

Daily Readings

Week of June 11, 2023

Sunday, 6/18: Exodus 19:2-6/ Pa 100:1-3,5/ Romans 5:6-11/
Matthew 9:36-10:8

Monday, 6/19: 2Cor 6:1-10/ Ps 98:1-4/ Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday, 6/20: 2Cor 8:1-9/ Ps 146:2,5-9/ Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday, 6/21: 2Cor 9:6-11/ Ps 112:1-4,9/ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, 6/22: 2Cor 11:1-11/ Ps 111:1-4,7-8/ Matthew 6:7-15

Friday, 6/23: 2Cor 11:18, 21-30/ Ps 34:2-7/ Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday, 6/24: Isaiah 49:1-6/ Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/ Acts 13:22-26/ Luke 1:57-66, 80



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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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June 18, 2023

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Liturgical
Ministers**

Schedule for June 25, 2023

Lector: Sarah

Greeters/Gifts: Rissler Family

Servers: Kevin/ Grady

Money Counters: Mary/Margo

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Volunteers

Today's Mass Intention

Monk and Marguerite Coon

Priest Visit to the Homebound

If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack,
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen,
Isaiah Leeper, Larry Merrick, Rosie Stephan, Shirley Coon
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew

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Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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PASTOR SPEAKS

How to Last in your Christian Journey

Being a Christian is like running a marathon: how we start is necessary, but how we finish is even more crucial. One can not be a professional Christian, living and practicing the Christian faith and then retiring from it at some point and be done with it. Several lessons and illustrations can be drawn from the passages of the scriptures we read today to assist us to grasp the meaning of this idea of how to last in the Christian journey.

In the first reading the Lord spoke to Moses to announce to the people of Israel, “You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians...if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.” The passage indicates that the liberation of the people from Egypt was only a first step towards a calling for lasting relationship with God; the journey had just begun, but not completed.

Notice how God established the people of Israel as a holy community of priests. Notice again how membership was predicated on the people’s hearing God’s voice— their obedience to Him! In Christian theology this is the notion of the “common” priesthood of all the baptized. Just like the Israelites, our journey to be Christians and disciples of Christ is meant to last all of our lifetime. And it also calls for certain actions on our part. What are these actions? We shall discover them ahead.

In the gospel Jesus addresses His disciples about a major concern in His heart, the sustainability of the faith of Christians in these words, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” The abundance here refers to two simultaneous situations. The first is the people in the world who need to be reached with the Christian message. The second is how those who accept the good news and become Christians will last in their journey to the end. Both instances call for some actions.

Here are some of them: 1. Remember God’s mercy and turn to it always; 2. Be truthful and honest in all you do towards God and others; 3. Be motivated to live for Jesus’ sake, not out of selfish desires or motives to please human beings, 4. Don’t forget every Christian is only human; 5. Develop sincere love for others; 6. Stay focused on the important things in life, including faith practices and not distracted by temporal and momentary concerns.

Living with these attitudes and behaviors can potentially humble us and lead us to keep running the marathon of life and faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ to the end. We belong to a kingdom of priests and holy people in the world.

- First Communion for Hunter Rubel and Haven Rubel is next Sunday, June 25th. We hope everyone will be able to come and support them in receiving their First Holy Communion. We congratulate them and their family and will honor them with a cookie reception following Mass. Our whole church family prays for them in their faith journey.



- **You’re Invited to Join the Archdiocese of Dubuque’s IMPACT Program!**

The next offering of the Archdiocese’s IMPACT program will be held at Resurrection School in Dubuque, starting in September 2023. Through spiritual reading, dynamic presenters at monthly (Saturday) sessions, engaging discussions, prayer experiences, and personal reflection, participants are inspired to respond more fully to Jesus’ call to mission—to IMPACT our world! This two year program is for any adult Catholics seeking to grow in their faith. To learn more, www.dbqarch.org/impact.



Matthew 9:36-10:8



June 11th Collection

Envelopes = \$215.00

Offertory = \$ 97.00

Candles = \$ 6.00

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM

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