

Holy Family Parish Cluster

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY JUNE 21, 2020

WORTHY



“Do not be afraid.”

MATTHEW 10:31

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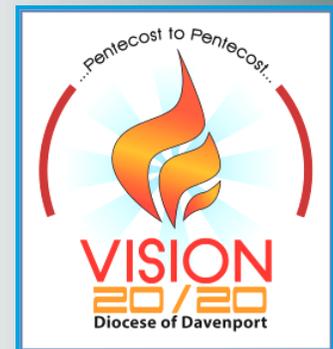
**Our Lady of the
Holy Rosary
Lost Nation/Toronto**

**Sacred Heart
Oxford Junction**

**Sts Philip & James
Grand Mound**

Mission Statement

*A family of God constituted
by the Holy Eucharist and
strengthened by the Holy
Spirit to make God known,
loved and served.*



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Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 12:00 noon

(unless otherwise noted).

- Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the cluster office for arrangements.
- Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact Pastor 9 to 12 months prior to wedding date.

ORDER OF MASS

Introductory Rites

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading JER 20:10-13

Responsorial Psalm PS 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

R. **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

For your sake I bear insult,
and shame covers my face.

I have become an outcast to my brothers,
a stranger to my children,
Because zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall
upon me.

R. **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

I pray to you, O LORD,
for the time of your favor, O God!

In your great kindness answer me
with your constant help.
Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your
kindness;
in your great mercy turn toward me.

R. **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

“See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the LORD hears the poor,
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.
Let the heavens and the earth praise him,
the seas and whatever moves in them!”

R. **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

Second Reading ROM 5:12-15

Gospel Acclamation JN 15:26B, 27A

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord;
and you also will testify.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MT 10:26-33

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer after Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; Within your wounds hide me; Separated from you, let me never be; From the evil one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me; And close to you bid me; That with your saints, I may be, praising you forever and ever. Amen

Concluding Rites

Happy Father's Day!

We all know the third Sunday in June each year is Father's Day, the day when children honor their dads (and apologize for all the grey hairs they've caused over the years), but on this day we should also remember to honor our spiritual father, Father Francis, because priests are fathers, too!

To a fortunate few there comes divine inspiration for a vocation by which God selects some to become His special ministers. There are many references in the Bible to the importance of priests: "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding" (Jeremiah 3:15). In the Catholic priesthood is found the true succession to the priesthood of Christ. Christ not only gives priests a special grace, he also gives to them a power that will continue until the end of time.

Sacramentally there are three things that only priests can do: hear confessions and give absolution, anoint the sick, and most importantly, consecrate the Eucharist. These three sacraments offer a powerful testament to the meaning of the priesthood because they are the ones that bring us most profoundly into the presence of God. At these moments in our lives, we encounter the perfect God through the imperfect hands of a man, the hands of a priest.

Priests are there at all the critical moments of our lives. They are there to make God present, and make that presence real, to walk with us on our journey and touch our lives with grace. At moments when we are broken, they are there to make us whole. At times when we are separated from God, they are there to reconcile us with Him. At the high point of the Mass, they are there when the greatest sacrifice is offered again and again and again, and make Christ present to become, once again, a part of us.

Like all priests, Fr. Francis has dedicated his life to Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, and we, as members of this Cluster, are grateful for the caring he has given to us as our spiritual father. He is truly part of our family, constantly reminding us to draw closer to God. Because of that, this Father's Day we honor him with the following words:

Like Christ on the road to Emmaus, Father Francis, you have accompanied us on the journey. You have prayed with us, celebrated with us, wept with us, forgiven us, uplifted us, hoped with us, and told us again and again, "God loves you." Now it is our turn. We repeat those words back to you, along with two more, "Thank you!"

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team

WRESTLING WITH GOD – A METAPHOR FOR PRAYER

At the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis reflected on the life of the Patriarch Jacob, whose story is told in the book of Genesis. Pope Francis introduced Jacob as "a man who shrewdly developed his best talent," what we might call a "self-made" man, who obtains what he desires through his own ingenuity. The biblical account tells us about the difficult relationship Jacob had with his brother Esau from the very beginning, a rivalry that is never overcome.

But although he is the younger son, Jacob, through trickery, obtains "the blessing and birthright" of the first born from his father Isaac. "It is only the first in a long series of ploys of which this unscrupulous man is capable," Pope Francis said.

Jacob manages, seemingly through his own devices, to succeed in life. Even when he is forced to flee from his brother, he is able to enrich himself and to enter a promising marriage. "But something is missing," the Pope said. And one day he hears the call of home and sets out for his ancient homeland where his brother still lives.

When he reaches the final stage of his journey, Jacob pauses, wondering what awaits him upon his return. It is here, while he is reflecting on the reception he will receive, that suddenly, a stranger grabs him and begins to wrestle with him.

Pope Francis, quoting from the Catechism, explained that the spiritual tradition of the Church has retained the symbol of prayer as a battle of faith and as the triumph of perseverance.

After wrestling with the stranger throughout the night, Jacob is finally overcome when his opponent strikes his sciatic nerve. After asking Jacob his name, he tells him, "Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel... for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." He refuses to tell Jacob his own name, but blesses him instead — and, the Pope said, "Jacob understands he has encountered God 'face-to-face'."

Pope Francis explained that wrestling with God is a metaphor for prayer. Jacob, who had always succeeded in life by his own effort, is reminded that he is a mortal man who trembles and fears. For once Jacob has only his frailty and powerlessness to present to God. "This," said Pope Francis, "is when he is finally able to receive God's blessing, with which he limps into the promised land: vulnerable and wounded, but with a new heart."

"We too," said the Pope, "have an appointment in the night with God: in the night of our life, in the many nights of our life, dark moments, moments of sin, moments of disorientation. It is when we are alone, and are able to recognize our own weakness that God comes to us."

"But precisely in that moment, we need not fear," Pope Francis said, "because God will give us a new name, which contains the meaning of our entire life; and He will offer us the blessing reserved to those who have allowed themselves to be changed by Him."

Pope Francis



Jesus knows that the challenges a disciple of the Gospel will face in the world are real. He tells all of us point blank, “Do not be afraid.” There are many things we can fear as we attempt to live the Gospel: unpopularity, being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. Many folks know that their faith calls them to live life more deliberately and radically but are cowards when it comes to putting it into practice. We easily justify sticking with the “acceptable” norms with which we are accustomed. These only serve to keep us stuck and mired in mediocrity. The Gospel – given flesh by the very presence of Christ – seeks to stretch, challenge, and change us. We do not have to fear anything, even death. Sometimes, living with our fears brings us a sadly disordered sense of comfort. Maybe what we really fear above all else is change.
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Pope Francis Prayer Intention
For June
The Way of the Heart
We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Cluster Parish Prayer List

- Our Shepherds:**
Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Archbishop
Michael Jackels, Fr. Francis Odoom,
Deacon Mike Shiel
- The Aged & Infirm:**
 - Melvin Duwa, Elmer & Dorothy Hasenmiller,
Gloria Kagemann, Grace Kinney, Dick Nodurft,
Natalie Regan, & Carolyn Schwien
 - Betty Anderson, Jerica Christensen, Rich Kleineck,
Dennis Koppes, Wendy Larive, Leonard Lasack, &
Marilyn Stevenson

MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday			
Sunday	10:00am	Oxford Junction Outside	
Tuesday 06/23	08:00am	Grand Mound	Holy Name Society
Wednesday 06/24	05:00pm	Grand Mound	Al Connell
Thursday 06/25	05:30pm	Lost Nation	Irene Duwa
Friday 06/26	08:00am	Oxford Junction	Glen Reginitter
Saturday 06/27	05:00pm	Lost Nation Outside	Tim Burmeister
Sunday 06/28	08:00am	Grand Mound	Syslo Family
	10:00am	Oxford Junction Outside	Rosine Reginitter

“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.” - Mt 10:29-31

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of June 21, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35[14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42