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JUNE | 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

JUNE 14, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 15

8:30 a.m. San Anthony, Cruz
Negron, Filomena, Ricardo
Reyes, Angel
Maldonado (D), Keren
Hernandez, Juan Bautista
Hernandez, Felix Antonio
Hernandez, Maria Olinda
Ramirez (D)

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 16

8:30 a.m. Alfredo Densangre (D),
Ariana Reyes (D), Simona
Parra & Andy Puig (D),
Victor Santiago Estevez
Veloz (D)

12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17

8:30 a.m. Marco Peguero (D)

12:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 18

8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. Ulises Francisco Aquino
Sterling (D)

Friday, June 19

9:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 20

7:45 a.m. Binh an
7:00 p.m. Esperanza Del Castillo,
Amable Diaz, Pablo
Antonio Diaz (D), Henry
Tomas Guzman (D),
Jeremy Ortiz (D), San
Lazaro, Iris Mendez (D)

Sunday, June 21

8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Felix
Antonio Hernandez, Juan
Bautista Hernandez,
Fernando Hernandez,
Manuel de Jesus
Hernandez (D)
9:30 a.m. Juan Antonio
Hernandez (D), Fa,
Ramirez, Fa. Acosta, Fa.
Rosa (D), Martianano Cinto
Fuentes & Alejandro Cinto
Apanco (D)
11:30 am Reyes family, Colon
family, Rosario family (D)
1:30 pm Phero Luc & Ana Thuy (D)

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)

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Readings for the week of June 14, 2026

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8
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
Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 9:36-10:8

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*

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: We often find it hard to love the Church if we find it hard to love a particular priest, a particular bishop. That's the thing about priests and bishops and all the laborers in the field: they are human. They are sinners. Just like you and me.

Laborers

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few."

This excerpt from Matthew's Gospel has become a catchphrase in the modern Church. We give ourselves vertigo with the amount of head-shaking we do over the much-lamented "decline in numbers."

Which numbers, you ask? Well, take your pick — numbers of baptized Catholic children who continue to profess their faith in adulthood, numbers of registered parishioners, numbers of priests ordained each year. All are a fraction of what they were generations ago.

That last one — the priests — that's a particular worry for us, isn't it? So we pray, "Send us laborers, Lord! Make them holy. Make them earnest."

And then we add, in the silence of our hearts: "Make them perfect."

It's no secret that part of the reason the pews are empty is because we often find it hard to love the Church if we find it hard to love a particular priest, a particular bishop, or a particular human representative of the Church.

Because that's the thing about priests and bishops and all the laborers in the field: they are human. They are sinners. Just like you and me.

We must consider this: today's Gospel lists the Apostles whom Jesus sent out in ministry to heal, console, and evangelize, and right at the end — like a record scratch — comes the name of Judas Iscariot, the betrayer. If ever a laborer failed in his work, it was Judas.

And surely, when he did, his fellow laborers were so demoralized and so disenchanted that they considered laying down their tools and leaving the harvest to wither and die.

But they did not, and we must not.

Without cost we have received, and without cost we are called to give.

So we labor on, for the day is drawing to a close, and the threshing time is near.

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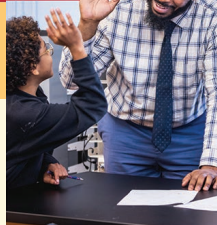
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