

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration  
6:00pm Mass

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm  
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am  
Also by Appointment

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed  
 Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
 Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
 Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
 Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

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### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

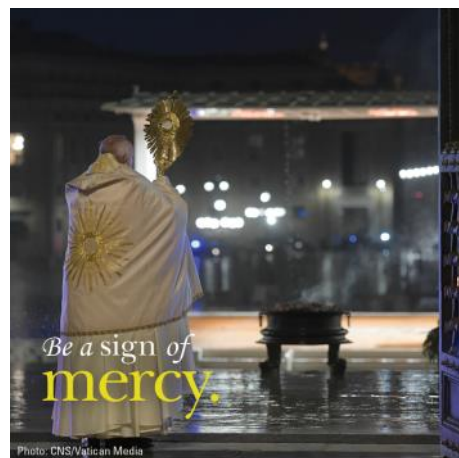
Donation	\$5,365.82
Donation Online	\$952.00
Maintenance Fund	\$15.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$6332.82</b>



#### Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

2021 Appeal Goal: \$23,246

Received as of 6/24/21: \$30,065  
 \*please note this total includes cash, pledges received & pledges still to be collected)  
**Actual Collected: \$27,040**



### Peter's Pence SPECIAL COLLECTION

June 26th-27th

For more information visit:  
[www.peterspence.va/en.html](http://www.peterspence.va/en.html)

Today we take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a significant way to

support the Universal Church. This collection is supported by Catholics around the globe. By participating, you join the Holy Father's efforts to show mercy to all in two ways: you support the ongoing activities of the Holy See, and you contribute to the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those who are most in need. Our Catholic tradition calls us to provide for the material needs of the Church and this is an opportunity to do so. When you answer the call, you build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

### Sunday Readings

#### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 1: 13-5 & 2: 23-24; 2 Cor. 8: 7-15

Mark 5: 21-43



**“Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”**

**Mark 5: 34**

## Humility Is the Precondition for True Happiness

In today's secularized world, we don't often talk about the devil, and when we do, it's usually to make a joke. But Jesus didn't just make jokes about the devil.

- In fact, the Bible tells us that undoing the devil's work was the primary reason Jesus came to earth in the first place: "This was the purpose of the appearing of the Son of God, to undo the work of the devil" (1 John 3:8).
- Today's First Reading explains why the devil is so important for human history: it was "by the envy of the devil [that] death entered the world."
- This happened in the Garden of Eden, with original sin. When our first parents let themselves be deceived by the devil, stopped trusting in God, and disobeyed God's command, the original harmony that God had built into creation was shattered. Evil, death, and suffering flooded the world.
- And ever since then, human history, both of the human race, and of every individual, has been a battleground between those destructive forces of evil, sin and selfishness, and the redeeming power of God's grace.

This is the truth, revealed by Christ, and fairly obvious to anyone who takes an honest look at the world. But if it's true and obvious, why does today's secularized world shy away from talking about it?

- Part of the answer is simple: if we admit the reality of the devil and original sin, we are also admitting the fact that we, as fallen human beings, are in need of a Savior, someone stronger than evil and death who can come and redeem us.
- But admitting our need for a Savior takes humility, and humility scares us. We much prefer to see ourselves as self-sufficient, heroic, successful, and capable of taking care of ourselves, thank you very much.

But unless we are humble, admitting that we are not God, that we need God, then God's grace will not be able to touch and transform our lives, because God is too respectful of our freedom to force down the door of our hearts.

### Touching Christ's Cloak through the Sacraments

Christ is our Savior; only he can redeem us from the sinfulness, instability, and weakness that plague our lives in this fallen world.

But how do we receive this redemption?

- Jairus walked up to him and knelt in front of him, because Jesus was passing right through his town.
- The woman with a hemorrhage pressed through the crowds and activated God's power in her life by touching Christ's cloak.
- But what about us?

Jesus has ascended to heaven; how can we touch his cloak?

We can do so if we approach the sacraments with faith.

- The sacraments were instituted by Jesus himself, given to the Church precisely for this purpose, so that we would not have to wonder if God is still at work in our lives.
- When we kneel before the priest in the confessional and open our hearts to God's mercy, we are like Jairus kneeling before Christ in Galilee.
- When we touch the body and blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine in the Eucharist, we are like the woman with the hemorrhage: Christ's divine strength flows into our weak, wounded, fallen lives.
- The same Jesus of the Gospels is still at work through the sacraments, still present and active in history, still healing, giving life, and strengthening those who believe in him.

But we must approach them with humble faith.

- Many people in the crowd touched Jesus' cloak that day; St Mark tells us specifically that the crowd "pressed upon him."
- And yet, only one woman accessed Christ's healing power, because her humility unlocked her faith.

Today, as Jesus offers himself for us and to us in this Mass, let's offer ourselves to him in return, humbly, full of faith in his omnipotent goodness, so that his grace can work new wonders in us.



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 27, 2021

- SUN 6/27** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
- MON 6/28** Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22
- TUES 6/29** *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19  
*Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
- WED 6/30** Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34
- THR 7/1** Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8
- FRI 7/2** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
- SAT 7/3** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
- SUN 7/4** Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 27, 2021

- Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
- Tuesday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
- Wednesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
- Thursday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
- Saturday: St. Thomas, Apostle
- Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

"Do not be afraid, just have faith." God does not rejoice in our demise or our destruction. Rather, He made us in his image and desires that we have life. He also desires that we be healed and know His loving touch. There is great power in an embrace offered in love. The touch of another can heal wounds and restore life. There is also power in faith. Faith can turn us toward the truth and turn us toward God. Both love and faith can lead us to hope that no matter what we encounter, God will continue to sustain us in being. He will not allow us to perish. God can profoundly change how we see Him, ourselves, and one another. God desires that we turn toward Him and be healed of all that wounds and binds us so that we can be free and enjoy the fullness of life. We are asked to arise and walk proudly with this life-giving faith. Reach out and share this faith with someone this week so that they too can receive God's life changing embrace and heed His call to wholeness. There are many in our world wandering around aimlessly without hope. Bring it to them.



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