

June 21, 2026
12th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday June. 20 - 5:00pm

♦ Mass for the People

Sunday June. 21 - 9:00am

† Helen Brannon

Monday June. 22 - 8:30am

† Helen & Stephen Sefcik

Tuesday June. 23 - 8:30am

† Jana Miketa

Friday June. 26 - 8:30am

† Margaret Townsend

Saturday June. 27 - 5:00pm

† Agnes L. Haley

Sunday June. 28 - 9:00am

♦ Mass for the People

Sanctuary Candle
In Loving Memory of
John Roslan

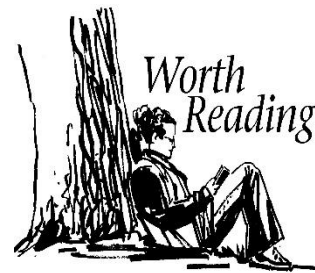
From the Pastor

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!

As we celebrate Father's Day this weekend, we honor our fathers for all they have done for their families. As we give thanks to our Fathers this weekend, we will extend a special blessing upon them at our weekend Masses.

I will be away this week on vacation with my family but will be back for our Masses next weekend.

Fr. Dave



The book, "The Way of Surrender" by Vic Clesceri is still available at the entrance of the church for you to take home to read. These books are free to take at no charge.

Second Collection Next Weekend – Peter's Pence Collection

From his first appearance after his election in May 2025, Pope Leo XIV has called upon Catholics to live in peace and unity with one another within the Church and to share this invitation to peace and unity with the whole world. Throughout history, Catholics have shared Christ's mission with the world by proclaiming the Gospel and performing works of mercy. For centuries, Catholics have joined in these works by supporting the Peter's Pence Collection, which helps to fund the Holy Father's mission to proclaim Christ's message in the world. Our gifts to the collection support the Holy Father's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and unity among peoples. There are numerous charitable works in aid to help families in difficulty, assist populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or to support humanitarian assistance to those in need.

Dear Padre

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For the past year or so, I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the results of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. For example, when St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the gospels. Praying as an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but, even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of distractions, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila wrote in *The Interior Castle*, "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them.... [Thoughts are] inevitable. Do not let [them] disturb or grieve you." No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. He advises us to hang in there, because the devil would like nothing better than for us to stop praying. ●

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