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An interesting question for dads to ponder this Father's Day

Fr. Michael Rennie - published on 06/18/23

What does it mean to be the guardian of my family? The brilliant saint Edith Stein gives us some guidance.

As a father trying to raise children in our mixed-up modern world, there has always been some ambiguity in my mind about **my proper role in relation to my wife and children**. My inclination is to exercise my fatherhood as leader of the household, while allowing my wife equal say in our mutual

decisions. I desire to protect my wife and children to the best of my ability, while acknowledging that my wife is quite capable of protecting herself. I also feel a responsibility to provide for my family financially, while, again, noting that my wife is talented and organized and can easily provide for herself.

For a father, particularly for a Catholic father, there exists a tension: What does it mean to take on the responsibilities of fatherhood and the headship of a household without oppressing or subjugating your wife and children? **What does it mean to love them?**

The responsibilities of being a guardian

I read an interesting essay recently by Julian Kwasniewski on the *responsibilities of men as guardians*. Kwasniewski notes that **a father's vocation is to guard his family from a hostile world and keep them safe**. He stands between the world and his family. The concept of father as guardian is an interesting one. It's an idea that some indignant women and children might well reject, claiming that they don't need a man to babysit them. But I think there's more to Kwasniewski's point, and it's worth exploring.

The essay got me thinking and sent me to some old writings by St. Edith Stein. In a talk titled, "The Separate Vocations of Man and Woman According to Nature and Grace," she makes the point that to have a *vocation* means to have a specific calling. Men and women, at the most fundamental level, have specific callings according to their intrinsic nature *as men and women*. To put it simply – men are called to fatherhood and women to motherhood.

This calling can either be physical or spiritual, but these vocations are distinct to each sex and are not interchangeable. To believe this, Stein is clear (and she teaches this as an educated woman with advanced philosophy degrees who was active in social and intellectual life), is not to set either man or woman apart as being superior. Instead, she says, the **vocations are complementary**.

On this Father's Day, and for all us dads who every single day are trying to fulfill our vocation the best we possibly can, these are interesting questions to ponder -- what is the vocation of fatherhood, what are the specific duties given to fathers, and what does it mean for a father to be the guardian of his family?

Adam, caretaker of the Garden of Eden

Stein notes that in the opening chapters of Genesis, God charges Adam with the responsibility of cultivating and preserving the home into which he has been placed. As part of his very nature, **Adam is meant to be caretaker of the Garden of Eden** and everything in it. This holds particularly true in regard to his family; Adam was created first and so has responsibilities to all who come after him. Adam guards his family because a father's family is equivalent to his own flesh. He and his wife are one flesh, and the children are the fruit of their union. **His family is his body**.

A desire to help your family reach its full potential

Personally, I want every part of my physical body to reach its full potential. I exercise to make my muscles, lungs, and

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heart stronger. I eat healthy so I will feel vigorous. These actions give me maximum freedom to live my life.

It's the same with a family. **A father should greatly desire to assist his wife and children in achieving their fullest potential.** This is why he guards their efforts, encourages them, and provides for them.

For instance, I don't make my young children earn money to pay their room and board. That would hamper their potential by denying them educational opportunities, friendships, and the freedom to develop and explore their vocations. No, I happily support them because I want what is best for them. An added bonus is that they will mature with gifts and talents that greatly compensate in areas where I am lacking. We are more complete together.

Acting as a spiritual guardian

A father also protects his family as he would his own body when he **protects their spiritual life.** The body is shaped by the soul. It is united to the soul. Without a soul, a body is lifeless.

As the guardian of my family, it is my responsibility to take them to Mass and allow the Church to offer them the sacraments, show them how to pray, and assist them in developing their interior life. This is mostly accomplished through my personal example. I take seriously my own spiritual fatherhood and my faith. In doing so, I make clear the way in which a life brought to its fullest potential includes spiritual devotion and gives glory to God.

Towards the end of her lecture, St. Edith Stein summarizes the role of a father. She says that the vocation of a father is to know and understand the world and his place in it, to enjoy gratefully the life God has given him, and to assist as best he can with the perfection of that creation. In other words, his role is to help his family become amazing, to love God, and become happier and happier every day.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 20, Vigil for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Michael Hanafee (dec)

Sunday, June 21, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Linda Daly (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Viola Romani (dec)

Monday, June 22, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. The Beddoe Family (liv & dec)

Tuesday, June 23, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Wednesday, June 24, Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, June 25, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. The Dottino Family (liv & dec)

Friday, June 26, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Glen Davis (dec)

Saturday, June 27, Vigil for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

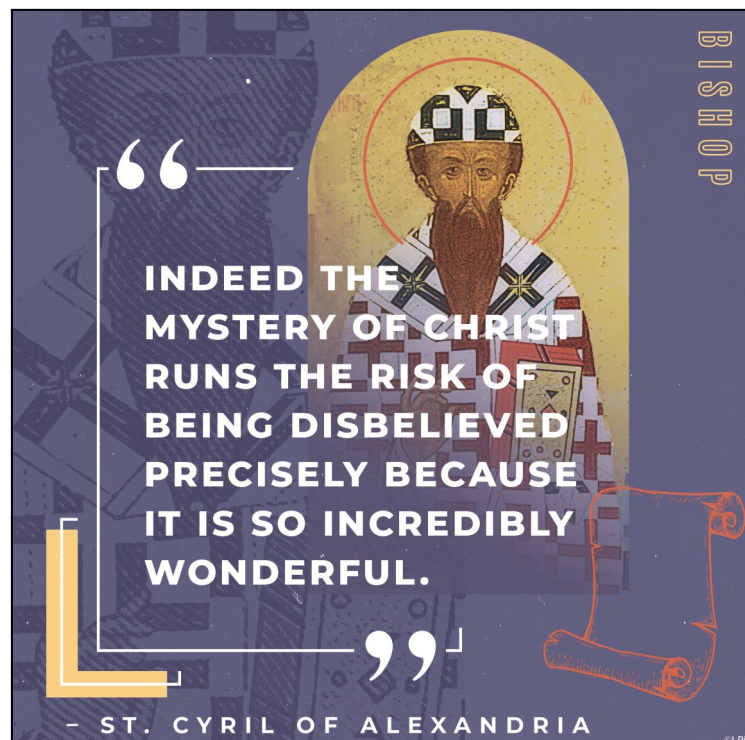
4:00 p.m. Deacon Lionel Roberts (dec)

Sunday, June 28, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ann Marchese (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (dec)



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**THE LORD
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(JER 20:11)



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June 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13 | Rom 5:12-15 | Mt 10:26-33

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Beginning with the original sin of Adam and Eve, humanity has lived in a way that has separated us from God's perfect love. Despite the many ways we have tried to draw near to God, it is impossible for us to repair this relationship on our own. The ways we turn away from God, therefore, require an outpouring of mercy and forgiveness, which our loving Father is eager to offer. When speaking of the grace that defeated the power of death, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that "the gift is not like the transgression." God's love for us is overflowing, and his desire to be in relationship with us is manifest in his giving his life for our salvation. Christ longs to heal and free us from the hold of sin in our lives, and we can experience this grace when we encounter Christ as the Divine Physician in the sacrament of reconciliation.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In witness to the promise of eternal life and joy, we are called to live in a countercultural way, adhering to the words of the Gospel and the Tradition of the Church. We know this is not always easy. Yet, the Lord – through the prophet Jeremiah – reassures us that God is with us, and that he will be our "mighty champion." In the Gospel passage, Jesus speaks to the Apostles as they prepare to travel and preach the Good News. He warns them they will experience persecution, but he also reminds them that God is abundantly generous in his care for them. God cares for us in the same way as we continue our work of evangelization. He values us as precious children, and he promises that we will not be left alone in whatever challenges we may encounter while proclaiming the truth of his love.

PRAY

It can be difficult to rest in the promise of a love that exceeds our human faults and failings. It may seem impossible to be fully known and yet still exceedingly loved. The gift God offers us of being known, loved, and forgiven demonstrates a level of goodness that far exceeds any wrong we may have done. In your prayer this week, ask God for the grace to trust in this abundance of love that he desires to give to you.



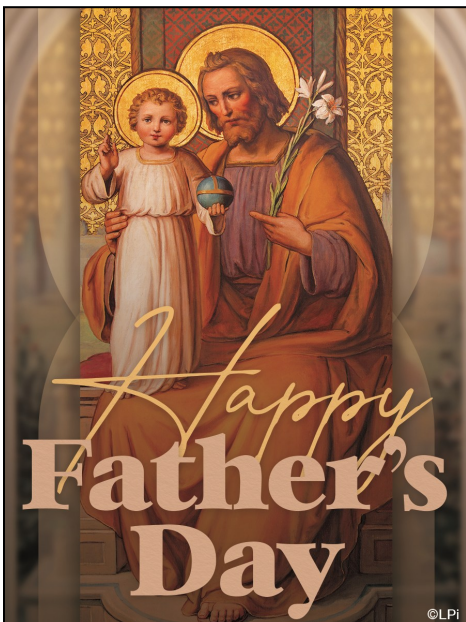
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Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

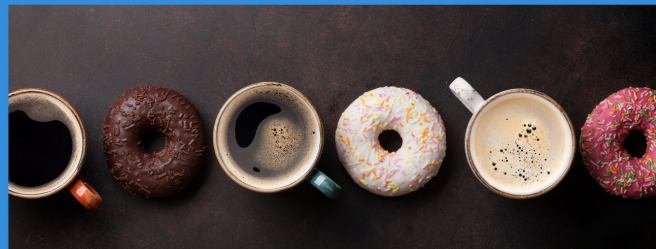
You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.

Blessed Trinity's Social Group Will Be Meeting For Our Monthly Coffee



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Weekly Giving 06/14/26

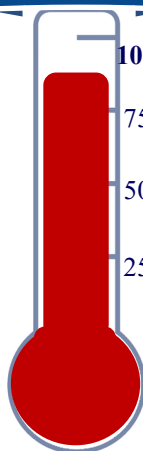
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50%

25%

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Everyday Stewardship

When I was a teenager, after a homecoming dance one year I took my date for a walk on the Potomac in downtown Alexandria. The moon was out and I was struck by how the light shimmered on the water. I remember focusing to try to see all the details of the dancing rays on the ripples. My date didn't see it and didn't really get it. She thought it was no big deal. It was a great date and a fun night, but for that one moment we saw the world from two completely different vantage points.

Two of the greatest gifts from God to each of us are life and time. Without taking care, we can easily miss the grandeur and beauty of both. Being mindful as an everyday steward means pausing to see the detail in all that exists around us. God's creation is not something created with a broad brush, but instead with the intricacies of a master painter.

God created all things with purpose and a complexity only the divine could fully comprehend. Every single hair on our head has been counted! But when we take a moment to reflect on the beauty that is created by that complexity, we allow ourselves to revel in God's generosity. There is so much to give thanks for in this life. But you and I can't give thanks to God unless we really stop to take notice. When was the last time you stared in awe at the moon?

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 20

10:00 am-4:00 pm Moffitt Lung Cancer Screening Bus PL
2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions CR

Sunday, June 21 ~ Father's Day

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses CYH

Monday, June 22

6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting CYH

Wednesday, June 24

Adoration
5:30 pm Rosary CH
6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Holy Hour CH

Thursday, June 25

4:00 pm SVDP Meeting FF

Friday, June 26

BT Social Group's monthly Coffee Meeting at Heavenly Donuts in Gulfport after the 8:00 am Mass

Saturday, June 27

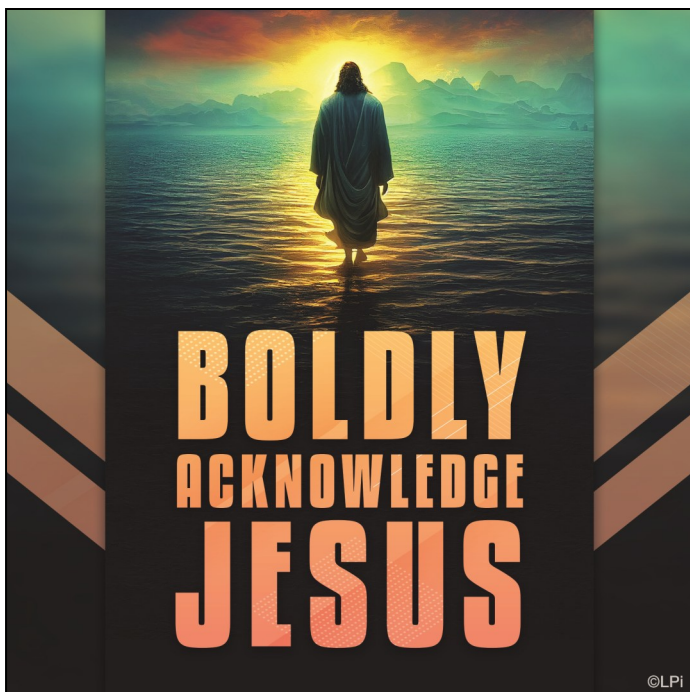
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Sunday, June 28

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses CYH
and Faith Community Nurses doing BP Screenings

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CR=Cry Room
CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room
PL= Parking Lot



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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, btsp.org

Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

Parish Office

Monday—Friday
9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm
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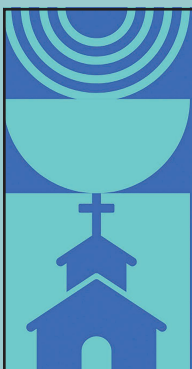


To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

Grief Support

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