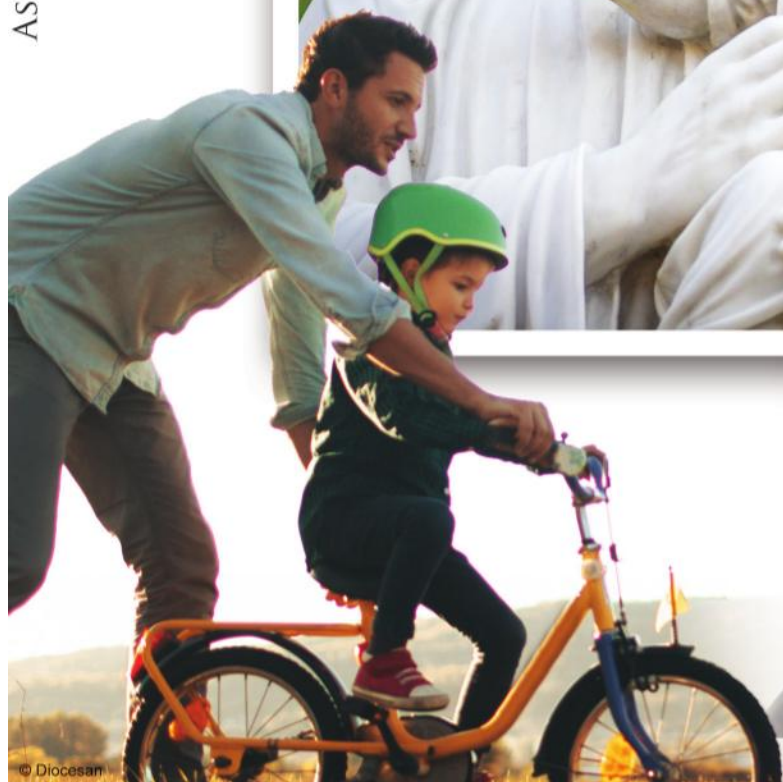


AS A FATHER HAS COMPASSION ON HIS CHILDREN, SO THE LORD HAS COMPASSION ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM. ~PSALM 103:13



THE JUST WALK IN INTEGRITY; HAPPY

ARE THEIR CHILDREN AFTER THEM! ~PROVERBS 20:7

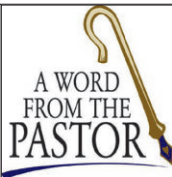
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Exodus 19:2-6a Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:36-10:8

Readings Next Weekend:

Jeremiah 20:10-13 Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33



The Second reading today from St. Paul to the Romans speaks to important truths that we should know about ourselves. Note first **our Destitution**. St. Paul writes, *Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.....while we were still sinners Christ died for us*. The full reading calls us: helpless, ungodly, unjust and sinners. This was our condition before Christ. St Paul says elsewhere, "You were dead in your sins" (Eph 2:1). It was only the pure mercy and grace of God that could set us free. It is a pure gift of God. Next, we can note **our Deliverance**. St. Paul writes, *How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath*. Since Christ has come it is now possible for us be delivered. To be justified is more than a legal deliverance it is to enter into a life-changing transformative relationship with the Lord. The "wrath" from which we are delivered describes our inability to be in God's presence in a sinful state. Jesus makes it possible for us endure the heat and light of God's majesty! Finally note **our Destiny**. The text says, *once reconciled, will we are saved by his life*. Increasingly through the work of Jesus' saving grace our life is conformed to his. We begin to love and desire newer and better things; to Love what he loves and who he loves. In Jesus' life we begin to live more fully, more richly as the days go by. One day in heaven we will experience this fully, but even now, our life begins to change.

FUNERALS: Charles Mickens & Michael Mickens (June 20th)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, June 18 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Intentions of Doris Edelin
9:30am For the People
11:00am Intentions of Linda Jenkins
7:00pm Charles Gorham, Sr. †

Monday, June 19 Saint Romuald, Abbot

7:00am Intentions of Gerard "Gerry" Counihan (60th B'day)

Tuesday, June 20

7:00am Irene Miller †

Wednesday, June 21 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

7:00am Juanita Chadwick †

Thursday, June 22 Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs

7:00am Russell DeWitt Colbert, Jr. †

Friday, June 23

7:00am Michael Scott †

Saturday, June 24 Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:00am Charles Mickens †

4:30pm Michael Mickens †

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10	Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9	Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11	Matthew 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30	Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday:	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Luke 1:5-17



FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing): We offer electronic tithing through *Faith Direct*. Here are 3 ways to get info and register:

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MASS ATTENDANCE

June 11, 2023

4:30pm	48
8:00am	68
9:30am	30
11:00am	142
7:00pm	56
Total:	344

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (6/19) Juneteenth

Rectory Office Closed
8:00am Morning Mass

Friday (6/23)

6:00pm Holy Hour w/confession

Wednesday (6/21)

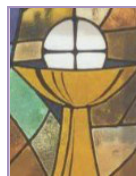
7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday (6/24)

11am Knights of Peter Claver



OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM every day for you to come in for private prayer. Consider spending quiet, personal time in the presence of our Lord and pray for healing, strength, courage and for each other as we face many challenges and struggles throughout our daily lives. All are welcome.



MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. If you would like to offer a Mass Intention in memory of a friend or family (living or deceased), call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

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A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE

JUNE 19th — JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

Morning mass at 8:00 am
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED



A Father's Day Blessing

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to You for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

St. Joseph, Pray for all Fathers. Amen



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: *Thank you* to the awesome volunteers and parishioners who coordinated, assisted and participated in our Corpus Christi procession that was held last Sunday around our neighborhood. To learn

more about the **National Eucharistic Revival** which is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States, visit www.eucharisticrevival.org or scan the QR code. *"This is My Body....This is my Blood."*



MEET OUR SUMMER SEMINARIAN:

Deacon Christopher Feist who is currently in Third Theology at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary was ordained into the diaconate last Saturday, June 10th. His home parish is St. Aloysius in Leonardtown, MD. He has one older sister and is originally from Southern California. His family moved to Maryland in 2009 where he attended

Catholic school and had a conversion to the Faith. He attended St. Mary's Ryken high school and entered seminary with three of his classmates after graduating in 2016. Here is what Deacon Feist said when asked why he entered the seminary:

"As I started high school, I met many great priests and seminarians especially through the Quo Vadis program. Through all four years, I steadily discerned my vocation through prayer, spiritual direction, and advice from good friends as well as many Quo Vadis events. In the end, I would say I was convinced to enter by hearing the call from God in prayer, the help and example of others, and the steady pull on my heart toward seminary and the priesthood."

His other interests are sailing, violin, soccer, Frisbee, reading (especially history), hiking and fishing.

Let us welcome Deacon Christopher Feist to the Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church family for the summer.



The John Paul II Institute in Washington DC is offering two summer intensive courses in July 2023.

⇒ **"Called to Love: Theology of the Body"**

from July 17 until July 21

⇒ **"Faith and American Culture"**

from July 24 until July 28

Class will be taught in person and offered online simultaneously. The course fee is \$150. For information: information@johnpaulii.org or 202-526-3799.

VACATION TIME IS HERE! Whether you stay home or travel, get some rest and enjoy yourself. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. What a great time to pray in thanksgiving! Visit **DiscoverMass.com** or **masstimes.org** for mass times and locations around the country.



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YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in-person on **Mondays at 7:30pm** in the **rectory basement**. To receive email notifications, sign up for Young Adult Bible Study on hscchurch.flocknote.com.



Join Msgr. Pope (via Zoom) for **Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:15pm** every week. Sign up to receive the weekly Zoom link and at

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR is held **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM** in the sanctuary. Parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard during the holy hour.



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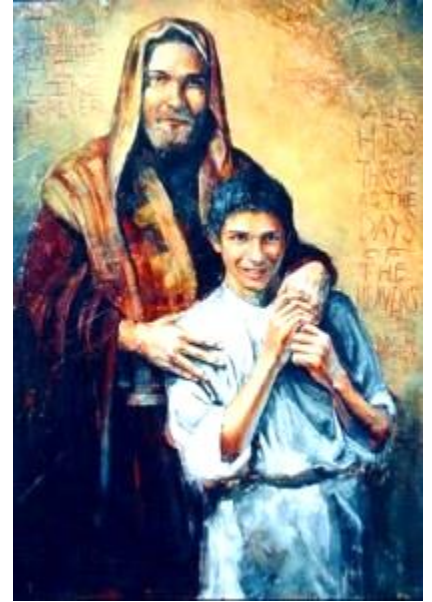
Mass Times: **Saturday** 8am & 4:30pm (vigil);
Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 7pm;
Weekdays Mon—Fri: 7am (8am on holidays)

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am—6pm
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

What Fathers and Husbands can learn from Saint Joseph

On Father's Day, we do well to ponder St. Joseph as a model for manhood. Not a word of his is recorded in Scripture, but his actions have much to say, to husbands and fathers. None of us who are men and Fathers have perfectly reflected his virtues, but all of us can aspire to them and teach our sons to do the same.



1. **Joseph is a man who obeys God and clings to his wife.** Joseph was betrothed to Mary. This is more than being engaged; it means they were actually married. It was common at the time for couples to marry at a young age. Once betrothed they lived an additional year in their parents' household while they became more acquainted and prepared for life together. At a certain point it was discovered that Mary was pregnant, though not by Joseph. Scripture describes Joseph as "a just man." This does not mean that Joseph was fair and a nice guy (though I presume he was); it means that he was a follower of the Law. He based his life on the Jewish Law that God gave through Moses, as interpreted by the rabbis. The Law said that if a man discovered that his betrothed was not a virgin, he should divorce her and not "sully" his home. As a follower of the Law, Joseph was prepared to follow its requirements. However, he did not wish to expose Mary to its full force, which would have permitted her to be stoned. Hence, he chose to follow the Law by filing a divorce decree without publicly accusing her. He would remain quiet as to his reason for the divorce and Mary would escape possible stoning. To fail to divorce Mary would expose Joseph to cultural ramifications. Just men didn't marry women guilty of fornication or adultery. To ignore this might have harmed not only Joseph's standing in the community but also that of his family of origin. You know the rest of the story: Joseph is told in a dream that he should not be afraid because Mary has committed no sin. Matthew records, *When Joseph awoke, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife* (Matt 1:24). Now a man obeys God even if it is not popular, even if he has to suffer for it. Joseph is told to cling to his wife; he may suffer for it, but he "obeys God rather than men." It takes a strong man to do this, especially when we consider the culture in which Joseph lived, and that he lived in a small town no less. Joseph model of strong manhood has something to say to the men of our day. In current Catholic wedding vows, a man promises to cling to his wife for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. Our culture often pressures men to bail out when there is trouble. Joseph shows the proper way by obeying God over the pressures of the prevailing culture, even if he will personally suffer for it.
2. **Joseph is a man whose vocation is more important to him than his career.** In Bethlehem, Joseph is warned by an angel in a dream, *Get up, take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him* (Matt 2:13). Joseph may well have had much to lose in this flight. Back in Nazareth he had a business, a career if you will. He had business prospects, business partners, and contacts. Fleeing to a distant land might mean that others would take away his business. But Joseph was a father and husband before he was a businessman. His child was threatened and his first obligation was to Jesus and Mary. His vocation outweighed his career. Today, too many parents make their careers and livelihood paramount, relegating their children to day care; Joseph demonstrates different priorities. It is true that many parents feel they have no choice but to work, but it is also true that many demand a standard of living that requires extra income to maintain. Perhaps a smaller house and fewer amenities would permit their children to have a childhood without day care. Joseph shows the way for parents: vocation has priority over career. For fathers especially, Joseph shows that a man is a husband and father before he is a businessman.
3. **Joseph is a man who protects his family.** Joseph models a protective instinct that too many men lack today. Like Jesus, our children are exposed to many dangers. In the United States there aren't a lot of

physical dangers to fear, but moral dangers surely abound. Fathers, what are your children watching on television? What are they looking at on the Internet? Who are their friends? What do your children think about important moral issues? Are you preparing them to face the moral challenges and temptations of life? Are you and your wife teaching them the faith? Are you just a passive father, minimally involved in the raising of your children? A man protects his children from harm, physical, moral, and spiritual. Joseph demonstrates this aspect of manhood.

4. **Joseph is a man of work.** Scripture refers to Joseph as a “carpenter” (Matt 13:55). The Greek word used, however, is τέκτονος (tekton os), which can mean more than a woodworker. It can also refer to a builder or any craftsman. It seems unlikely that Joseph and Jesus would have worked exclusively in wood, as it was fairly rare in the Holy Land and used more sparingly than it is today. Stone was surely plentiful at that time, so it may be that Joseph worked with stone as well as wood. It was through His work that Joseph supported his family. It is the call of a man to work diligently and to provide for his family responsibly and reliably, and Joseph models this well. St. Paul felt it necessary to rebuke some of the men of his day for their idleness: *In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us.... For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “If a man will not work, he shall not eat.” We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ that with quietness they earn the bread they eat* (2 Thess 3:10-12).
5. **Joseph is a man who teaches his son.** We learn from Scripture that Jesus was a carpenter (Mk 6:3). It is obvious that it was Joseph who taught Him this trade. Consider the hours that they spent together as Joseph patiently handed his trade on to Jesus, teaching Him its methods and intricacies. It is not enough for a father to provide for his children; he must also prepare them for life. He does this through modeling and teaching discipline, moderation, hard work, self-control, and many other life skills. Today it is relatively rare for men to teach a trade to their sons or to other children. In the end, a man prepares his children for life. Joseph models manhood by preparing Jesus for life as a tradesman. Some (e.g., St. Thomas Aquinas) argue that Joseph did not teach Jesus carpentry and that His knowledge was not learned, but I cannot square this with the Scripture that indicates Jesus grew in age, grace, and wisdom (see Lk 2:52). If Jesus can even grow in human wisdom, how much more so in lesser knowledge. At any rate, however much Jesus was taught by Joseph, every father should teach his sons and daughters!

Yes, St. Joseph is a model for manhood. Nothing he ever said was recorded, but his life speaks eloquently. He is referred to as the Guardian and Patron of the Universal Church. He has these titles because he was guardian, protector, and patron (provider) of the Church in its earliest stage: when the Church was just Jesus and Mary. Because the Church is the mystical Body of Christ, in protecting, providing, and preparing Jesus, he was doing that for us, for we are in Christ as members of His body. Men do well to imitate St. Joseph and invoke his patronage in all their endeavors as husbands, fathers, and providers.

St. Joseph, pray for us.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF JUNETEENTH

In 2021, President Joe Biden signed legislation that made *Juneteenth* a federal holiday in the United States. It is celebrated on June 19th, and the word *Juneteenth* is a portmanteau of “June” and “nineteenth.” What follows is a brief presentation of its history and relevance.

Juneteenth has long been celebrated among the African American community and is known as a second “Independence Day”. It commemorates the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas, and more generally the emancipation of African American slaves throughout the Confederate South. Emancipation did not finally come until General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas and issued General Order No. 3, on June 19th, almost two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.

The brutal history of slavery and segregation continues to inflict pain on our society, and *Juneteenth* offers a light of hope on the fight for freedom and justice. It is a day that cannot pass without recognizing that it symbolically marks the end of the horrific era of slavery that went on for so long in our nation. But, unfortunately it also highlights the continual existence of hatred and racism that is still present in our world and communities today and the struggle to eliminate it.

As noted by the National Museum of African American History & Culture, *Juneteenth* is a time to celebrate, to gather as a family, to reflect on the past and look to the future. We invite all to celebrate this day as a reminder of the transformative power of human liberation. We encourage all to learn more about this important time in history by spending time with our families to reflect on the meaning of the day. Use it as day of education about our collective history and take the time to pray for real change to end racism and hatred.

“It is important that we all work in our everyday activities, our professions, in our neighborhoods and in our homes toward a day when we can say racism and hatred are no longer a factor in the world. We have to be intentional in our actions and remember that consulting with the Lord Jesus Christ through prayer and following the example of the life he lived here on Earth is our path to creating racial justice.”

Most Rev. William E. Lori
Archdiocese of Baltimore

*We pray, O Lord, for change.
Jesus you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds,
and we encounter you still today in the faces of those
whom society has pushed to the margins.
Guide us, through the love you revealed,
to establish the justice you proclaimed,
that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace,
united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you.
And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and work
into genuine encounter with you and our better selves
so that our lives will be changed for the good of all. Amen.*

(Prayer adapted from Racial Healing and Liturgical Resources)

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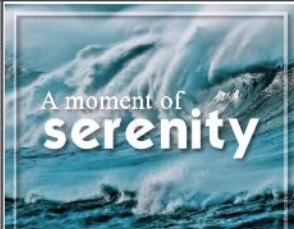
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