care, especially to those who have been rejected, mistreated, and left utterly alone. Do you allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the love and compassion of Christ for others?

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*The Month of June ~ Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Prayer of Confidence to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

*O Lord Jesus Christ, to Your most Sacred Heart I confide this intention {NAME PETITION}.  
Only look upon me, then do what Your love inspires. Let Your Sacred Heart decide. I count on You.  
I trust in You. I throw myself on Your mercy. Lord Jesus, You will not fail me.*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You.*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Your love for me.*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your kingdom come.*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked You for many favors, but I earnestly implore this one.  
Take it, place it in Your open Heart. When the Eternal Father looks upon it, He will see it covered  
with Your Precious Blood. It will be no longer my prayer, but Yours, Jesus.*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You. Amen.*

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**RSVP No Later Than July 8th**

Contact one of the following people with your questions: Lou Nobile (AQ '57) at [lnobile57@att.net](mailto:lnobile57@att.net) or 614-313-5889; Katy Ryan (SMA '61) at 614-595-2326 or [katysma61@outlook.com](mailto:katysma61@outlook.com) ;  
Louis J. Fabro (St. Charles '83) at [lfabro@scprep.org](mailto:lfabro@scprep.org) or 380-209-2233

**We invite you to also fill out the FUN questionnaire on the back of this page!**

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**Sunday, July 12 - Monday, July 13, 2026.**

The museum will be located on the street of **N. 5<sup>th</sup> and E. Broad (next to St. Joseph Cathedral)** and is **free and open to the public**  
**10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. both days.**

The event will include food, music, vendors, a service project, and a children's activity area! Please join us!

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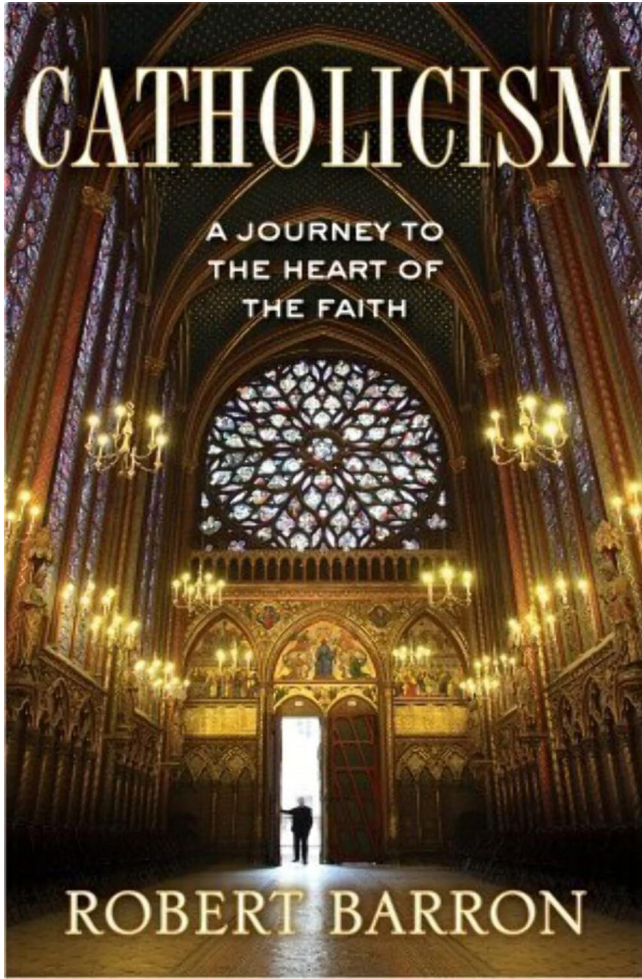


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- *That Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought*
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- *Peter and Paul and the Missionary Adventure*
- *The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church*
- *The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist*
- *The Communion of Saints*
- *Prayer and the Life of the Spirit*
- *The Last Things*

Our first evening is Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Undercroft.

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**ALL WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE UNDERCROFT**

June 24, July 8, July 22, August 12, and August 26



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**2026-2027 APPEAL REPORT**  
UPDATED JUNE 15, 2026

<b>DIOCESAN GOAL</b>	<b>\$ 61,816.15</b>
<b>TOTAL PLEDGE TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$ 32,355.15</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL PLEDGES NEEDED TO MEET</b>	
<b>DIOCESAN GOAL</b>	<b>\$ 29,461.00</b>
<b>PERCENT OF PARISHIONER PARTICIPATION</b>	<b>9.7%</b>

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<b>Credit Card</b>	<b>\$ 2,031.00</b>
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<b>Mail-in</b>	<b>\$ 594.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,777.00</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 4,402.00</b>
<b>10% Diocese</b>	<b>(\$ 440.20)</b>
<b>Net to Parish</b>	<b>\$ 3,961.80</b>
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## OFFERTORY FOR HOLY CROSS JUNE 14, 2026

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,185.25</b>
<b>Reg Mail-In</b>	<b>\$ 155.00</b>
<b>Credit Card</b>	<b>\$ 255.00</b>
<b>Repair</b>	<b>\$ 310.00</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,908.25</b>
<b>% Diocese</b>	<b>(\$ 190.83)</b>
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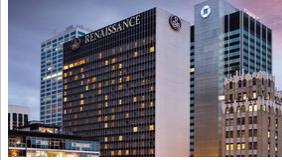
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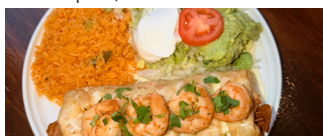
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