



## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28, 2020

Think of yourselves as  
dead to sin and living for God  
in Christ Jesus.

— Romans 6:11

[Jesus gives water film link](#)

### CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart.

Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it's difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too.

--J. S. Paluch Co.

### SAINT JUNÍPERO SERRA (1713-1784)

July 1

No one who has stood before the quiet majesty of Mission San Juan Capistrano, or the altogether different but no less lovely Mission Dolores in San Francisco, or any of the missions from San Diego to Sonoma can fail to bless the Franciscan *padre* who, while not founder of each, was inspiration for them all, Saint Junípero Serra. Abandoning the comfortable academic life to which his doctorate in theology entitled him, Serra journeyed to the New World where his tireless traveling, dramatic preaching, and penitential austerity converted thousands of native peoples. Saving souls and celebrating the sacraments were Padre Serra's primary mission but not his only one. Education in letters and crafts, trades and agriculture transformed the people, while roads and irrigation systems transfigured the landscape. His more than thirty years of ministry were not free from conflict with authorities or without controversy in the retrospectively critical eye of history. But when John Paul II beatified him in 1988, he praised Padre Serra for assisting his converts to use their new faith to advance their true human development.

--Peter Scagnelli, © J. S. Paluch Co.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19  
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27  
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8  
Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29  
Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17  
Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-14; Rom 8:9,11-13; Mt 11:25-30

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles  
Tuesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
Wednesday: St. Junípero Serra; Canada Day  
Friday: St. Thomas; First Friday  
Saturday: Independence Day; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

### FREEDOM

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves  
and under a just God cannot long retain it.

—Abraham Lincoln

**Finance Corner: Your generosity  
is greatly needed and appreciated!**



For the month of **June** offerings:

PLEASE mail to St. Philip/St. Teresa Parish,

P. O. Box 339, Occidental CA 95465. Or donate at our website

[www.stphilipstteresa.org](http://www.stphilipstteresa.org) via Paypal or card. *Include your offering envelope # with your donation.*

**In June [as of 6/10]: 1<sup>st</sup> Collections: \$2045.**

**Add'l Oper.: \$540. Rural Food: \$870.**

*6/28: Rural Food. 7/5: Black & Indian Missions.*

### Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

**Parish Council [PC]:** TBA Zoom

**Finance Council [FC]:** TBA Zoom

**Liturgy Committee:** TBA Zoom

**St. Teresa Ladies Guild:** Contact Diane, 823-6044

**St. Philip Ladies Guild:** Contact Penny, 559-367-7403

**Every Friday, Centering Prayer:** cancelled for now

**Coffee & Goodies:** cancelled for now

**Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:**  
cancelled for now

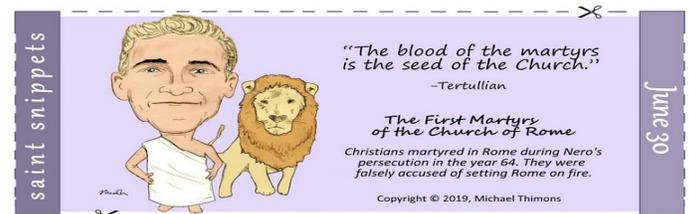
Fr. Bala is more than willing to fulfill Mass Intentions in his daily Private Mass celebration. (There is a customary \$10 stipend for any Mass Intention.) But it is left to the wish of those who have already submitted (or have yet to submit) to the office their Intentions, as to choice of a private or public Mass. Email to [philip.teresa@yahoo.com](mailto:philip.teresa@yahoo.com) Or leave a message at the alternate office number: 707-408-2650.

**RE-OPENING ALERT: Welcome back! For your information, Fr. Bala will be starting the two new outdoor Masses on Sunday, July 12, one at the Calvary Cemetery (at 9 am) and the other in front of St Philip's Church (at 11:15 am). Please wear a mask and use safe social distancing. See you there, we hope.**

**Prayer Requests: Leave a message at 707-408-2650.** Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Fred P., Theresa S., Sara, Mary Anne P., Barbara, Dave C., Jim P., William, Parson P., Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Michael D., Richard M., Kathleen, Peter, Rosa S., Susan B., Joyce D., Anita C., George H., Mimi H, Steve, Barry, Lorrin K., Hugh P., Robert S., Britney N., Jacque W., Rebecca A., April K., Jacinta G., Leo A., Ed C. family, Kathy R., Donna W., Jim K., Sherry S., Papke family., Gail F., Marie N., Christine, James, Pat P.

### "Reflections on the Liturgy"

Each week Patrick Griffith writes one or more reflections on Scripture, including the Liturgy for the coming Sunday. The objectives are to tie Scripture into our daily lives and address spiritual and moral issues of the world around us. The reflections can be found at <http://thesoulprosper.blogspot.com>. Selected reflections are also recorded and posted on the Parish website.



## RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE: JUNE 2020



Eighty-six local families, including 33 children and 33 seniors received nutritional support on June 9. Recipient families were very appreciative of the fresh produce, dairy products and other much needed food which filled their vehicles as they made their way through our drive through distribution. Families who

requested them also received protective masks. We will maintain our use of social distancing, hand sanitizer, gloves and masks as indicated for the next few months. This program is funded through the Rural Food Collection each month, private donations and awesome volunteers. **Thank you for your donations of time, talent, and treasure as we strive to meet the nutritional needs of all attendees at our food distributions.**

### RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in Parish Hall

Saturday, July 11, 9:00-10:00am for repackaging.

Monday, July 13, 10:00am – 12:00pm to set up.

Tuesday, July 14, 8:30 – 11:00am distribution of food to clients.

### When it comes to Perceptions, Experience will usually trump Expectations

The children of Kenneth Grahame's *The Golden Age*, from 6 to 11 in age, had lived among the adults of their household long enough to acquire a critical attitude toward them all. As the narrator says, *Their elders had so much apparent liberty compared to a child, they might dabble in the pond all day, hunt chickens, climb trees, yet they never did any one of these things. On the whole they seemed to be entirely void of interests . . . To anything but appearances they were blind. For them the orchard (a place elf-haunted, wonderful) simply produced so many apples and cherries or it didn't. They were unaware . . . of bison or pirates, though the whole place swarmed with such portents.*

So when told that an uncle just returned from India was about to visit their home, they jumped to critical conclusions. They had met other uncles as inadequate as the adults they lived with. *For example there was Uncle Thomas - a failure from the first . . . his rooted conviction seemed to be that the reason for a child's existence was to serve as a butt for senseless adult jokes. And then there was the younger Uncle George, who at first showed some promise until he met their governess Miss Smedley, from which moment on Uncle George's manner underwent a complete and contemptible change.*

Their expectations of this new Uncle William were therefore low. Throughout the course of his stay they couldn't quite make up their minds about him, but in the end (after he had departed for the train station

accompanied under orders by their younger sibling Harold) the rest of the children were about to rate him negatively, when Harold returned, speechless, before them. Then *slowly drawing his hand from his pocket, he displayed on a dirty palm one-two-three-four half-crowns! "Buy what you like", Uncle William had said. "Make little beasts of yourselves - only don't tell the old people, mind!"* Small Charlotte said dreamily, *"I didn't know that there were such good men anywhere in the world. I hope he'll die tonight, for then he'll go straight to heaven!"*

All of which seems to show it's not wise to fall into a persistently critical or hopeless attitude toward everything and everyone. People and reality may surprise us if we can get over this habit we acquire so early in life of never giving them the benefit of the doubt. An author much appreciated by my wife (and please don't ask me his name) says that when Jesus looked out upon the crowds around him with compassion, it doesn't mean he looked upon them with a presumptuous pity but that he simply saw in them so many possibilities for good and longed to see them realized. In other words, he saw more than meets the usually critical or passive eye we all possess - even as in viewing a few loaves and fishes he easily saw enough to feed five thousand souls!

One of the most difficult things confronting me in this extremely negative, judgmental age in which we live is to pass from a critically righteous to a Christic (merciful, hopeful, affirmative, joyful, constructive) perception of people and reality. How important it is that I do so - if only to avoid the fate of the littlest of the children in our story, repentant Selina, who bewailed herself with tears and sobs, refusing to be comforted; for that in her haste she had called Uncle William a beast.

**- Geoff Wood, 6/28/2020**

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