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The Twelfth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Sunday June 20, 2021

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# MUSIC PLANNER

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EAGLE ROCK, CALIFORNIA

TWELFTH SUNDAY SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
LIVE STREAM MASS

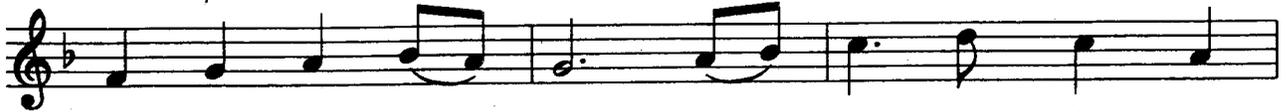
June 19 at 5:00 P.M. and June 20 at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Focus: Jesus rebukes the wind and calms the storm.

Gathering Song:	"All Are Welcome" - Haugen "All Are Welcome"- Manibusan (11:00)
Penitential Rite:	sung [Missa Simplex] or spoken
Gloria: sung	"Glory To God" [Missa Simplex] "Glory To God" [Mass Of Joy And Peace] (11:00)
Responsorial Psalm:	"Psalm 107" [Respond And Acclaim] "Psalm 107: Give Thanks To Lord" - Alonso (11:00)
Gospel Acclamation:	sung [Respond And Acclaim] "Gospel Acclamation" - Alonso [MOJAP] (11:00)
Presentation Of The Gifts:	"Stand By Me" - Kendzia
Holy, Holy, Holy:	"Holy" - Haugen [Creation]
Memorial Acclamation:	"When We Eat This Bread" - Haugen [Creation]
Great Amen:	"Great Amen" - Haugen [Creation]
Lamb Of God:	"Lamb Of God" [Missa Simplex]
Communion:	"Fly Like a Bird" - Canedo
Closing:	"Praise The Lord, Ye Heavens" "Lead Me, Lord" - Becker (11:00)



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In  
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -  
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



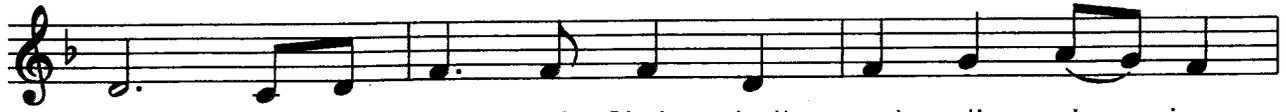
1. all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
 2. words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
 3. wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on  
 4. yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,  
 5. songs and vi - sions heard And loved and trea - sured,



1. chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for - give. Built of  
 2. dare to seek To dream God's reign a - new. Here the  
 3. ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the  
 4. serve and teach, And live the Word they've known. Here the  
 5. taught and claimed As words with - in the Word. Built of



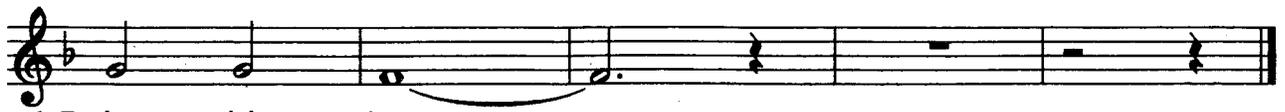
1. hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of  
 2. cross shall stand as wit - ness And as sym - bol of God's  
 3. love of God, through Je - sus, Is re - vealed in time and  
 4. out - cast and the strang - er Bear the im - age of God's  
 5. tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of faith and songs of



1. grace; Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 2. grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 3. space; As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
 4. face; Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 5. grace, Let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



1-5. All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come



1-5. in this place.

ALL ARE WELCOME  
(All Belong)

Acc #869

Jesse Manibusan and Jennah Manibusan

Refrain

All are wel - come in this place. Be-hold Love's a-maz -  
- ing grace. All are wel - come! All are wel - come!  
Bring your hopes, bring your dreams. Mer-cy flows and Love  
re-deems! All are wel - come! All be-long!

Verses

- |  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. Wel-come, all the bro-ken - heart - ed, | all who sor-row    |
| 2. Wel-come, all who suf-fer vio - lence,  | all who long for   |
| 3. Wel-come, all who are for - got - ten,  | ex - clud - ed and |
| 4. Wel-come, all who work for jus - tice,  | bring-ing hope,    |

- |                             |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. and des - pair.          | } You are not a - lone, for you |
| 2. safe - ty and for peace. |                                 |
| 3. dig - ni - ty de - nied! |                                 |
| 4. char - i - ty and peace! |                                 |

1-4. are God's own! To-geth-er, we sing and we pro - claim!

# MISSA SIMPLEX

## MICHAEL O'CONNOR, O.P.

Unison Choir, Cantor, Priest, Assembly, Keyboard

### Kyrie

Richard Proulx, 1937-2010  
Adapted by Michael O'Connor, O.P.

*Cantor/Choir* *+Assembly*

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

D Em7 D/F# G D

*Cantor/Choir* *+Assembly*

Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

Bm7 G A D/F# F#m Em7 A

*Cantor/Choir* *+Assembly*

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

D/F# G Asus A Bm D/F# Em C D

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Glory to God - MS

Richard Proulx, 1937-2010

*Cantor/Choir/Assembly*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

D Em7 G D/F# Bm A D/F# Em7 A

3

We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you,

D D/F# G D/F# Bm A Em7 A

5

we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, — heav - en - ly King,

Bm7 A/C# Em7 A D Em7 D/F#

7

O God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,

Bm D/F# F#m Em7 A D Em7

On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

D/F# G D/F# Bm D/F# F#m Em7 A

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you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;

Asus2 A G/B A/C# Bm Em/G

12

you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

Asus2 A G F#m Bm Em/G

14

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

D/F# Em D C D Bm C

16

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

Bm D/A F#m G A Bm Em7 A

18

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

Bm Am/C D Em7 F#m Bm F#m Em7 A

20

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Bm Am/C D Em7 F#m Em7 Em/D C D

# 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 20

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 107:23–24, 25–26, 28–29, 30–31 (95)

**Response:** (Organ/SATB) [or: Alleluia.]

Optional Descant

Give thanks, his love is ev - er - last - ing.

D G A Bm G Em D Em7 A D

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is ev - er - last - ing.

**Verses:** (Cantor or SATB)

1. They who sailed the These saw the	G	A
2. His command raised They mounted up to heaven; they	G	A
3. They cried to the LORD in He hushed the storm to a	G	A
4. They rejoiced that Let them give thanks to the	G	A

sea in ships,  
works of the LORD  
up a storm wind  
sank to the depths;  
their dis - tress;  
gentle breeze,  
they were calmed,  
LORD for his kindness

1. Trading on the And his wonders in the	G	A
2. Which tossed its waves Their hearts melted away in	G	A
3. From their straits he And the billows of the sea	G	A
4. And he brought them to their And his wondrous deeds to the children	G	A

deep waters,  
a - byss.  
on high.  
their plight.  
res - cued them,  
were stilled.  
de - sired haven.  
of men.

# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

Psalm 107

Tony Alonso

$\text{♩} = 54$

*Descant*

Give— thanks, give thanks, his

*Melody*

Give thanks to the Lord, give thanks to the Lord, his

( $\text{♩}$  Last time)

love is ev - er - last-ing,— his love is ev - er - last-ing.—

( $\text{♩}$  Last time)

love is ev - er - last-ing,— his love is ev - er - last-ing.—

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**Gospel Acclamation: Luke 7:16**

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. V

Optional Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C F G Am Am/G Fmaj7 C Em Dm G C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: (Cantor)

F G Am C F G

A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has visited his people.

Organ

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# STAND BY ME

727

Acc #501

Tom Kendzia

## Verses



1. When the storms of life are rag-ing, Lord, stand by  
 2. In the midst of per - se - cu-tion, Lord, stand by



1. me. When the cur - rent pulls me un - der, Lord,  
 2. me. When my en - e - mies sur-round me, Lord,



1. stand by me. When the ris - ing wa - ters  
 2. stand by me. When the ty - rant wields his



1. toss me like a ship up - on the sea, You who  
 2. ter - ror and the ar - mies wage their might, When the



1. rule the wind and wa - ter, Lord, stand by me.  
 2. dark - ness o - ver-whelms me, Lord, stand by me.

## Refrain



Stand by me, stand by me. Lift me up from the rest-less sea.



When I am lost, when love can't be found, when no one cares, Lord,



stand by me. stand by me.

Inspired by "Stand by Me" by Charles A. Tindley, 1851-1933; Tom Kendzia.  
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Refrain

Fly like a bird to the Lord, my soul. I want to  
soar like an eagle. Though I may journey far a-  
way from home, I know I'll never be alone.

Verses

1. O God, you know who I am.  
2. Where can I run from your love?  
3. When I am down and afraid,

1. You know my hopes and my dreams. In my  
2. Where can I hide from my God? From the  
3. when I am falling away, you ex-

1. pon-der-ing and fears, in my joy and in my tears,  
2. dawn of morn-ing's light to the dark-ness of the night,  
3. tend a gen-tle hand, and I know you un-der-stand.

1-3. O God, your pres-ence is real. to Refrain

# PRAISE THE LORD, YE HEAVENS

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Acc #435 / CP3 #397

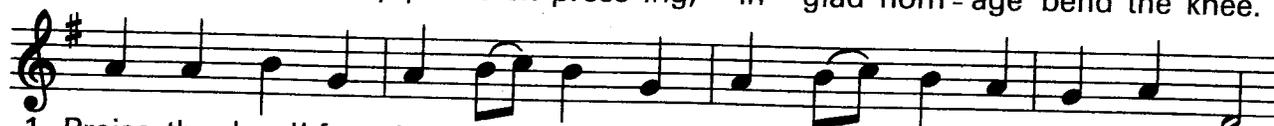
HYMN TO JOY



1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns a-dore him; Praise him an-gels, in the height;
2. Praise the Lord! for he is glo-rious; Nev-er shall his prom-ise fail;
3. Wor-ship, hon-or, glo-ry, bless-ing, Lord, we of-fer un-to thee;



1. Sun and moon, re-joice be-fore him; Praise him, all ye stars of light.
2. God has made his saints vic-to-rious; Sin and death shall not pre-vail.
3. Young and old, thy praise ex-press-ing, In glad hom-age bend the knee.



1. Praise the Lord! for he has spo-ken; Worlds his might-y voice o-beyed;
2. Praise the God of our sal-va-tion! Hosts on high his pow'r pro-claim;
3. All the saints in heav'n a-dore thee, We would bow be-fore thy throne;



1. Laws which nev-er shall be bro-ken For their guid-ance he has made.
2. Heav'n, and earth, and all cre-a-tion, Laud and mag-ni-fy his name.
3. As thine an-gels serve be-fore thee, So on earth thy will be done.

Text: 87 87 D; based on Psalm 148; verses 1, 2, *Psalms, Hymns, and Anthems of the Foundling Hospital*, 1796; verse 3, Edward Osler, 1798-1863. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

## LEAD ME, LORD

John D. Becker

## Verses



1. Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, long - ing for their
2. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful, for mer - cy shall be
3. Blest are they who through their life - times sow the seeds of



1. Lord, for God's com - ing king - dom shall be theirs.
2. theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.
3. peace, all will call them chil - dren of the Lord.



1. Bless - ed are the sor - row - ing, for they shall be con -
2. Blest are they whose hun - ger on - ly ho - li - ness can
3. Blest are you, though per - se - cu - ted in your ho - ly



1. soled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.
2. fill, for I say they shall be sat - is - fied.
3. life, for in heav - en, great is your re - ward.

## Refrain



Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to



seek and to find the nar - row way. Be my way;



be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to -



day. day. And lead me, Lord, to - day.

Text: Based on Matthew 5:3-12; 7:7, 13; John 14:6.  
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**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B  
ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
JUNE 20, 2021**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Opening Song – please refer to the music pages above in your packet**

Presider:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And with your spirit.**

**Penitential Act**

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**R. Amen.**

**V.** Lord, have mercy.

**V.** Christ, have mercy.

**V.** Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria – please refer to the music pages above in your packet**

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.

## Collect

Presider:

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, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Reading I     Jb 38:1, 8-11

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said:

Who shut within doors the sea,  
when it burst forth from the womb;  
when I made the clouds its garment  
and thick darkness its swaddling bands?  
When I set limits for it  
and fastened the bar of its door,  
and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stilled!

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm will be sung – please refer to the music pages above in your packet**

### Second Reading     2Cor 5, 14-17

Brothers and sisters:

The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel     Mk 4, 35-41

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: “Let us cross to the other side.” Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be still!” The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he

asked them, “Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?” They were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?”

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Homily

**\*Note: There are questions for reflection and an additional message from Fr. Roberto about Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist at the end of this packet.**

### Nicene Creed

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,

[at the words that follow, up to and including “and became man,” all bow.]

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.

## Prayers of the Faithful

### Priest:

We now come before God in the name of Jesus whom even wind and sea obey. Therefore, with humility and confidence we offer our prayers.

### Lector:

1. For the grace to accept and learn from the storms in our lives so that God can help us reorder our lives and our priorities, mature as human beings and grow in faith...  
**We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For those who are experiencing difficulties and feel abandoned by God: may they soon experience God's strength and faithful love...  
**We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. On this Father's Day, we pray for fathers and stepfathers; grandfathers and godfathers; and all men who serve young people as coaches and teachers, priests and counselors: for strength and tenderness, courage and wisdom, generosity and faithfulness....  
**We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For those who are suffering from the hot weather, especially the homeless, the poor and the vulnerable...  
**We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For continued progress against the pandemic, especially in those regions that are struggling...  
**We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**
6. For \_\_\_\_\_, whom we remember in a special way at this Mass...

5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass: Tony Gilbuena, for the repose of his soul

7:30 AM Mass: Jesus Sayas, for the repose of his soul

9:00 AM Mass: For the people of the parish

11:00 AM Mass: Father's Day Mass

1:00 PM Mass Alberto & Palemon Huerta, for the eternal repose of their souls

5:00 PM Mass: Jackson Estioko, for the repose of his soul

**We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

7. For all the intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts (PAUSE)...  
**We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

### Priest:

Compassionate God, you are our true Father who loves each of us unconditionally and eternally. May we always know that love and walk in the light of your presence as your children. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Again we remind you to continue donating to the parish. You can donate by mailing or depositing a check or cash in our parish office mailbox just outside the office door or by logging on to our website ([www.saintdominics.org](http://www.saintdominics.org)) and clicking on the “Donate” button. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Song – please refer to the music pages above in your packet**

Presider:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**People: Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**People: Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People:**

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**The Preface and Eucharistic Prayer follow...**

**The Holy, Holy is sung – please refer to the music pages above in your packet**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil...**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

### The Sign of Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Presider: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

### The Lamb of God is sung.

Presider:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**People:**

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Presider:**

Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son, we ask of your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Concluding Rites**

**Announcements**

1. Father's Day blessing...see next page
2. Our Children's Faith Formation Program is looking for adults and young adults to
3. become Catechists for this ministry. If you are interested please leave your name and phone number in the parish office.
4. Year 1 Confirmation registration forms are available in the parish office. Year 2 re-registration forms are also in the parish office. See details in the bulletin.
5. Envelopes are in the pews for annual archdiocesan appeal, Together in Mission, that helps the poorer parishes and schools of our archdiocese. Please pledge today if you have not done so yet.
6. Next Sunday there will be a collection for Peter's Pence. Envelopes will be put in the pews next week.
7. New COVID protocols...

### **Final Blessing and Dismissal**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Presider: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Presider: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Closing song – please refer to the music pages above in your packet**

### **A Father's Day Blessing**

Good and gracious God, you showed us the importance of fathers when you chose Joseph to care for your Son.

Bless all the fathers who share your unconditional love with their children.

Bring comfort to those fathers who have lost children, or are estranged from their children, and all those who mourn the loss of their beloved fathers.

Share your blessings with all those who yearn for a father's love and heal those wounded by a father's failures.

Bless all men who mentor and nurture children who are not their own and become fathers to children who need them.

Help us, the sons and daughters of their hearts and bodies, to return their love and honor them as Jesus honored Joseph.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A Message from Fr. Roberto

#### God of the Ordinary

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin message, we are now entering into the longest single season of the Church's liturgical year: Ordinary Time, which lasts from the day after Pentecost until Advent, usually toward the end of November – almost six months! Again, as I said last week, the name "Ordinary Time" can be misleading. It does not mean ordinary in the sense that nothing is happening, because with God there is always something happening; in other words, God is always up to something! The season of Ordinary Time refers to the **ordinal or ordered** numbering of the Sundays during the season, such as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc., all the way to the 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time which the Church celebrates as the Feast of Christ the King.

This alternation during our Catholic liturgical year between special seasons and ordinary time reflects the rhythm of human life: there are times we celebrate special events, anniversaries and



meaningful periods, but most of life is the ordinary and day-to-day living out of our relationships and responsibilities. And this is where God is most often found: in the ordinary times of our lives. Most often, our Christian living and growth does not come from spectacular moments of inspired prayer or insight, but rather from dealing with the daily demands and circumstances of family life, school, work, church and leisure; not so much from the "mountaintop experiences" we have now and then as from the daily flow of our lives in the valley below.

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Unfortunately, too often we Christians want God to touch our lives in dramatic ways, to speak to us through angelic visions or miraculous interventions. And, while God

certainly can be found in the spectacular, most often God is a God of the ordinary. He reveals himself to

us through ordinary daily circumstances, through the ordinary people around us and in the routines of our daily lives.

One of the struggles Jesus faced during his lifetime was that he was considered too ordinary by the Jewish people, especially by their religious leaders. He was not some conquering military or political leader; not a wealthy, royal or influential person of nobility; not even a thunderous, wonder-working, charismatic prophet. Instead, he was a simple carpenter's son from a backwater town in Galilee. His own townsfolk and relatives in Nazareth could not accept him as anyone special, much less as the Messiah, because they knew him; he was too ordinary for them (see, for example, Matthew 13: 54-58).

So, remember, you don't have to travel to sacred shrines or make a pilgrimage to a distant country to find God. God is right in the middle of your everyday, ordinary life. Our God is, in many ways, the God of the ordinary.

*"God is manifest in the ordinary, in the actual, in the daily, in the now, in the concrete incarnations of life. Our experiences of ordinary life will transform us if we are willing to experience them fully...God's revelations are through the concrete and the specific. Spirituality is not a Platonic world of ideas and theories about which you can be right or wrong. Revelation is not something you measure, but something – or Someone – you meet!"*

**(Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, <https://cac.org/god-is-in-the-ordinary-2017-01-13/>)**