

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

235 North Front St. New Bedford, Ma. 02746



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020

MASSES for June 27th-July 5th

Sat., June 27—13th Sunday, Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +John S. Wolkowicz
Req. Ann Bodzioch Robinson

Sun., June 28—13th Sunday, Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Lydia Maher
Req. Nicole Michalski & Family

Mon., June 29—Sts. Peter & Paul

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

Tues., June 30—First Martyrs of the Church

7:30 AM Health & God's Blessings
for Etelvino Conterno
Req. Family

Wed., July 1—St. Junipero Serra

7:30 AM ++Obenauf Family

Thurs., July 2—Weekday

7:30 AM +Jose Morgado, ++Family,
++Souls in Purgatory, Spec. Int.
Req. Orinda Vida

Fri., July 3—St. Thomas the Apostle

7:30 AM +Father Edward Gilmour

Sat., July 4—Independence Day

7:30 AM +Thomas & +Rita Schemm
Req. George Schemm

Sat., July 4—14th Sunday, Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Annmarie St. Pierre
Req. Ann Bodzioch Robinson

Sun., July 5—14th Sunday, Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +August & +Louise Richter
Req. Nicole Michalski & Family

THIS WEEK THE CHURCH CELEBRATES:

Saints Peter & Paul (June 30th) The New Testament shows **St. Peter** as the leader of the apostles. Only to him did Jesus say, *"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church....I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven..."* (Matthew 16.18-19).

St. Paul's central conviction was that only God can save humanity; no human effort can create a human good that we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Christ.

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

(June 30th) were holy men and women who were accused of burning Rome, by Nero, who burned Rome to cover his own crimes. Some martyrs were used as human torches at evening banquets, others were crucified, still others were fed to wild animals.

St. Junipero Serra (July 1st) is known as one of the fathers of California. Born in Majorca, entering the Franciscan Order at age 16, and spending several years after Ordination as a seminary professor in Padua, Junipero fulfilled his dream of becoming a missionary when he sailed to what is now California, where he established many missions up and down the coast.

It is claimed that he baptized 6,000 Indians and confirmed 5,000 before his death. Pope John Paul II beatified him, and, in 2015, Pope Francis canonized him. St. Junipero Serra is the first saint canonized on North American soil.

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

Psalm 89

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever,
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your
faithfulness.

For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;"
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. **R.**

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.

At your name they rejoice all the day,
and through your justice they are exalted. **R.**

You are the splendor of their strength,
and by your favor our horn is exalted.

For to the LORD belongs our shield,
and the Holy One of Israel, our king. **R.**

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness
into his wonderful light. 1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia.

Matthew 10:37-42

JESUS SAID TO HIS APOSTLES: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

THANK YOU to Fred Kalisz, Kathy Kalisz, Kathy Gioiosa, Nancy Kondziolka, and our friend, Judy, for staffing the Polish Food Sale last Saturday—and to the many happy patrons, who, after waiting so long, came to replenish their supply of our Polish goodies.

Watch our bulletin for information about our next Polish food sale.

OUR POLISH FEST, which was scheduled for next month, will not be happening. As state-wide re-openings are slow, rescheduling at this time seems unlikely.

CHOOSE LIFE!... "I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life, so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying Him, and holding fast to Him; for that means life to you and length of days" (Deut. 30. 19-20).



Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 21, 2020

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jer 20:10–13

Rom 5:12–15

Mt 10:26–33

Fear Not

Easier said than done. There is so much to be afraid of today: war; the loss of life and the devastation caused by it; unemployment and poverty; illness and the pain and diminishment that often accompany it; the threat of ecological collapse; to say nothing of personal anxiety and trauma. The readings for this Sunday all speak of the hardships that loom over every life.

But these hardships are not the last word. Jeremiah ends his announcement of gloom on a positive note: “Praise the LORD, / For he has rescued the life of the poor / from the power of the evildoers!” (Jeremiah 20:13). The psalm of lament picks up the same message: “the LORD hears the poor” (Psalm 69:34).

Saint Paul insists that sin and death don’t win: “...How much more did the grace of God...overflow for the many” (Romans 5:15). Caught in the throes of misfortune, people cry out—but God responds.

It is in the Gospel that the reassurance of God’s care unfolds. The struggles described there are real, but they will not last. The imagery employed to characterize God’s care is picturesque and extraordinarily tender. If God is attentive to the lowly sparrows, how much more will God be attentive to us? Even more personally, God knows us so well that the very hairs on our head are counted. The admonition here is clear: Never fear! If catastrophes threaten, don’t be afraid! Even if they engulf you or carry you away, don’t be afraid. It is only temporary. God is always there, attentive to our needs, so fear not!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *What societal situation frightens you most? Here is where you might pray for trust in God’s loving care.*
- * *What might you do to change, even so slightly, what frightens you?*

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church oppose stem-cell research, especially when it has the potential to cure illnesses like Parkinson's disease?

Stem cells are unspecialized cells with the ability to divide and produce a variety of more specialized cells. Scientists hope that one day they can be coaxed into specific kinds of cells that can cure disease or repair diseased organs.

In its 2008 statement On Embryonic Stem Cell Research, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops noted that there are two kinds of stem cells. Adult stem cells come from umbilical cord blood, adult tissue, and placenta. The bishops say they “can be obtained without harm to the donor and without any ethical problem.”

Embryonic stem cells, on the other hand, are obtained by destroying embryonic human beings in the first days of development. Since harvesting these cells involves the deliberate killing of humans, obtaining or using this kind of cell is immoral. This is why the Church has opposed extending federally funded stem-cell research beyond currently existing cell lines.

Although stem-cell research may hold vast therapeutic potential, it's never permissible to sacrifice a human being for the good of others. The bishops clarify the moral hazards when they say, “The same ethic that justifies taking some lives to help the patient with Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease today can be used to sacrifice that very patient tomorrow, if his or her survival is viewed as disadvantageous to other human beings considered more deserving or productive.”

Catholics should support further research on adult stem cells, which show great promise, and resist efforts to expand research using embryonic cells.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

There is a tendency to justify transgressing all boundaries when experimentation is carried out on living human embryos. We forget that the inalienable worth of a human being transcends his or her degree of development. In the same way, when technology disregards the great ethical principles, it ends up considering any practice whatsoever as licit.

—LAUDATO SI', MAY 24, 2015

Calendar

Monday

JUNE 22

Weekday

2 Kgs 17:5–8,

13–15a, 18

Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday

JUNE 23

Weekday

2 Kgs 19:9b–11,

14–21, 31–35a, 36

Mt 7:6, 12–14

Wednesday

JUNE 24

Nativity of

St. John the Baptist

Is 49:1–6

Acts 13:22–26

Lk 1:57–66, 80

Thursday

JUNE 25

Weekday

2 Kgs 24:8–17

Mt 7:21–29

Friday

JUNE 26

Weekday

2 Kgs 25:1–12

Mt 8:1–4

Saturday

JUNE 27

Weekday

Lam 2:2, 10–14,

18–19

Mt 8:5–17

Sunday

JUNE 28

Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a

Rom 6:3–4, 8–11

Mt 10:37–42