

MASS INTENTIONS FOR June 9—17, 2018

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday,	June 9	5:00 pm	For + Rodolfo Pfleider by the Mendoza family
Sunday,	June 10	9:30 am	For + Jaime & + Maria Araujo by Mike and Estrel Pereira
		11:30 am	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
Tuesday,	June 12	9:00 am	For + Victor Allen by Doreen Allen
Wednesday,	June 13	9:00 am	For Father Raymond Guimond (Anniversary of his Ordination)
Thursday,	June 14	9:00 am	For Josie Mitchell by Kathy Hermanson
		10:00 am	St. Elizabeth Seton year end mass
Friday,	June 15	7:00 pm	Community Mass Intentions: +Rose Auburn

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday,	June 16	5:00 pm	For + Benson William by the David family
Sunday,	June 17	9:30 am	For + Amy & + Cecil Hearn by the Hearn family
		11:30 am	For All St. John Bosco parishioners

UPCOMING EVENTS:

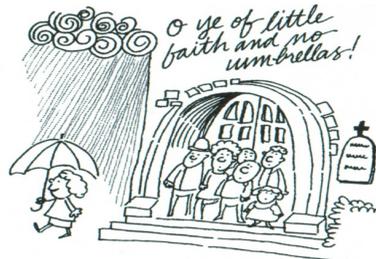
Tuesday,	June 12	7:00 pm	CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION With Archbishop Richard Smith
Wednesday,	June 13	Noon	Meeting with our school administrators to plan 2018/2019 School celebrations
Thursday,	June 14	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary

HOW STRONG IS YOUR FAITH? Some years ago when there was a severe drought, farmers were growing ever more anxious about the loss of crops. In one country parish a special prayer vigil was organized. **The Church was crowded with people praying for rain.**

After hours of prayers, they heard the very faintest patter on the roof. Gradually it grew heavier and heavier. The whole Church thanked God in their final prayers before leaving for home.

By that time, though the rain had become so heavy that they all had to stand in the porch and **wait for the storm to pass.**

All but one little girl. She was the only one who had brought her umbrella.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Funny how we call God our Father and Jesus our brother, but find it hard to introduce them to our family.



“I ask all believers to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom (of giving thanks to God before and after meals). That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need.” *Pope Francis*

Grace with lines inspired by the Readings for June 10,

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You tell us that a house divided cannot stand. (*Mk. 3:25*)

All: Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gift of family and we ask you to help us to live in unity and harmony thus reflecting your love to the world.

Together: “Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen”

After the meal: “We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all your gifts, who live and reign now and forever. Amen”

HEARING, REFLECTING AND LIVING THE WORD

Hearing the Word: His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to him and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, “Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you.” But he said to them in reply, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, “here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Reflecting on the Word: Over and over, Jesus’ words and deeds call us to consider the oneness of our existence. Reserving the word “brother” or “sister” for only those related to us by blood or marriage fails to recognize the divinity in all that links us in ways we will never fully comprehend. Simply joining together in the will of God connects us in ways far more powerful than genetics. When we recognize this, we are able to build on it and make it stronger, using it for the benefit of all.

Who do you consider family?

What are five qualities that you feel important for families to have?

Living the Word: Making a family tree can be a great way to reconnect to your roots. If a family tree already has been put together, spend some time exploring it. If it has not, many online resources can help. Each child can make a simple family tree for themselves. Find a way to include people who are not necessarily connected to you by blood but are part of your family nonetheless. Talk about how we all have and need a family and what it means to be family to each other.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Faith, more precious than gold...tested by fire. (1 Peter 1:7)

Living by faith means that we live knowing that we are loved by God. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. (see Romans 8:35).

Faith enables us to receive God's love, which in turn imparts within us a new understanding of love and life. Faith means that we do not always have the feeling of closeness to God. **God is as close to us when we are dry and cranky as when we are filled with joy.** Simply persisting in the struggle to learn and love is our most authentic expression of faith.

Faith does not mean that we have all the answers; it means believing God has the answers. God may not always give us the answers we want to hear but if we are to grow in faith we must keep searching and exploring God's revelation.

True faith is never anti-intellectual; **true faith makes full use of reason, imagination, memory, feeling, and will.**

As Scripture tells us: "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and he will be given it. **But he should ask in faith, not doubting**, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed about by the wind" (James 1:5-6).

We remember that Jesus said many times to those he had healed: "Your faith has saved you." For example:

- * The woman who touched Jesus' cloak.
- * The centurion who told Jesus that his servant would be healed just at Jesus' word.
- * The men who lowered their friend through the roof.
- * the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears.
- * **The disciples who followed immediately when Jesus said, "Come" showed their faith in their actions.**

Faith and good works. What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has not food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?

So also faith, if it does not have works, is dead.

St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians: (2.8) *By grace you have been saved through faith, And this is the gift of God.*



10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9/10, 2018

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Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 4,456.00
Together We Serve: \$1,040.00
Children's collection \$865.00
Thank you !!

Parish Priest: Rev. Raja SDB
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Mia Turlock **Pastoral Assistant**
Theresa Wile **Pastoral Assistant**

PRAYER CORNER:
Josie Mitchell, Priscilla Lajeunesse,
Mildred Ray,
Robert Barabash



GOSPEL REFLECTION: Do you want to be a relative of Jesus? If your answer is yes, then Jesus has a requirement for you. And this is His requirement: You have to do the will of God. (Mark 3:35) You may ask: What is the will of God for me? You have to follow the Servanthood life of Jesus, which is perhaps outdated already for many of the modern people of this technology driven world today. The modern people of today generally subscribe to a life of modernity which is to have what this modern world offers us.

For example, to want the newest gadget available actually boils down to self-centeredness and the "me first" mindset. Therefore the life of Servanthood of Jesus is eased out for a self-centeredness life.

At the start of today's gospel we read about Jesus living His Servanthood lifestyle. He is just through His healing ministry. That's why many were still following Him to have His healing. And by not focusing anymore on Himself Jesus was labeled as someone who is out of His mind by His relatives who were trying to control Him.

However Jesus' relatives did not understand His Servanthood lifestyle. Perhaps they were also eaten up already by the self-centered lifestyle or the me first mindset: My comfort first, my needs and wants first.

If we really want to follow Jesus we have to embrace His Servanthood mindset, lifestyle and way of life. We have to prioritize first the welfare of our fellowmen before our own. And if we do so we are now eligible to be called a true relative of Jesus.

Do you want to become a true relative of Jesus?