

PARISH CALENDAR

Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2023

The Lord is the strength
of his people!



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Saturday, June 24 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, June 25 7:00 a.m.	Mass
 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, June 26	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Tuesday, June 27	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, June 28	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Thursday, June 29	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, June 30	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, July 1	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

2 Kgs:4:8-11, 14-16a: A woman of influence provided a room for Elisha.

Rom:6:3-4, 8-11: As Jesus conquered sin through death and resurrection, so his faithful have died to sin and come alive in God through baptism.

Mt:10:37-42: Jesus told his apostles that people who seek only themselves come to ruin.

We continue to Live Stream the Sunday Mass @ 9:00 a.m. @ <https://www.sritananakuli.org/livestream>

THE POWER OF GRACE

"The gift is not like the transgression," St. Paul told the Romans. Grace is not like sin. Not at all. Grace is much more powerful than sin.

And sin can be pretty bad. Paul reminds the Romans that sin entered the world through one man, Adam. And through sin came death. Adam's sin affects every human being. But let us be honest. Everybody's sin affects everybody else. Any time any one of us sins, we hurt the entire human race.

Sin is powerfully bad, but grace is even more powerfully good. Paul contrasts the sin of Adam with the grace of Christ. There is no comparison. Yes, sin affects every human being. Yes, sin makes us look bad. But grace also affects every human being, and grace overpowers sin, making us look better than good. Through the grace of Christ, God prepares us for eternal salvation. It is a good far beyond imagining.

The remorse we feel for the sin we commit is a healthy emotion. It deters us from sinning again. It reminds us of the hurt we cause others when we misbehave.

But the joy we feel in the presence of Christ is even healthier, because it affirms the goodness by which we were made and even more the goodness by which we are redeemed.

In the spiritual life, we admit that we have sinned. But we rejoice that we are saved. The gift is not like the transgression.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish Office, food pantry and church property will be closed from Tuesday, June 27th thru Friday, June 30th as the old restroom and Quonset hut will be demolished

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/html.

WORD OF LIFE: "The Catholic Church has a long history of service to those who are most vulnerable and remains the largest private provider of social services in the United States. Through the sacrificial efforts of faithful Catholics, the Church serves millions through diocesan ministries and agencies, Catholic hospitals and healthcare systems, immigration clinics, shelters, and Catholic schools and parishes. . . . the Church consistently bears witness in word and deed to the beauty and dignity of every human life—including both mother and child."
"USCCB Committee Chairmen, Standing with Moms in Need"

WEEKLY READINGS

Jun 25 Sun: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer:20:10-13a; Ps:69; Rom:5:12-15; Mt:10:26-33

Jun 26 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Gen:12:1-9; Ps:33:12-13, 18-19, 20 & 22; Mt:7:1-5

Jun 27 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Gen:13:2, 5-18; Ps:15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mt:7:6, 12-14

Jun 28 Wed: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Gen:15:1, 12, 17-18; Ps:105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mt:7:15-20

Jun 29 Thur: Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles

Act:12:1-11; 21-30; Ps:34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tim:4:6-8, 17-18; Mt:16:13-19

Jun 30 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Gen:17: 1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps:128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt:8:1-4

Jul 1 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Gen:18:1-15; Ps:1:46-47, 48-49, 50 & 53, 54-55; Mt:8:5-17

AN EVERLASTING FRIENDSHIP

A broken friendship causes unimaginable pain. Close companionship brings joy to life. With a special few friends we share our inmost thoughts. Deep conversations strengthen the bond of love. But when friendship ends, when trust is broken, when shared experiences lie shattered, the pain is immense.

Jeremiah the prophet endured this awful experience. He knew the fear and loneliness of betrayal. His friends did more than break their relationship. They became Jeremiah's aggressive enemies. They looked for opportunities to denounce him. They sought vengeance against him. They whispered in collusion together. The prophet overheard the plots, and terror seized his life.

Jeremiah somehow kept his trust in God. He believed that God would overcome these enemies. In desperation, he hoped that the misfortune they wished on him would befall them instead. Jeremiah believed in God's record. In the past, God rescued the poor from the wicked. He assumed that God would now do the same for him.

Human beings fail. Our best efforts may fall short. Our ability to make and sustain friendships may falter. But God's love will never cease. It will provide a sure foundation when the protective walls of friendship crack.

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NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Jesus minces no words with his disciples: If we acknowledge Jesus publicly, Jesus will remember us before God, our Father. If we deny Jesus, he will forget us. It is very rare that a Christian will denounce Jesus publicly. But we can deny Jesus in more subtle ways. There are many people who conveniently forget all about Jesus Christ and the work of his Kingdom in their daily lives, in moments of weakness, spiritual immaturity or when times get tough. Good stewards strengthen their confession of Christ by praying and attending Mass regularly, examining their lives and going to confession frequently, and reminding themselves daily that Christ resides in them. Take a look at your own daily life. Do you acknowledge Christ before others? How often do you remind yourself that Jesus lives in you?
(International Catholic Stewardship Council)

