

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

June 25, 2023

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St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Wednesday, June 28 6:30 to 7:30 pm 603-542-5732

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 25 9:15 am

For the souls (†) of Genowefa and Mieczyslaw Staszkiwicz
requested by the Wilczoch family

Wed. June 28 5:00 pm

For the soul (†) of Natalia Moorhead
requested by Krista Duval

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 2 9:15 am

For the soul (†) of Raymond Janelle
requested by his family

Today's Second Collection is for Church Maintenance.

Offertory June 18, 2023

Offertory	\$843.00
Father's Day	\$130.00
Candles	\$89.00
Mass intention	\$10.00
Total	\$1,072.00
Upcoming Collections	
Peter's Pence	July 2
Fuel	July 9
Ongoing Collections	
NH Catholic Appeal (15 donors)	\$1,616.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$5,690.00

Today's Mass Readings are found on page #611

 Prayer Cards are in each Missal for your convenience. Please do not remove them.

Confessions at St. Mary Church
 Fridays
 9:30 am
 Saturdays
 3:00 - 3:45pm

Choir Rehearsal
 There will be no rehearsal on Wed. June 28.

Prayer List
 Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert
 Fr. John Loughnane
 Chad Boardman
 Chris Currier
 Carol Girard
 Isabella Gowell
 Deborah Hemingway
 Lorraine Merchant
 Roger Sheehan
 Barbara Trask
 Chee Chee Tyrell

Safety and Security
 Please remember to lock your car doors while attending any event in the church. Thank you!

Many thanks to all those who bought donuts for Father's Day! Our proceeds were \$241.00.

THANK YOU for your generosity to our Church and our Diocese!

Please remember St. Joseph Church
 In your will.

WHEN WRITING CHECKS to St. Joseph Church, please mark the name of the collection (Offertory or Specific Collection) to be sure it is put in the right place.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns 24/7 near the tabernacle in all Catholic Churches in honor of the True Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It burns this week in memory of Richard and Loretta Marcotte requested by Lisa Arsenault and Mary Brown.



To schedule an intention for the Sanctuary Lamp, ask Sharon Wood if the date is available. (603-542-6454) or stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com
 After you have confirmed the date, a donation of \$10 may be placed in an envelope marked Sanctuary Candle and the intention, the confirmed date, your name and contact information, and put into the collection basket.

The Sacred Heart Candelabrum is lit this Sunday in memory of Florence Couto and Emil and Freddie Zurek requested by Cindy Kordys & Michael Bonneville



Catholic Questions and Answers

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One of the best ways to learn is to ask questions. Interestingly, the most significant summary of our Catholic faith was written by St. Thomas Aquinas (called the *Summa Theologica* – Summary of Theology) and is set up in a question and answer format. It’s hard to believe an answer if you don’t understand the question it is addressing.

The Q&A below is no *Summa Theologica*, but hopefully some of these reflections will answer questions that are important to you.

Q. Why Was I Created?

A. There is a very good “question-and-answer catechism” known as The *Baltimore Catechism*. The first section is entitled “On the End of Man.” This is how the question and answer begins:

Q. Who made the world?

A. God made the world.

Q. Who is God?

A. God is the Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things.

Q. What is Man?

A. Man is a creature composed of body and soul, and made in the image and likeness of God.

Q. Why did God make you?

A. God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven.

While the start of The *Baltimore Catechism* might seem simplistic and elementary, it addresses very deep philosophical questions. Just these first four questions are great questions to reflect on in prayer.

**God who is the Creator of all things—omniscient, omnipresent, and infinite—
wants you to know Him.**

God who made you in His image and likeness wants you to love Him.

In this world, He wants you to serve Him so that others may be led to Him.

Lastly, He wants us to be happy with Him in Heaven for all eternity.

How do we do this? Only by following His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. If we reflect on all four Gospel narratives, the overarching theme is that God the Father sent His Son into the world to show us how to know Him, love Him, serve Him, and be happy with Him forever—which in the end is exactly why we were created!



HYMNS – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Hymn: No. 310 - "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Offertory Hymn: No. 343 - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 356 - "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Thank you to CDA #892 for their generous donation of \$100.00 to St. Joseph Church for the use of our church hall for their meetings.

Ham and Baked Bean Supper

Saturday July 1st

**4:30 – 6:30 pm
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Feast Days and Memorials

June 27: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 378-444 C.E.

Cyriil was a noted scholar who wrote extensively and was a leading Father of the Church. Even today, his work is noted as “Pillar of Faith” and “Seal of the Father. He was the Christian patriarch of Alexandria when the city was at its height in influence and power within the Roman empire and was a central figure in the “First Council of Ephesus” in the year 431.

June 28: St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

The ancient Greek city of Smyrna was where this future saint studied under St. Polycarp, who is said to be the last living connection with the Apostles because of his having known John the Baptist. It was Polycarp who sent Irenaeus to the French city of Lyon as a missionary, where he was ordained to the priesthood and became one of the founders of the Catholic Church in France. As Bishop of Lyon he defended the Church against the heresy of Gnostics and Montanists.

Irenaeus of Lyon wrote, “The glory of God gives life; those who see God receive life. For this reason, God-who cannot be grasped, comprehended, or seen-allows Himself to be seen, comprehended, and grasped by men, that He may give life to those who see and receive Him. It is impossible to live without life, and the actualization of life comes from participation in God, while participation in God is to see God and enjoy His goodness.”

June 29: Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

Peter: patron of fishermen, net makers, and ship builders

Peter, also known as Simon Peter of Cephas, had humble beginnings and was chosen by Jesus to be one of his Apostles. In the time following Christ's Ascension, Peter was accepted as the head of the Apostles and is seen as the first Pope. Through his leadership, Matthias was selected to replace Judas Iscariot. Peter spoke first to the crowds after the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and he was the first Apostle to perform miracles in the name of the Lord.

Paul: patron of missions, theologians, and Gentile Christians

Paul, as missionary and evangelist, stayed in touch with the faithful through letters that survived and became part of the Bible. It is believed that Paul wrote other letters that were lost even before the Bible was established by the Church. Paul's writings are important because they provide advice for how Christians should live.



Christ Giving the Keys to St Peter, painted by Pietro Perugino, Sistine Chapel, Rome

June 30: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

These were the first Christians persecuted en masse by the Emperor Nero in the year 64, before the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul. Nero was widely believed to have caused the fire that burned down much of Rome that year. He blamed the fire on the Christians and had them brutally executed, many crucified, fed to wild animals in his circus, or tied to posts and lit up as human torches. The strong faith of these “protomartyrs of Rome” in the face of gruesome deaths led to many conversions in the early Roman Church. Today, the site of Nero's Circus, also the location of St. Peter's martyrdom, is marked by the Piazza dei Protomartiri Romani, the Square of the Roman Protomartyrs, in the Vatican next to St. Peter's basilica.

July 1: St Junipero Serra, Priest, 1713-1784

Patron of Vocations

Miguel Jose Serra, born on the island of Majorca, took the name of Junipero when he entered the Franciscan Order. He taught philosophy and theology at the University of Padua before moving to Mexico City and working to convert the peoples of the New World. Father Serra took over the Jesuit missions in the Mexican province of what is now the state of California. He founded 21 missions on the West Coast of the United States when it was still mission territory. Junipero Serra was beatified by Pope John Paul II and then canonized in 2015 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., by Pope Francis.

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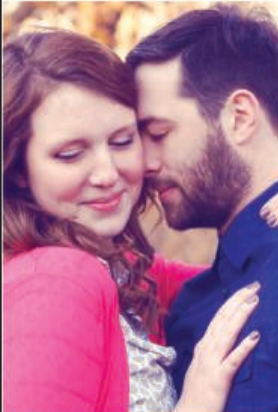
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