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Thirteenth 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 28, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 29

8:30 a.m. Alejandro Rosario (D), Jose Peguero & Luz Ermenda Montero (D), Paula Caceres (L)- cumpleaños

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 30

8:30 a.m. Pascual Antonio Nuñez (D), Acción de gracias a San Jose milagro concedido Yeiren (L)

12:00 p.m. Vincent Bac (D)

Wednesday, July 1

8:30 a.m. Caridad Negron (D)

12:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 2

8:30 a.m. Mercedes Pelaez & Leopoldo Arichabala (D), Padre Bienvenido Antonio Suriel, Sencion Suriel, Marcelina Fuente, Maria Mercedes Suriel (D)

12:00 p.m.

Friday, July 3

9:00 a.m. Bendito Reyes (D)

Saturday, July 4

7:45 a.m. Giuse Duong (D)

7:00 p.m. Jose Ramon Taveras (D), Maria Espinal Hernandez (D), Ramon Ceballos (D), Luis Hernandez (D)

Sunday, July 5

8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Miri family, Honor of the Holy Family

9:30 a.m. Ana Luisa Almonte (D), Sotera Gutierrez (D), Acción de gracias al gran poder de Dios

11:30 am Ricardo Reyes (D), Anton Dedvukaj (L), Honor of St Anthony, Baby Jesus

1:30 pm Bernadet Chi (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year

you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kgs 4:15-16)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,

so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead

by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:4)

Gospel:

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Mt 10:39)

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Readings for the week of June 28, 2026

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: **Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 **Day:** Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**Matthew 10:37-42**

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: **"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."** (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ's claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I've learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.

— *Father John Muir*

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: It's easy to receive Jesus, or at least the Jesus presented to us by pop culture. But it's harder to receive God the Son, consubstantial with God the Father who sent him — the one from the Old Testament who says and does a bunch of things that make modern people uncomfortable.

Receiving

I receive a lot of junk mail. I'm on a bunch of people's asking-for-money lists, and so were the people who owned this house before me, and when you put it all together, it results in quite the pile of paper accumulating on my counter.

I leave it there because, while I have received this mail, I don't want to *receive* it. Do you see the difference? To really receive someone or something, you have to look at it, assess it, make space for it. Accept it. Decide it will have a place in your home or your life or whatever, and give it that place.

It's what the righteous woman did with Elisha. She received him. She had a room all ready, waiting for him, even when he wasn't there.

But I refuse to receive the junk mail. I don't have space for it, in my head or on my counter, so after a day or two, I just throw it away without looking through it.

"Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me," Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew.

But what does that mean, exactly?

It's easy to receive Jesus, or at least to receive the Jesus presented to us by modern imagination — that laidback hippie who lets anyone sit at his table, no questions asked. But it's harder to receive the Christ, God the Son, who is consubstantial with God the Father who sent him.

Ah, yes, God the Father — maybe you've heard of Him? He's the one from the Old Testament who says and does a bunch of things that make modern people uncomfortable.

That's a little more of a challenge, isn't it? Takes a little bit more thought. A little more assessment. A little more making-space.

Can we do it? Well, we have to find a way. Because for the record, laidback hippie Jesus doesn't exist. And Old Testament God makes a lot of sense, if you give Him a little thought. If you make a little space.

So make the space. Receive.

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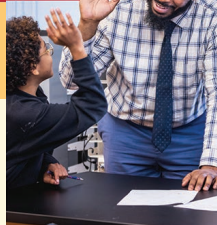
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