

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

JUNE 14, 2026



# BLESSED SACRAMENT

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**Sunday Mass: 10:00AM**

## Mission Statement:

*Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.*

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## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Therefore, 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. (Ex 19:5)

**Psalm:** We are his people: the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)

### Second Reading:

But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

**Gospel:** At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. (Mt 9:36)



## **My Dear Parishioners:**

At a time when the role of Church is sometimes confusedly understood even by Christians, our Scriptures remind us that Christianity from the beginning was communitarian in nature. Jesus never intended an individualistic do-it-yourself approach to salvation.

Paul tells us that we are called and brought into a special relationship with God not because of anything we have done. We are justified and reconciled with God because of the death and resurrection of Christ. It is not something we can do on our own. Exodus also assures us that it was God who brought Israel to Sinai. It was on God's initiative that salvation or the freeing of Israel from the slavery of Egypt was accomplished. Jesus too had compassion and pity and sent the apostles forth to continue his work of preaching the Good News.

We are reminded also of our new relationship with God because of what God has done for us. The beautiful images in our first reading and Gospel recall this intimacy. "I bore you on eagle wings," "You shall be my special possession," and "his heart was moved to pity" are all ways of telling us how God has loved us. Paul reminds us that Christ's death is a sign of that love. That love too, he tells us, is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

We live today in that special relationship, with the corresponding obligations that we have as God's people. The message of Good News is not meant only for ourselves. God reminded Israel that "all the earth is mine." Like the apostles, we too are sent forth with power to proclaim the goodness of our God.

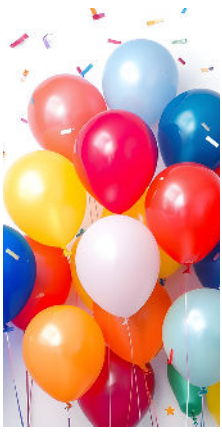
Blessings,

Fr. John

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### **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

In his mercy, Jesus sent his Apostles into ministry – and the Apostles are still ministering today. We see them in the sanctuary, in the confessional. They are our priests, sent to shepherd Christ's sheep. This week, let's pray for our shepherds.



## June Birthdays

- 17—Harry Fuchs  
23—Pamela McCarter  
Michelle Jones  
27—Leland Herzog  
Lucie Fuchs  
30—Trent Hatchet

**Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Mary Ann Terry, Nicole Melton, Mike Dunn, Phaedra Fuchs, Renee Perkins, Rita Moorman, Joanne Kendall, Rollie Pike, Larry Leachman, Dorothy Simmons, Steve Coble, Teresa Luebbert, Diane Selby, Kathi Skidd, Ray Higgs, Pam Wilson, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.****

*Let us remember to pray for those who are dying and those who have recently died.*

*Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.*

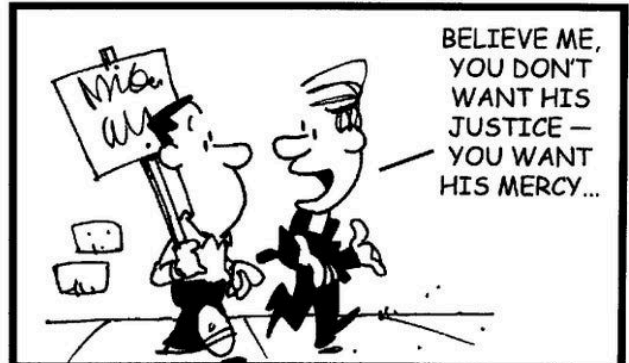
## Mass Intentions

June 14 - Brenda Millay

June 21 - April Brown

June 28 - Kenneth Higgs

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## Coming Events



**June 21-Father's Day**

**June 21-First day of summer**



**June 7--\$1,257.09**

Budget--\$1,300.00

MTD Collection--\$1,257.09

MTD Budget--\$1,257.09

YTD Collection--\$93,766.56

YTD Budget--\$64,700.00

*May each give according to  
what the Lord has blessed  
us with.*

*Thanks to everyone who practices  
stewardship on a regular basis. An  
active parishioner attends Mass  
regularly and practices stewardship  
(time, talent, treasure).*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is **“moved with compassion” for the crowd, for they were “like sheep without a shepherd.”** (Matthew 9:36) So he calls his disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from his authority and the Spirit's gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (cf. *Lumen Gentium* 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's. Then get to work.

— Father John Muir

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

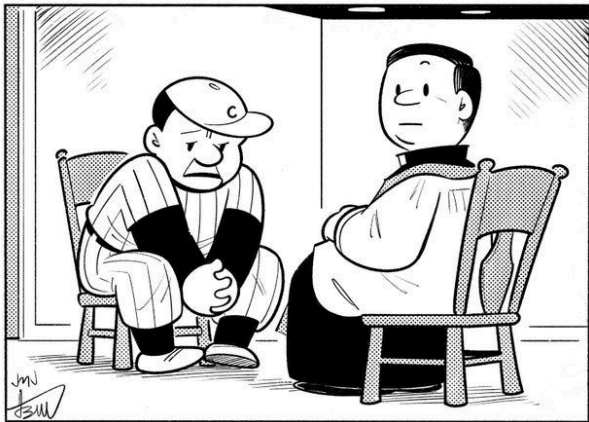
**Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

## Observances for the Week

**Friday:** St. Romuald, Abbot; *Juneteenth*

**Saturday:** *World Refugee Day*

“What did the baseball player confess to the priest during his confession?”



THE FAITHFUL FUNNIES

“Stealing second base.”

FUN FACT!

Christ instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us get back on our feet. Make sure you go to confession often—no sin is too great for God’s mercy!

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## Truthfulness, Explained!

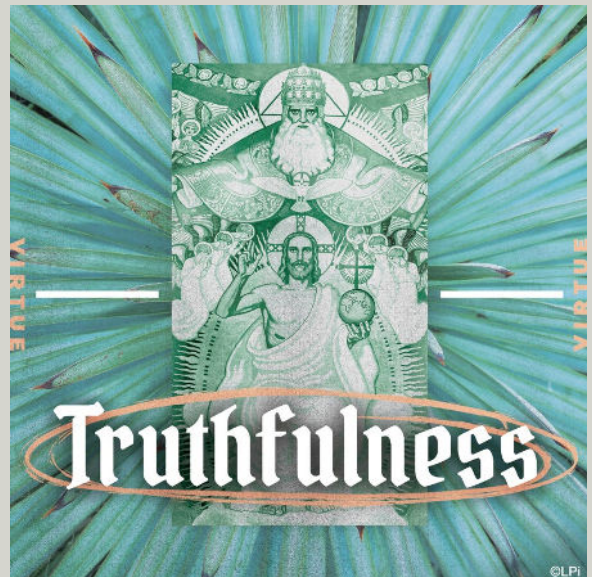
Sin began with a lie.

It was a lie that Satan told Eve in the Garden of Eden, and it was by doubting God’s faithfulness — by thinking God to be a liar — that the fall of man came about.

Of course, God Himself is Truth — Adam and Eve discovered that when they believed the lie.

Therefore, if we belong to God, we must live truthfully — in small matters and in large ones, so that the witness we bear to the ultimate Truth of God shall always be taken seriously. “Witness is an act of justice that establishes the truth or makes it known,” says the Catechism (CCC 2472), which also calls the act of martyrdom “truth written in letters of blood.” (CCC 2474)

When Ananias tries to deceive the Christian community and secretly hoard wealth for himself, Peter tells him he has “lied not to human beings, but to God.” (Acts 5:4)



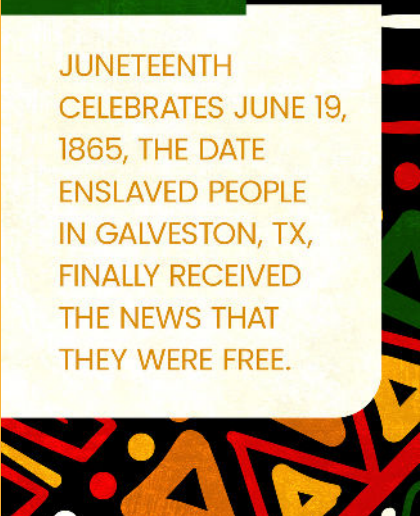
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### Blessing for Juneteenth

Dear Lord,  
 Pour Your goodness and grace upon our brothers and sisters. Even as we celebrate our triumphs, be with us in today's work that strives to bring justice to the oppressed and liberty to captives. Write Your message of freedom in our hearts, so that we might live more deeply healed.

Amen.



## Ministry Schedule

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Collection & Gifts
June 14	Jacques Williams Greg Gough	Holly Hollis Barb Bisel Janet Clark	Bernadette Thames
June 21	Barb Bisel Misty Sanford	Cindy Clark Michelle Jones Vivian Higgs	Dee and Brennah Brashear

# QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

God reveals to Moses His intention to make Israel a “treasured possession among all the peoples...a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.”

*Have you ever received an incredible gift you never saw coming?*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Paul teaches us that as believers, we have been reconciled to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Can you think of a time when you reconciled with a friend or family member?*

## Gospel Reading

Jesus commissioned his 12 Apostles to carry on his missionary work of healing the sick and exorcising unclean spirits.

*Do you have a sense of mission for your life?*

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## World Refugee Day

June 20th, we remember the plight of millions of people across the globe displaced from their homes by war, famine, corruption, and other violence. These people are part of our human family, and their needs are Christ's needs. In Matthew 25, we see God's heavenly expectations for disciples. We are to meet Jesus in the least among us - the hungry, the thirsting, those without adequate shelter or clothing, the ill, and even the incarcerated. This shouldn't be too much of an imaginative stretch. After all, Christ himself knew what it was to be a refugee. St. Joseph took the Holy Family to Egypt, fleeing from the wrath of Herod. Jesus spent his first few years of life as a stranger in a strange land. Mary knew what it was like to navigate an unfamiliar marketplace and to be surrounded by a foreign tongue. Joseph had a practical trade but had to start from nothing all the same. Let's pray for all refugees today and to see in them our own story of faith.





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