

June 25, 2017

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

**From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:**

After reading about the refugee crisis in today's world I become upset. Then when I saw the projections about the future I became even more upset. The future looks horrible. Because of increased population growth and lack of water and other resources in many places, millions of people will die and millions more will flee their homes. This will cause havoc throughout the world.

Our readings in today's liturgy seem to speak directly to us. Jeremiah is in despair. The chaos in the Middle East today looks a lot like what was happening at the time of Jeremiah. Jeremiah, who was worked for forty years to try to help his people, is angry at God for making him do this impossible job. But he refuses to give up. "Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked". In our second reading Paul is also facing despair because of the evil in humanity caused by the sin of Adam. But this will be overcome by the grace of God in Jesus. In the Gospel, Matthew is trying to encourage the first Christians even though they are suffering persecutions from their own families. "God is with us."

We can't give up on humanity. Against all the odds we still must try in our own way "to rescue the life of the poor". Remember St. Mary's history. Our parish was founded in 1848 by immigrants fleeing a famine in Ireland. One million people had died and more than one million fled their country.

**Collection: The collection for last Sunday, June 18, 2017 was \$3,888.00**

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Disciples can expect to be confronted at any time by those who seek to harm them. We may not necessarily suffer the fate of modern-day martyrs in Asia and the Middle East, but we know well what we may face even here at home if we talk publicly about our faith. So what comfort to hear Jesus tell us to not be afraid to proclaim our faith from the housetops, for even the hairs on our head are counted by God, who loves us and sustains us.

**Pope Francis:** "There is much need of prayer and penitence to implore the grace of conversion and an end to the many wars throughout the world." \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration for 2017-2018:**

Begins Monday, June 26, 2017 through Saturday, August 19, 2017

Monday's, Thursday's and Saturday's **ONLY**

To register you must submit \$25.00 deposit **per child** this will be deducted from your registration fee. If you are new to the program you need to submit a Birth Certificate along with a

Baptismal Certificate and a photo of your child.

Registration for one is \$95.00

Registration for two is \$160.00

Registration for three is \$195.00

Registration for four is \$185.00

If your child will be receiving Communion this year the fee for Holy Communion is \$75.00 **per child.**

If your child will be receiving Confirmation this year the fee for Confirmation is \$95.00 **per child.**

**Classes will be held on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Classes will start on September 9, 2017**

**Parish Membership:** All adult Catholics should be registered. We want to know and serve you and hope that you will become an active member of our parish community. Please notify the rectory of any changes in address, or if you are leaving the Parish. It is necessary to be a registered member of our parish for a minimum of 3 months in order for us to testify to your ability to be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation, witness to a Catholic marriage, or provide recommendation for a position at work or character reference.

**Mass Schedule for the week of**

**June 25, 2017 to July 2, 2017**

**Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:30pm**

**Below are the Special Intentions for this week**

**Sunday June 25, 2017**

7:30 Eyan Harding

9:00 Manorah Reyes (L)

11:00 Father's Day Novena

Claudia & Francisco Dougan

Norah Estevez

**Monday June 26, 2017:**

8:15 Father's Day Novena

**Tuesday June 27, 2017:**

8:15 Father's Day Novena

**Wednesday June 28, 2017:**

8:15 Father's Day Novena

**Friday June 30, 2017:**

12:05 Bunny Mathew (L)

**Saturday July 1, 2017:**

12:05 Bajram Haxhijaj

5:00 Rose Kunny

7:30 Legion of Mary

Walid Hasou & Family

Jerry Kunny

**Sunday July 2, 2017**

7:30 for the Parishioners

9:00 Luis Marquez

11:00 Rachel Garcia

Maria Marquez

Family