

# The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 27, 2021



RELIGIOUS  
FREEDOM  
WEEK

## Religious Freedom Week ends June 29

All people desire to enjoy communion with God, and this desire gives rise to the search for religious truth and finds expression in the formation of religious culture. Even people who claim no religious affiliation cannot help but need ritual, belonging, and truth. Why? Because we all long to know and love the One in whose image we are made. “For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him.”

The Church’s promotion of religious freedom expresses her solidarity with all people who seek the good and hope for fulfillment in the truth. *As Pope Francis teaches:*

*Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love ... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile (Fratelli tutti, 55).*

Join us throughout the week as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.

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