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Sunday June 14, 2026



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Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
Weekday Masses
Wednesday 5:00 pm
Thursday 9:30 am

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Saturday 3:30- 4:00 pm
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The Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reflections by Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp

On this eleventh Sunday of ordinary time, the Church reminds us of our call by God. This call can be understood in two ways: first, through God's covenant with Israel. God chose and called us to be his people. Second, through Jesus Christ the new covenant. God called us to be his disciples. So, God made us his people and reconciled us in Christ Jesus. God called us, each by name, to be a people consecrated to him.

In today's first reading, we see the first part of our call. This reading tells us about one of the most famous covenants of God with his people in the Old Testament, the Sinai Covenant. Through it, God made Israel his people and offers to guide them toward a great destiny, and his people offer obedience.

If the people are faithful to their promise, they will forever be the sacred people, God's possession. If they fail due to their human destiny, God will not abandon them but will continue to search for them. This is God's way of acting. Although we fail, God never abandons us. Therefore, the saying is wise: "To err is human; to forgive divine."

As humans, we always fail in our part of our covenant with God. Like the Israelites in the Old Testament, we are quick to say, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do!" (Exodus 19:8). We are quick to say yes, we believe and will be faithful to our covenant. However, most times, we fail. Despite this, God never abandons us. He continues to be faithful to his covenant.

In today's second reading, Paul reminds us of how God continues to be faithful to us through his only Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation: "What proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners." Through the sacrifice of Christ, we are constantly reconciled with God. So, God never abandons us because he chose and called us to be his people.

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Our Corpus Christi Altar



Baby Bottles for the Rite to Life are due back Next Weekend, Father's Day Masses.



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How many of us have been told to "be grateful" when we look a little glum? But the truth is that gratitude is about more than just attitude. This virtue concerns our actions — how we carry ourselves in the world, how we behave toward other people, and how we submit to lawful authority.

"Gratitude answers to the moral debt." St. Thomas Aquinas writes (Sum., II:II, 106, Art. 1). We owe gratitude to those who have cared for us — children owe it to their parents in the form of respect (CCC 215) and citizens owe it to their country in the form of love and service (CCC 215).

The Eucharist is the most perfect act of gratitude. Appropriately, Jesus "gives thanks" for the bread at the Last Supper, just as we give thanks before the Eucharist — acknowledging God as the principal source of all that is good.

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Any parish Ladies who would be interested in a group dedicated to helping our parish please contact: Sondra Tersigni (931-256-0803 text) our plan is to start with a rosary and to begin ministering to the needs of our fellow parishioners.

The second aspect of our calling is to be Christ's disciples in a world quickly losing life's meaning, in a world where many feel abandoned, helpless, and hopeless. This call and mission were born from mercy and compassion for a dejected and abandoned world. Hence, today's gospel tells us, "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."

Therefore, as Christians, each of us has a unique call. By virtue of our baptism, God chose and called each of us by our new name, as he called his twelve apostles today, to help our abandoned world. This is a special call and invitation to lift and save our dejected world from ruins. It is a call to be faithful shepherds to one another. As God and his Son continue to show us mercy and compassion, we must also show mercy to one another, especially to those who have failed or erred in one way or the other.

Finally, our call had a unique purpose and message. Today, Christ sent his disciples with specific instructions. "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and drive out demons."

Is Christ discriminating? No! Indeed, Christ came to save the world. However, our call and mission must start from somewhere. We must start this mission with ourselves. It must begin in our homes, families, and communities (mission ad intra). Later, the mission can be extended (an extra) to others. Through this, Christ reminds us that Charity begins at home. This is important because we must first become God's people before becoming God's disciples.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, let us pray to God to keep us faithful to his call to be his people and disciples.

Peace be with you!

Maranatha!

Our Fun Outside St. Andrew Church



Ritina & Becca attend her son's graduation along with her mother.



Girls just wanna have fun, at Bunco! Missing Ritina!



Enjoyed a brief visit with past parishioner, Rosanne, in Michigan.

Please keep in mind: All donations of the Second Collection goes to our outstanding Outreach Program, unless otherwise stated.



June 15-21

Saturday June 13, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00
4:00 Mass

Sunday June 14, 2026

Adoration 8:-8:30
8:30- Mass INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH

Wednesday June 17, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00
CONFESSION: 4:30-5:00

MASS 5:00

→ MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- ON HOLD THROUGH JUNE

Thursday June 18, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m.

Saturday June 21, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00



Gary and Elizabeth Bates 6/1
Jim and Cathy Randolph 6/15
John Sr. and Marivic Hawco 6/28

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John Hawco Sr. -2
Mary Swartz -8
Zhenya Tomarevsky -10
Justin Acharya - 13
Marleen Loff -15
Billy Morris -16
Ron Heim -17
Michele Heaving -18



MAY

MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Bill Ustaski R.I.P. -10
Pat Wilson R.I.P. -6, 20
Emogene Huddon -27
George Manthey R.I.P. -28

Ministry Schedule

June 20/21

Nancy Helmer
Ronnie Cupec
Sondra Tersigni

Mitchie Baird
Branton Ferris,
Barbara Leblanc, Sondra Tersigni



Lynnleigh Masters, Parker Masters
June Acharya, Taj Acharya



Jim Spagnolo
Vols, Knights

Ray Jicha, Victor Vale
Knights of Columbus

Monday June 16, 2026

Ordinary Weekday
1st Reading: 1Kings 21: 1-16
Psalm: Psalms 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16
Alleluia: John 13: 34
Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-42

Tuesday June 16, 2026

Ordinary Weekday
1st Reading: 1Kings 21: 17-29
Psalm: Psalms 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16
Alleluia: John 13: 34
Gospel: Matthew 5: 43-48

Wednesday June 17, 2026

Ordinary Weekday
1st Reading: Second Kings 2: 1, 6-14
Psalm: Psalms 31: 20, 21, 24
Alleluia: John 14: 23
Gospel: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18:

Thursday June 18, 2026

Ordinary Weekday
1st Reading: Sirach 48: 1-14
Psalm: Psalms 97: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7
Alleluia: Romans 8: 15bc
Gospel: Matthew 6: 7-15:

Friday June 19, 2026

Romuald, Abbot
1st Reading: 2Kings 11: 1-4, 9-18, 20
Psalm: Psalms 132: 11, 12, 13-14, 17-18
Alleluia: Matthew 5: 3
Gospel: Matthew 6: 19-23

Saturday June 20, 2026

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1st Reading: 2Chronicles 24: 17-25
Psalm: Psalms 89: 4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34
Alleluia: 2Corinthians 8: 9
Gospel: Matthew 6: 24-34:

Sunday June 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10-13
Psalm: Psalms 69: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-15
Alleluia: John 15: 26b, 27a
Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33:

- *Mike Popa
- *Catherine Young
- *Katie Charfauros
- *Payton Newman
- *Heidi Holland
- *Joan Kupiec
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- Anna Barry
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- Anita Borski
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