

THE GOOD NEWS

PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 28, 2020

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.



PRAYER FOR HEALING AND CONTAINMENT OF THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

*We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

*He who took our sufferings upon himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin

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Sunday, June 28
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
Mt 10:37-42

Monday, June 29
Acts 12:1-11
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18
Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday, June 30
Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 1
Am 5:14-15, 21-24
Mt 8:28-34

Thursday, July 2
Am 7:10-17
Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 3
Eph 2:19-22
Jn 20:24-29

Saturday, July 4
Am 9:11-15
Mt 9:14-17

Sunday, July 5
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zec 9:9-10
Rom 8:9, 11-13
Mt 11:25-30

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS*Willieann & Pamela Heard***VISITATION**

Monday, June 29th
4:00 - 5:00 pm and 5:45 - 6:30 pm
5:00 pm Wake (Family Service)

James H. Cole Funeral Home Northwest Chapel
www.jameshcole.com

FUNERAL MASS

Tuesday, June 30th @ 11:00 am
Presentation Our Lady of Victory Parish
in St. Scholastica Church

*All state and AOD guidelines will be followed***NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTION****July 5 2020**

Requested by The Hilliard & Miller Families

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**Sunday @ 10:45 am**

Outside of Chapel Entrance

† PRAYER LIST †

*Maeola Blackmon, Wayne Bradley, Sarah Diggs,
Ruth Donaldson, Wesley Duggan, Marjorie Greene,
Caldonia Ingram, Emily McGhee, Joyce Patton,
Priscilla Propson, Doris Robinson,
Mary Elizabeth Robinson, Deacon Sanders,
Alexander Stubbs Jr., Edward Sutton,
Dick & Fran Whitters, Janice Wilson*



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**SUNDAY MASS AT POLOV**

We continue to gather for Mass in the Church at 11:30 am. The safety of all is our top priority, so there are some precautions and regulations that we still need to consider before resuming our prayer together.

The Archbishop has dispensed all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Detroit from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass until September 6, 2020. The Archbishop has extended this dispensation in order for individuals to be safe and remain healthy without feeling compelled that they need to return to Sunday Mass.

If you decide to attend Mass this Sunday and the Sundays to come the following measures should be observed:

1. Face-coverings/masks are to be worn by the faithful in and around the church.
2. Physical distancing is practiced in the church and on the church property.
3. You will be directed to a seat in order to count attendees and maintain social distancing.
4. St. Scholastica is a large building. We should have enough space to distance ourselves and not exceed 25% capacity of the church.

Additional directives will be given at Mass, especially for the reception of the Eucharist. The Precious Blood will not be distributed at any Masses for the foreseeable future.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kg 4:16a)

PSALM:

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

SECOND READING:

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus. (Rom 6:11)

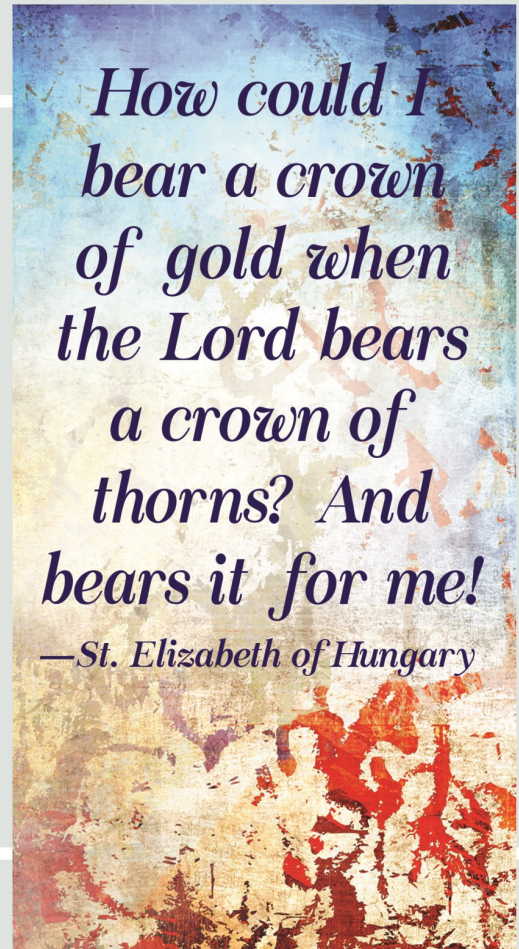
GOSPEL:

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Mt 10:38)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2020

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Tuesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Wednesday: St. Junípero Serra, Priest
Friday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Saturday: Independence Day
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day



REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear how the prophet Elisha and his servant Gehazi repaid the Shunammite woman for her generous hospitality. When have you shown excessive generosity to another?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Roman Christians that through Baptism, believers fully participate in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. How should this reality impact one's day-to-day living?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus continues to teach his followers the challenges of discipleship. What do you find most challenging in following Christ?

GOD IS LOVE

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never

going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO CATHOLICS CALL PRIESTS FATHER?

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and

the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

YOUTH PAGE OF FAITH



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

LOVE
CROSS
LIFE

GIVE
WELCOME
PROPHET

GOOD
REWARD
FOLLOWER

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Mission for the Week

Together as a family send a care package to a missionary family.

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Growing with the
GOSPEL



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

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Sharing the Gospel

God wants you to love your family and friends. But God wants you to love him even more. Be kind to your mom and listen to her. Help your dad with chores and have fun with him. But also remember to help people who are not in your family. God gets excited when you share his love with others.

Prayer

God, show me ways to help all people who love you.

Something to Draw

Draw yourself bringing homemade cookies to a neighbor who loves Jesus.

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Presentation Our Lady of Victory Church is an urban parish that strives to proclaim the Good News of Christ and the beliefs of the Roman Catholic faith, focuses on increasing our love for God through worship; serves as stewards in the community and continues the ministry of Jesus Christ through prayer and evangelization.

PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH**Reverend Stephen Burr, Pastor****Reverend Mr. Hubert Sanders, Pastoral Administrator****PARISH OFFICE**

Ms. Jeanine Murphy, Business Manager

Telephone: 313.255.9000 / Email: jmurphy@presentationourladyofvictory.org**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 5pm, Friday 11am - 7pm**EMERGENCY CONTACT: 586.596.2089 or 313.330.1332****OFFICE LOCATION AND MAILING ADDRESS** 17305 Ashton Avenue † Detroit MI 48219 (located on North East side of Convent)**CHURCH/CHAPEL LOCATION:** 8201 W. Outer Drive Parish Website: www.presentationourladyofvictory.org**COORDINATOR CONTACTS****Sacristan:** Ms. Mary Maurant**Music Minister:** Mr. Brown W. Leonard**Religious Education:** Mrs. Wanda Sanders**Adult Formation:** Reverend Mr. Hubert Sanders**Minister of Service:** Mrs. Gail Bond, Mr. Michael Heard, Mr. Bob Thomas**Ushers Ministry:** Mr. Anthony Timbers**Worship:** Ms. Pamela Heard**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Ms. Monika Uriel**50 & Over Group:** Mrs. Gail Bond/Mrs. Wesley Duggan**Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Court #189:** Ms. Monika Uriel**PARISH COUNCIL**

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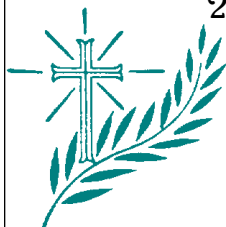
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**CATHOLIC RESOURCES**

† Ave Maria Radio ~ 990 am

† Catholic Connection—Teresa Tomeo
 Monday-Friday 8am-10am

† Christ is the Answer—Fr. John Riccardo
 Monday-Friday 11am

† Kresta in the Afternoon—Al Kresta
 Monday-Friday 4pm-6pm

† EWTN Global Catholic Radio Open Line
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† Catholic Answers
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