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Saints to help if Father's Day is hard

Meg Hunter-Kilmer



No matter your particular struggle, there are saints to walk with you. You are not alone.

Father's Day can be a beautiful holiday, a day to celebrate your father or to be celebrated as a father. For many this is a painful day, as they remember their late fathers, grieve their broken relationships with their fathers or their children, mourn their lost children, or lament the children they've been unable to have. **If Father's Day is hard for you, it may help to find some saints who can walk with you in your particular struggle. You are not alone.**

If you're estranged from your father

Bl. Jarogniew Wojciechowski (1922-1942) lived with both parents until he was 11. Then his alcoholic father abandoned the family, leaving his wife a single mother. Jarogniew had recently begun attending the Salesian youth center, where the priests offered him fatherly love and wisdom. Before long, Jarogniew had to drop out of school and get a job at a pharmacy to help support his family. When the Nazis invaded Poland, the Salesian youth group was disbanded, but many of the people continued to meet in secret—an act of resistance against the Nazis. Jarogniew was arrested with four friends and spent two years in prison before being martyred.

If you feel you're a disappointment to your father

St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) was a brilliant Italian bishop who eventually became a Doctor of the Church. His father Giuseppe was a sea captain, and was displeased with his small, weak, asthmatic son, ridiculing him throughout his life. Knowing that his son would never succeed in the military, he set Alphonsus up to be a lawyer; when Alphonsus, by then a successful lawyer, chose to leave behind the practice of law to pursue the priesthood, Giuseppe was disgusted. Alphonsus's response? "I have no father but God." Giuseppe then tried to manage Alphonsus's ecclesiastical career and continued to be frustrated by his son's desire to be meek and poor. He was finally satisfied when he heard his son preach with great power and listened to the people calling him a saint.

If you've lost a child to miscarriage or stillbirth

Bl. Frédéric Ozanam (1813-1853) is best known as the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He married at 28 and doted on his wife Amélie; together, they experienced the anguish of losing their first two children to miscarriage. After their first loss, they spent some time apart as Amélie attempted to recover at her parents' home; Frédéric wrote her almost daily until he was able to rejoin her. His beautiful letters speak of his sorrow, his longing for his wife, and the consolation he found in the Eucharist. The couple ultimately had a daughter, Marie, on whom Frédéric doted until his death from consumption at only 40.

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Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM
Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
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If you're mourning the loss of a child after birth

Servant of God Takashi Nagai (1908-1951) was a Japanese doctor and a convert to Catholicism. He raised two children and buried two more, both daughters. Nagai's second child had been born just before Nagai went to war, and died, 18 months, before his return. He hardly had a chance to know his third child, another daughter who died shortly after birth. On August 9, 1945, Nagai's wife was killed in the bombing of Nagasaki. In reflecting on her death, Nagai took great comfort in the thought of his two little daughters welcoming their mother home. "I could see the two spirits run joyfully and cling to the sides of their mother's spirit newly ascended into heaven, and I looked forward more than anything else to the day when my own spirit would ascend to join them."

If you're estranged from your child

St. Abraham Kidunaia (267-366) was a monk in modern Turkey and the adoptive father of St. Mary of Edessa. Mary lived as an anchoress until a wayward monk manipulated her into sleeping with him. Though Mary was truly a victim of clerical sexual abuse, she blamed herself for the abuse. She ran away and became a prostitute, leaving her father to mourn her loss and long for her return. After two years, Abraham got wind of her location and went to find her, leaving his hermitage for the first time in 20 years because his little girl needed him. He paid to spend the night with Mary, then went up to her room and fell on his knees, begging her in tears to come home. Because her father's love showed her the Father's love, Mary agreed and soon became a miracle worker, a testimony to God's tremendous mercy and healing power.

If you were never able to conceive

Ven. Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853) was born into slavery in Haiti and eventually taken to New York City, where he became a hairdresser to New York's elite. After he was freed, he purchased the freedom of Juliette Noel, a young woman whom he then married. Though the two were married for 40 years, they were unable to have children. They adopted Pierre's infant niece, in whom he delighted, fostered several children, and became philanthropists with Pierre's earnings and investments.

If you're parenting alone

St. Louis Martin (1823-1894) had nine children with his wife St. Zélie, though only five survived to adulthood. When their oldest daughter was 17 and their youngest (St. Thérèse) just 4, Zélie died, leaving Louis to raise the girls without her. He moved the family to Lisieux to be near Zélie's brother and sister-in-law and continued to care for the girls for the next decade until dementia caused the exchange of their roles, leaving his daughters with the responsibility of caring for him.

If you placed a child for adoption

St. Michael Nguyễn Huy Mỹ (1804-1838) was a Vietnamese husband, father, and mayor of his village who was tortured three times in place of his father-in-law. He was orphaned at 12, married at 20, and had eight

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“PEACE! BE STILL!”

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June 20, 2021

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8-11 | 2 Cor 5:14-17 | Mk 4:35-41

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

A number of editorials, blog posts, and other commentaries of late have declared “languishing” as the “mood,” or dominant emotion, of 2021. This is not depression, but rather a series of emotions that wear away at our sense of purpose and belonging. Those who languish experience apathy and a lack of motivation, all while participating in the daily activities of life. Yes, I said to myself, that’s it exactly! After the craziness of these last 15 months ... I think these writers are on to something! Therefore, I am particularly moved by God’s providence and grace in providing an antidote to the emptiness of languishing in today’s Scriptures. In the second reading, Paul writes with such urgency that “the love of Christ impels us” to live not for ourselves, but for the sake of Christ who died for all. The word “impel” differs from “compel,” because it implies a strong moral force *from within*. And in the Gospel, we see that for Christians, that inner force springs from faith, a faith that can endure both the violent squalls of life and the sense of being adrift that we can’t always put our finger on. Like Paul, our faith impels us to refocus our lives on our love of Christ and others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It occurs to me that we Catholics have myriad opportunities to avail ourselves of those graces, and to strengthen our faith. Languishing can be replaced with flourishing, and a recapturing of the knowledge of who we belong to: the Lord. Praying for others during Mass, reading and discussing a spiritual book with a friend, volunteering at a soup kitchen or shelter, offering to help drive refugees or senior citizens to medical appointments, or participating in a young (or older) adult parish activity – these are all actions that empty us of apathy and fill us with gratitude. The pandemic has been tragic, and terrifying, and life-altering. But God remains steadfast. We will face our share of storms, but we can rest assured that Jesus is our anchor as we move forward in faith.

PRAY Feeling blah? Re-read Paul’s letter (2 Cor 5:14-17) and ask God to help you remember that you are God’s beloved – with dignity, value, and purpose. Trust that “whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.”

Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the Baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 19

4:00 p.m.

Harriet Antczak (Liv)

Sunday, June 20, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.

Franco Miller †

9:30 a.m.

For Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

Andreas Von Schultess (Liv)

Monday, June 21

8:00 a.m.

Elina Mehegan (Dec)

Tuesday, June 22

8:00 a.m.

Msgr. Anton Dechering (Dec) and
Mary Lynch (Dec)

Wednesday, June 23

8:00 a.m.

For Vocations

Thursday, June 24

8:00 a.m.

Ann Deakins and Family (Dec)

Friday, June 25

8:00 a.m.

In Thanksgiving for Blessings

Saturday, June 26

8:00 a. m.

Joseph Baroni (Dec)

4:00 p.m.

Armando Adolfo (Dec)

Sunday, June 27, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.

Frances Krivanec (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

For Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

Carol Gruber (Dec)

"With Jesus in control of your life,
you **will** have the courage to face
life's storms with faith and trust
that He is in control."

BISHOP GREGORY PARKES



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He *does* have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Electronic Giving Information

During our recent Stewardship Campaign, a lot of people requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at www.btsp.org and click on the big green box on the home page that says



Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at (727) 867-3663.



Weekly Giving

Online Giving June 6-13

Offertory	\$ 1405
Building Fund	\$ 59
Other	\$ 30

June 13, 2021

Offertory	\$ 7,971
Building Fund	\$ 107
Gift Shop	\$ 146
Other	\$ 125
Flowers	\$ 75
SVDP	\$ 70

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*The flowers this weekend
have been donated in honor
of Bob and Jen Joyner's
51st wedding anniversary.*



St. Vincent de Paul



We sincerely appreciate the donations and support our parishioners are providing to our Blessed Trinity Saint Vincent de Paul Conference.

Our Parish Conference members continue to help those in need in South St. Petersburg neighborhoods.

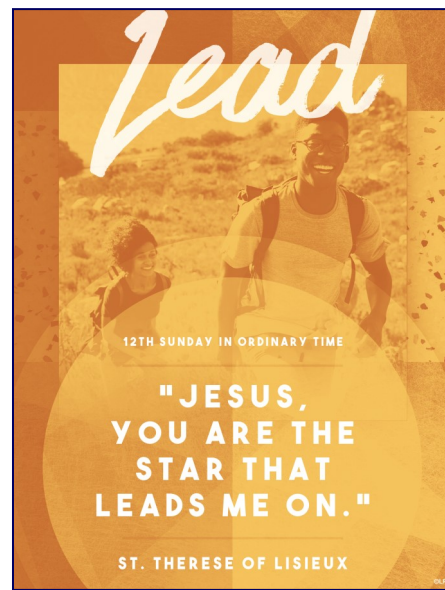
We are not making home visits at this time, but are still helping with utility payments, food drop-off at homes, and furniture and clothing vouchers as requested. The number of callers desiring food has dropped off significantly.

Since we currently have adequate food quantities to meet our needs, we will be temporarily **stopping our Food Collection basket** in the back of the Church.

Thank you for your understanding, prayers and continued financial support.

God our Father,

we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation;
may they find courage and perseverance
to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for fathers around the world
whose children are lost or suffering;
may they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love. Amen



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children. When he was arrested, his 12-year-old daughter visited him in prison, as did his wife with their newborn. Huy Mỷ said goodbye to his children (and to the six remaining at home), entrusting them to his wife to care for since he could no longer raise them. He was later martyred alongside his father-in-law.

If your father has passed away

St. Lydwina (1380-1433) was a Dutch woman who was injured while ice skating and spent decades in agony from her injury. Though at first she nearly despaired over her chronic illness, she ultimately found joy in suffering alongside Jesus, particularly in the spiritual ecstasy that she often experienced. But the loss of her kind father (so unlike the mother who treated Lydwina like a burden) threatened to rob her of the peace she'd found. Lydwina was so distraught that she was simply unable to entrust his soul to God. But in her grief she was consoled by the Blessed Mother and ultimately came to find peace in that suffering as well.

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Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

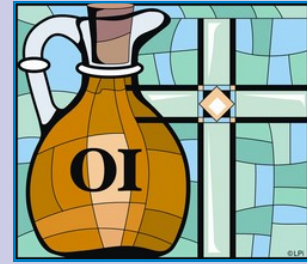
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