

# *St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake*

*Christ Centered + Biblically Grounded + Sacramentally Nourished +  
Serving Our Neighbors in Christian Love*

June 21, 2020 ~ 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY ~ 6:30pm**

**SUNDAY ~ 8:30am**

[www.rcda.org/livestream](http://www.rcda.org/livestream)

**Interim Parish Administrator**

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Karen is in St. Mary's parish office each Monday or can be reached by phone.

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Kitty Dykstra

Administrative Assistant/ Bookkeeper

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Faith Formation Director ~**

POSITION AVAILABLE

call 315-269-8434 for information

**Anointing of the Sick ~ 547-3626**

Call the Parish Office, or if at the hospital, contact the Chaplain Office's office

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# WORTHY

“Do not be afraid.”

MATTHEW 10:31

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WELCOME HOME! How wonderful to come to God's house on Father's Day!  
*The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life"\* The Eucharist is the font from which graces flow for our holiness and God's glory. While we are still coming to grips with this pandemic we certainly understand hesitation and fear. When you are ready to come to church and/or communion it will be the right time for you.*

*Do not be afraid! Christ told his disciples and us over and over again. We continue to put ourselves in his hands.*

Peace,  
Karen

\* (CCC 1324; Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 11)

**New mass schedule at  
St. Mary Our Lady of the Lake:**

**Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 8:30am.**

Fr. Doyle has graciously offered to say mass both in Cherry Valley and in Cooperstown so St. Thomas' mass schedule is Saturday at 4:30pm and Sunday at 11:00am. The dispensation for the obligation to attend Sunday mass is still in effect and will be for some time. If you have any hesitations, please remain home for now.

**Thank you for your generous support ~ June 14  
Mailed Donations: \$ 1,145.00 / E-giving: \$492.71**

A Father's Prayer to St. Joseph

St. Joseph as father and husband to the holy family, it was your earthly protection, guidance and support that provided food, clothing, and shelter for Jesus and Mary.

Your fatherly advice guided young Jesus along 'TOD's chosen path.

Your dependability fortified Mary for her role in Jesus' life.

You never swerved from the Father's plan for your life, choosing always to follow His will.

Pray for me, father and husband to my family today, that I may fulfill my responsibilities as admirably as you fulfilled yours.

Amen

**REOPENING GUIDELINES**

- 25% capacity in church; overflow to parish hall where mass will be live streamed
- Masks must be worn
- 6 foot distancing required
- No choir, singing of mass responses only, no hymns yet
- No Eucharistic Ministers, lectors or altar servers reducing touching of objects in the sanctuary. Deacon Randy Velez and Deacon David Nash will be available to assist Father Doyle.
- No collections, please leave donation in locked box at entrance
- Entrance by using the rear door, we will exit the front doors after communion
- No hymnals, bulletins or paper to eliminate transfer of the virus; we will continue to email, mail and have bulletin on web site

**Re-Opening Committee Up-Date**

**Pandemic Safety Chair:**

Dr. Raymond McGoldrick

**Committee:**

Erik Stengler, Jeff Woepple, Maureen Murray, Joan and Hank Nicols, Deacon Randy Velez, and Karen Walker

**Volunteers are still needed**, please call the parish office 607 547-2213 or Karen's cell 315 269-8434

*"Prayer is the best armor we have, it is the key which opens the heart of God." — St. Padre Pio*

Pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:  
Fr. Peter Pagonis ~ Ivy Bischof ~  
Maureen Brennan ~ David Butler ~ Vin Cronin ~  
Mary Devenpeck ~ Robert Davenport ~  
Richie Davy ~ Stephen Markuson ~ Senator Jim Seward ~  
Bradley Smith ~ Sarah Tarr

Pray for members of the military  
from our families  
Liam Dolan-USMC ~ Ryan Barrow

Please call the Parish Office to add any names.

Mass intentions that had been scheduled during  
the time we were closed will be rescheduled.  
Please call the parish office to arrange a  
convenient date and time.



### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Prayer intention for evangelization - 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.



### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



### CATHOLIC BIBLE IQ

- 1) Who was told to take off his sandals because he stood on holy ground?
  - a) Abraham,
  - b) Moses,
  - c) David,
  - d) Dr. Scholl
- 2) Who healed a lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the temple?
  - a) Nehemiah,
  - b) Jesus,
  - c) Peter & John,
  - d) George Clooney
- 3) Who got new sandals when he returned?
  - a) David,
  - b) The Prodigal Son,
  - c) Timothy,
  - d) Tommy Hilfiger

*Answers from last week's questions*

- 1) Fill in the blank "Whoever does not work should not\_\_\_\_"(2 Thess 3:10)  
**c) eat**
- 2) What is the "root of all evil" (1 Tim 6:10)?  
**b) the love of money**
- 3) What is "inspired by God and useful to teach us"?  
**a) all scripture**

Sacred Heart (Troy) School's 22nd Annual Auction has "*Sprouted Wings*"

<https://biddingowl.com/SacredHeartSchool21678>

Complete directions on the auction home site  
Online Auction Dates: June 22- 26

**June is National Safety Month**

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

"Sing to the LORD,  
praise the LORD,  
For he has rescued the life of the poor  
from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

### PSALM:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

### SECOND READING:

But the gift is not like the transgression.  
For if by that one person's transgression the many died,  
how much more did the grace of God  
and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ  
overflow for the many. (Rom 5:12-15)

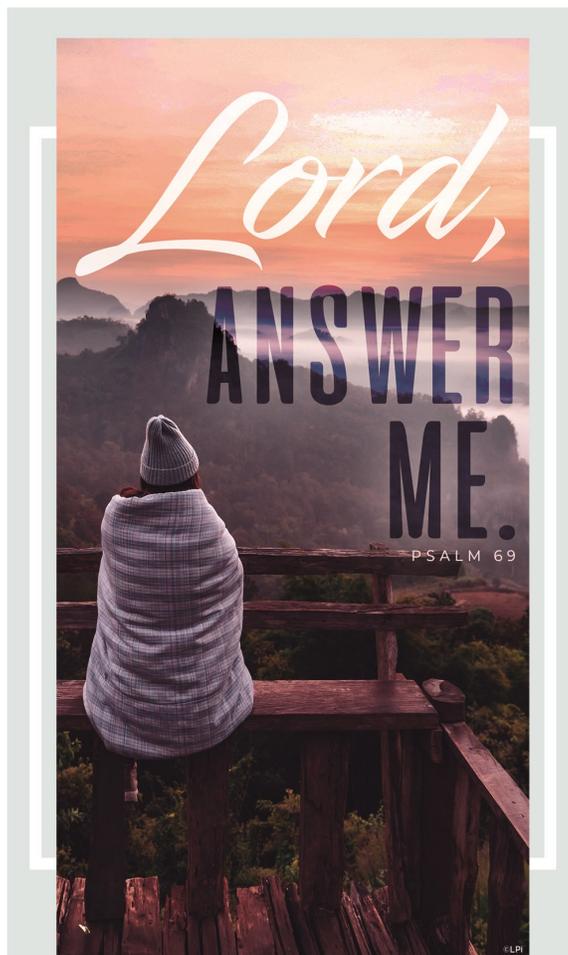
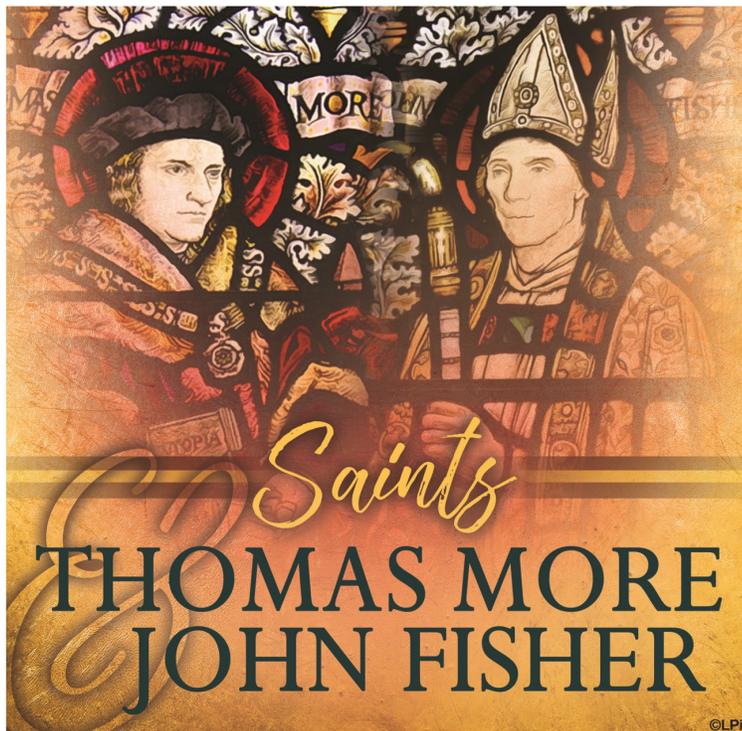
### GOSPEL:

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others  
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." (Mt 10:32)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2020

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day  
Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop,  
and Thomas More, Martyrs  
Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

We hear how the prophet Jeremiah turned to God as he struggled mentally and emotionally to remain faithful to his call. When do you find yourself turning to God in prayer?

### SECOND READING

Paul speaks of Adam and Christ to describe God's gift of salvation to all who believe. What do you find compelling in Paul's argument?

### GOSPEL READING

Jesus forewarns his disciples that following him will involve risks and even persecution. Where do you experience risk and/or ridicule as a person of faith?

## WILL YOU SAY YES?

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of

many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, "Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?" Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## WHY DO CATHOLICS GIVE THE SIGN OF PEACE TO ONE ANOTHER AT MASS?

The sign of peace is a part of the Mass that takes place immediately after we offer the Lord's Prayer. Inspired by Jesus' words to his first followers, we stand together in a spirit of communion to pray as Jesus taught us: "Our Father who art in heaven..." In this prayer, we call for the coming of God's kingdom in all its fullness and ask that God provides for our needs — "Give us, this day, our daily bread" — to forgive our sins and to bring us to the joy of heaven.

It is almost natural, then, that the rite of peace would follow. As the celebrant prays that Christ's peace will fill our hearts, our communities, the Church, and the whole world, we extend to those around us a sign of peace (usually a hug or a handshake)

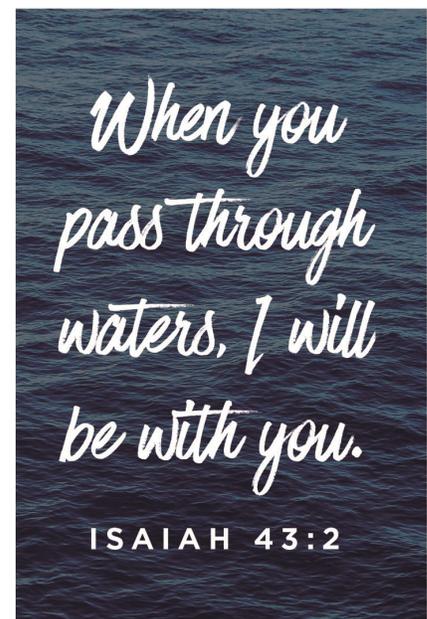
as a symbol of the communion that we experience now and will experience forever in the fullness of the reign of God.

We are also reminded of Jesus' teachings that if we are at prayer and remember that a brother or sister is holding something against us, then we are to go and seek reconciliation with them before we continue our prayer (see Matthew 5:23). And so, the sign of peace also reminds us of the need to truly be in communion — united in love and peace — with God and one another before we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist.

So, the next time you're at Mass and the time comes for the sign of peace, remember that this is a moment to celebrate the gift of Christ's peace that each of us has received from God and to pass that peace along to those around us. We need this moment to practice, because this is also the same peace of Christ that we

are instructed to carry out into the world at the end of Mass when the priest or deacon says to us, "Go, in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 857-862 and 880-882).



## LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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.

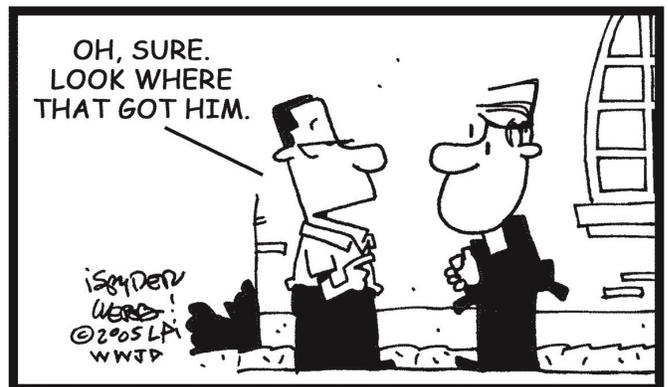


### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



### 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

There are many things of which we can be afraid: being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. For some, identifying and overcoming their fears is a daunting task. Regardless of how much they may want to break the cycle of fear, they find that they remain close friends with old and dysfunctional behavioral habits and norms. Maybe what they really fear is change. There are many who gravitate to the familiar and comfortable, and find safety and security in doing so, even if they remain mired in mediocrity. Human beings have to learn that there is life beyond the “what has always been” and that happiness and depth are possible when old structures and systems have to be left behind.

Can you leave the near and dear, the comfortable and familiar, the safe and secure, and discover new opportunities? The sheer thought of doing so can bring on feelings of apprehension, intense anger, resentment, defensiveness, reluctance, resistance, and even apathy. If we have to be



responsible for making the change, cowardice can creep in. If someone else is to blame for making the change, any number of possible negative reactions are possible. In the end, only one thing is required and that is God. If I can rely on and deepen my relationship with God, especially in the Eucharist along with a community of believers, then little else is of great concern. We have to figure out what is really important. It is not always what we think.

The Gospel calls us to stretch ourselves and try new things, not to remain stuck and stagnant in

familiar ways. We are asked to live life more deliberately, radically, and intentionally. We are asked to leave the familiar behind and learn to live with changing, and often limiting, human structures. We cannot get too caught up in the physical, ideological, or structural systems we are used to. The Holy Spirit always leads and guides us. If we trust this, we will find ourselves doing things we never thought we could do. Always seek the path to joy and love. They keep us from falling victim to our fears and from seeking the nostalgic crutches we think we need to achieve a sense of well-being and happiness.

*“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*

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## 3 EASY STEPS

### TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



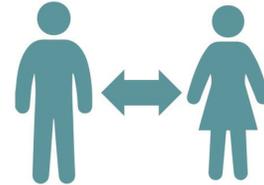
#### WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



#### DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



#### KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



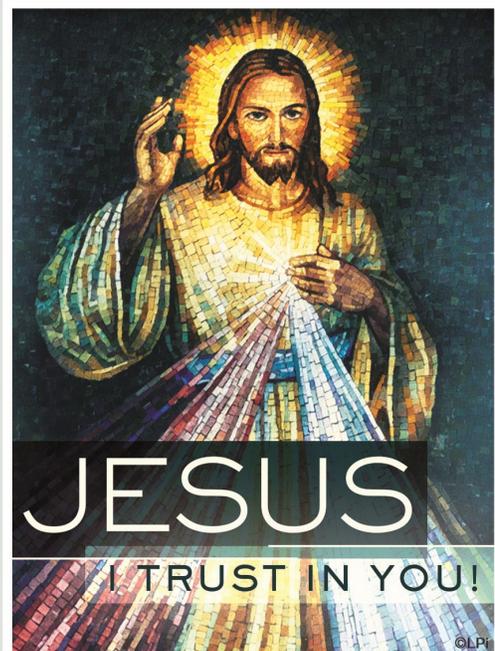
*Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.  
Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.  
We ask this in Your Name.  
Amen*

*“So do not be afraid;  
you are worth more  
than many sparrows.*

*Everyone who  
acknowledges me  
before others I will  
acknowledge before  
my heavenly Father.  
But whoever denies  
me before others, I  
will deny before my  
heavenly Father.”*

*- Mt 10:31-33*

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