



[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

JOHN 6:51

## Food for the Day

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**J**ust as the darkest of nights brings out stars we might never notice otherwise, so is it that when we find ourselves lost in the dark of life's deserts, the slightest kindnesses can bring us to a brief oasis in a day otherwise oppressive. Most often such moments come as gifts, unearned—even undeserved. Yet they are blessings to us.

Psychologists tell us that if we find ourselves down in the dumps and depressed, we can find hope by naming three things that happened that day that were pure gifts—a phone call from a friend, a compliment, a free cup of coffee, a good bill of health from the doctor. Remembering them at the end of the day and giving thanks for them may not solve the issues that burden us, but they can put them in perspective, reminding us that life is a mix of both the good as well as the not so good.

Moses urged the people to recall all that God had done for them—bringing them out of Egypt, guiding them through the desert, leading them to water, and feeding them with manna. Amid their grumbling, their remembering offered them hope and the courage to go on.

Thus, what psychologists suggest is what God has been doing for us for thousands of years—that God feeds us daily in large and small ways, all without our deserving it but out of his great generosity. Remember, then, how God has fed you. ●

### Reflect

***Tonight, will you think about your day and give thanks for three ways you were blessed?***



# Catholic Communities

Parish Pastor  
**Rev. William Pifher**  
419-446-9288



## Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.  
Fayette, OH 43521

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel  
Pat Eisel  
Ray Hollstein  
Mike Burkholder  
Traci Maginn  
Barbara Roby

Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.



## OLM PARISH OFFICE

P.O. Box 429  
Fayette, OH 43521

**Phone:** 419-237-2441

**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday

### PARISH STAFF

**Secretary:** Sherry Renner  
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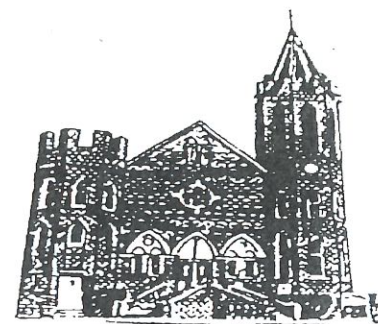
**Bookkeeper**

Ron Baker

**Youth Leader/CRE**

Anita Van Zile

Website (bulletin online)  
[stpeterarchbold.com/our-lady-of-mercy](http://stpeterarchbold.com/our-lady-of-mercy)



## St. Peter

614 N. Defiance St.  
Archbold, OH 43502

### MASS SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.

### Parish Secretary

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**Parish Council President**

Stephen Bernath

### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- **Baptism:** Please call Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.
- **Reconciliation:** Father will be available for confessions **starting 30 minutes before Mass each week.**
- **New Parishioners:** A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Those who can participate: Anyone who is seriously sick or suffering a grave illness (not a cold, or flu) which is treated or medicated for by a doctor. Also for those of old age which often brings morale or depression factors (body, mind, or spirit). Please make arrangements with Father or call the parish office.
- **Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office *six months* ahead of your planned wedding date, for Marriage Preparation and scheduling.
- **RCIA :** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of classes designed to bring new members into the Catholic church. Weekly sessions begin in September. People who have not been baptized, who have not been practicing or who have been raised in another faith are all welcome to register. Parishioners are encouraged to invite interested family members and friends. There is no obligation to join the church. This is simply an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Pifher at 419-446-9288.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Please note that the bulletin deadline is Tuesday, Noon. Please either call, email at [ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com) or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin



# SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

### The Most Holy Blood & Body of Christ (Corpus Christi)

**ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.**

#### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Elizabeth Stella and family on the passing of Giovanni (Johnny) on May 28, 2023. Graveside & Rite of Committal Service will be Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery, State Route M-156, Morenci, MI. A small luncheon will follow at the Stella residence, 7518 Seneca Hwy., Morenci, MI.

Our condolences to out to Jerry & Anita Van Zile on the passing of their son Chad Miller, on June 5, 2023.

#### YOUTH GROUP – CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

Please keep in your prayers the members of Our Lady of Mercy's Youth group and their leaders as they will depart on June 18, 2023 for New Carlisle, PA for they Workcamp this year.

#### THURSDAY MASSES

There will be no Masses on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> or June 22<sup>nd</sup> here at Our Lady of Mercy. Masses will resume on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### ST. VINCENT De PAUL

If you know of anyone that has needs small household items and/or clothing please let them know about us. We are open Thursday's 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

#### DID YOU KNOW....

The ONLY Christian church in existence for the first 1,000 years of Christian history was the Roman Catholic Church. All other Christian churches which exist today can trace their lineage back to the Roman Catholic Church. Most non-Catholic churches which exist today are less than a century or two old by comparison. (from catholic.org)

#### THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"It is a loving act to show sadness when our dear ones are torn from us, but it is holy act to be joyful through hope and trust in the promises of God." - St. Paulinus of Nola

#### Do Something Beautiful for God – The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

**June 11** People often ask me, " You work top bring about peace, why don't you work to lessen war?" If we work for peace there will be fewer wars. But I won't mix our work with politics. War is the fruit of politics, and so I don't involve myself, that's all. If I get stuck in politics, I will stop loving, because I will have to stand by one, and not by all.

**June 12** - To students: I pray that all those young people who have graduated, do not carry just a piece of paper with them but that they carry with them love, peace, and joy. That they become the sunshine of God's love to our people, the hope of eternal happiness, and the burning flame of love wherever they go. That they become carriers of God's love. That they be able to give what they have received. For they have received not to keep but to share.

**June 13** – Every human being comes from the hand of God, and we all know something of God's love for us through each person we encounter. Whatever our religion, we know that if we really want to love, we must first, before anything else, learn to forgive.

**June 14** - Let us not be satisfied with giving money. Money is not everything. The poor need more than our money. The poor need the work of our hands and the love of our hearts. Love – the abundant love of God alive in you and me – is the beautiful expression of our Christian religion.

**June 15** - Some in our country call God Ishwar. Others call him Allah. And others just call Him God. Every one of us has to recognize that He created us for greater things, such as to love and be loved. Who are we to keep our people from looking for God who has created them, who loves them and to whom we all must return one day?

**June 16** – Riches can suffocate if they are not used in the right way, whether they are spiritual riches or material.

**June 17** – Holiness is not something extraordinary, not something for only a few. Holiness is for every one of us. It is a simple duty: the acceptance of God with a smile, at all times, anywhere and everywhere.

**Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at [vanzilejn@hotmail.com](mailto:vanzilejn@hotmail.com) or call Pat Eisel at 419-737-2163.**

**Privacy Issues for Parish Office: IMMEDIATE FAMILY** – must contact the parish office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Please submit with exact verbiage requested. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals.

#### ST. PETER NEWS

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

*Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.*

June 15 - 17 – St. Peter Garage Sale – They need volunteers & donations (no books or large appliances, including TV's) June 14 is setup

#### FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---May 6 – Oct. 28 – Farmer's Market @ Fayette Opera House Parking Lot – Saturday's 9 am – 1 pm

---June 21 – Community Meal – Methodist Community Center 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

If you know of any Fayette Community events please either call or visit the office or email to [ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com)



## DIOCESE OF TOLEDO NEWS

**ACA** in progress – information and envelopes are on the table in the back.  
Our Lady of Mercy is at 80.87%.

### HELP WANTED

The Diocese has openings for employment. Check out the list at [toledodiocese.org/careers](http://toledodiocese.org/careers)

### “PROTECT THEM BOTH” CAMPAIGN

In our state, forces are at work through an incoming proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution to attack those most vulnerable among us--the preborn and their families. Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, and their allies are putting abortion on the Ohio Ballot in November to be enshrined in Ohio's Constitution. The proposed amendment will allow abortions to take the lives of innocent preborn children through all nine months, to the point of birth, without any legal protection for the lives of the preborn or the health of their mothers.

The **“Protect Them Both” Campaign** has been launched in the Diocese of Toledo to raise the awareness of every Catholic parishioner with the message to VOTE NO on the proposed November Ohio constitutional amendment entitled, “Ohio Right to Make Reproductive Decisions Including Abortion Initiative. – see flyer in bulletin for more information.

All Diocese of Toledo Parish Festivals have been added the Diocese's calendar [toledodiocese.org/calendar](http://toledodiocese.org/calendar) or pick up the Festival Guide on the back table.



**HelpOurMarriage.com**  
**REPROUVAILLE**  
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship

**A weekend has been scheduled for the Northwest Ohio Chapter!**

**July 14<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Francis Spirituality Center 200 St. Francis Ave  
Tiffin, OH 44883**

Register at <https://helpourmarriage.org>

Contact email: [NWOhio@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:NWOhio@helpourmarriage.org) Or  
call: 419-481-1116

For more Diocese of Toledo happenings please visit [toledodiocese.org/calendar](http://toledodiocese.org/calendar)



## Saints of the Day (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of June 11 – June 17

**Sunday, June 11 – St. Barnabas** - St. Barnabas (1st c.) was a Jew from the island of Cyprus who was given the name Joseph at birth. He is mentioned by name in the New Testament. A convert to the Christian faith in Jerusalem, he sold his property and preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles alongside St. Paul the Apostle and St. Mark the Evangelist. He was given the surname Barnabas, meaning 'Son of Exhortation' and was highly esteemed among the Christian leaders at Jerusalem and Antioch, almost ranked among the twelve Apostles themselves. St. Luke said of him, "...for he was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of Faith." It was Barnabas who vouched for the genuineness of St. Paul's conversion and had him accepted as a Christian by the other Apostles. Barnabas was the cousin of St. Mark, and Barnabas famously disputed with St. Paul over bringing Mark along on their missionary journey, which caused the two famed preachers to part ways and travel separately as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. They were later reconciled. Barnabas was eventually stoned to death around the year 61 A.D. His feast day is celebrated on June 11.

**Monday, June 12 – Pope St. Leo III** - Pope St. Leo III (d. 816 A.D.) was a Roman cardinal who was unanimously elected pope on the same day his predecessor was buried. He lived during a time of tension between the popes and emperors and their respective rights, powers, and responsibilities. Unlike his predecessor, Leo recognized Charlemagne as the protector of the See of Rome, which won him many enemies among the Roman nobility. As a result, Pope St. Leo III was attacked by a mob who cut out his eyes and tongue so that he could no longer serve in his office. He survived the attack, but was imprisoned by his attackers and deposed from his office under false accusations. Leo's eyes and tongue were miraculously restored, and he was able to escape his captivity and flee to Charlemagne for protection. Charlemagne in turn took up the Holy Father's cause, escorted him back to Rome, and put his enemies on trial. A few days later, at the Christmas Mass of 800 A.D., Pope St. Leo III crowned Charlemagne as the Holy Roman Emperor. As the Roman Pontiff, Pope St. Leo III was known for being an effective administrator and for improving the Roman churches. He also paved the way for a more unified Europe, and for greater cooperation across national borders between the Church and the secular European nations to maintain their collective Christian identity. His feast day is June 12.

**Tuesday, June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua** - St. Anthony of Padua (1195-1231) was born in Lisbon, Portugal to a powerful yet pious family. At age 15 he relinquished a life of nobility, wealth, and honor, and chose instead to serve God with the Augustinians. Years later he witnessed the dead bodies of Franciscan friars who had been martyred by Muslims being carried through the town where he was stationed. Filled with renewed zeal to follow Christ even more completely after the example of these martyrs, St. Anthony joined the Franciscan order and traveled to Morocco to preach to the Moors. However, his poor health prevented his mission and he was forced to return to Italy. There he lived a largely quiet and secluded life, spending his time in prayer, study, and priestly duties. No one had any idea of St. Anthony's giftedness as a preacher and teacher of theology until one day he was called upon to be a substitute preacher. He amazed everyone in attendance with his depth of knowledge and oratory skill. He then became the foremost preacher of the Franciscans and was sent to preach against the heretics and the vices of the day. His zeal and effectiveness as a preacher earned him the title "Hammer of the Heretics." St. Anthony was known for his holiness and miracles, and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1946. He is the patron saint of the elderly, fishermen, and the poor, and is renowned as the finder of lost articles. His feast day is June 13.

**Wednesday, June 14 – St. Joseph the Hymnographer** - St. Joseph the Hymnographer (816-883 A.D.) was born in Sicily to a pious Christian family. When Muslims invaded the island, his family moved to Greece to escape persecution. At the age of fifteen he entered a monastery and grew in holiness and virtue. St. Gregory the Dekapolite took Joseph with him to Constantinople to defend the traditional reverence of icons in opposition to the iconoclast heresy. Joseph was then chosen by the local clergy to be a messenger to Pope Leo III to obtain the Holy Father's assistance in battling the iconoclast heretics, who were gaining power and influence. On his way to Rome, Joseph was captured by Muslims who delivered him into the hands of the iconoclast heretics. While held a prisoner, St. Nicholas appeared to Joseph and asked him to sing in the name of God. After six years Joseph was freed from prison and returned to Constantinople, where he founded a monastery dedicated to his friend St. Gregory. He also dedicated a church in the name of St. Bartholomew, to whom he had a devotion. St. Bartholomew then appeared to Joseph in a dream and encouraged him to write hymns for the Church. After writing his first hymn in honor of St. Bartholomew, Joseph dedicated other hymns to St. Nicholas, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and other saints. During his life he composed nearly 1,000 hymns. When another wave of iconoclasm arose, he again stood steadfast against it and was exiled for eleven years as a result; he was later exiled a second time for defending orthodox Christian doctrine. He finally died full of years in Constantinople. His feast day is June 14.



**Thursday, June 15 – St. Germaine Cousin** - St. Germaine Cousin (1579–1601) was born in a remote French village to a peasant farmer. She was born with a deformed right arm and a disease that causes abscesses in her neck. Her mother died when she was an infant, and her father remarried. Due to Germaine's deformities, her stepmother was thoroughly disgusted with her. She severely neglected and physically abused the child, and taught others to do the same. Starving, sick, and dressed in rags with no shoes, Germaine was forced to sleep in the barn. Her stepmother once attempted to kill her off by sending her to tend sheep near a wolf-infested forest. St. Germaine was a simple and pious child, and through her extreme hardships she developed a deep interior life. She prayed the rosary and went to Mass daily, leaving her sheep to the care of her guardian angel. Even though she was emaciated, she shared the little food she had with beggars. Her piety was admired by the village children, and adults gradually became aware of her holiness, especially when news of her miracles began to circulate. St. Germaine died at the age of twenty-two, succumbing to her poor living conditions. Many years later her body was found incorrupt, Villagers began praying for her intercession and receiving miraculous cures, resulting in her canonization in 1867. St. Germaine is the patron saint of unattractive people, peasant girls, abuse victims, handicapped people, and abandoned people. Her feast day is June 15th.

**Friday, June 16 – St. John Francis Regis** - St. John Francis Regis (1597–1640) was born to a wealthy French merchant and his noble wife. After being educated by the Jesuits, he joined their order at the age of 18 and was later ordained a priest. He grew into a skilled preacher and catechist, and received an assignment to evangelize the French provinces that had fallen to the Protestants – the Huguenots – as well as lapsed Catholics. He devoted his life to this mission and was very successful, winning countless souls to Christ. He preached the Gospel to men, women, and children in all walks and stations of life, even traveling on foot to wild mountain parishes as a missionary priest. He would live on meager meals while spending his days in prayer, preaching, hearing confessions, and visiting prisons and hospitals. He raised controversy when he established hostels for converted prostitutes to remain chaste and work for their sustenance in the lace-making and embroidery trades. He is also remembered for stationing a granary to feed the poor, which at times was miraculously replenished. St. Regis is the patron of embroiderers, social workers, and lace makers. His feast day is June 16th.

**Saturday, June 17 – St. Emily de Vialar** - St. Emily de Vialar (1797–1856) was born in Gaillac, France to an aristocratic family in the years following the French Revolution. Because the Catholic faith was under severe persecution, she was baptized in secret by her parents and her religious instruction was given at home. She was a devout child who displayed an aptitude for prayer, and she shunned the luxuries of her state in life. After the death of her mother, her father arranged to find her a suitable husband when she reached 15 years of age. Emily, who desired to lead the religious life in service to the poor, resisted her father's attempts and endured his anger at her refusal. She desired also to repair the harm caused by the Revolution by catechizing the local children. Emily remained a virgin and privately consecrated herself to God while living in her father's home. When she was 21 she met a priest who helped her set up an out-patient service for the sick in her own home, which heightened her tense relationship with her father. When her grandfather died, Emily inherited a large fortune which allowed her independence in the service of God. She bought a large home in her town and began a religious order in service to the sick and poor, and to the education of children, which quickly flourished. In 40 years her order, called the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition, established 40 houses throughout Europe, Africa, and Asia. St. Emily de Vialar's feast day is June 17th.



# Our Lady of Mercy Parish



JUNE 11, 2023

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Sun. June 11	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Marcel Bonin Chad Miller
	10:30 am	SP	Gina Dammon John Grieser
Tues. June 13	7 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. June 14	9:00a.m..	SP	For the People
Thurs. June 15	9:00a.m.	OLM	NO MASS
Fri. June 16	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. June 17	8:30a.m.	SP	NO MASS
	4:30p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun. June 18	8:30a.m.	OLM	Jeannette Tidwell
	10:30a.m	SP	For the People

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

### SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for June 4, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (14 envelopes) \$ 986.00  
 LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 164.00

**BUDGET** \$ 1,747.00  
 Over/(Under) (\$ 597.00)

### OTHER COLLECTIONS

Maintenance \$ 620.00  
 St. Vincent dePaul \$ 30.00  
 Peters Pence \$ 5.00  
 Mass Stipend \$ 10.00  
**TOTAL COLLECTION** \$ 1,815.00

\*\*NB: The \$4,000 gift that Father Bill accepted from the Archbold K of C on 5/28/2023 will help us fund the 2023 Youth Catholic Heart Workcamp, and the remainder will help support Parish programs & projects this year.

### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	June 18, 2023
Reader	Shelly Gruman
Servers	Alise & Andrea Herr Hannah Kovar
Greeters/ Gifts	Mary Bird Shelly Gruman
Ushers	Angie Beuregard Jerry Van Zile
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Ron Baker Terry Kovar



"I am the bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6:51



# Dear Padre,

*I'm eighty-one. When I received first Communion, the nuns told me not to chew the holy Eucharist, but to let it melt in my mouth. Is it wrong to chew it?*

It is permitted to chew the host or to let it dissolve in your mouth. The hosts today must be unleavened and made only of flour and water, making it easier for some communicants to dissolve it in their mouths. Unleavened bread doesn't mold or spoil and is more suitable than leavened bread for exposition and adoration. However, for nearly 800 years, the Church used leavened wheat bread for the Eucharist before unleavened wheat bread was introduced into the Roman rite. Communicants would have had to chew the Eucharist before the modern waferlike host evolved.

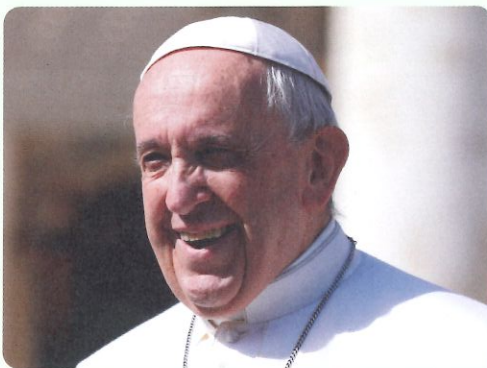
Your first Communion instruction on the proper way to consume the Eucharist was an effort to instill in you a deep reverence for the Real Presence of Christ. This profound respect for our Lord in the form of consecrated bread and wine is still desired by the Church. For example, at Mass the priest "reverently consumes the Body of Christ" and "reverently partakes of the Blood of Christ" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 158). Similarly, "when receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister" (*GIRM* 160). Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is a special day for us to remember Jesus' gift of his own body that we might be nourished and strengthened for this life's journey. ●



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**Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18
Weekday	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Weekday	Weekday	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
2 Cor 1:1-7 Mt 5:1-12	2 Cor 1:18-22 Mt 5:13-16	2 Cor 3:4-11 Mt 5:17-19	2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Mt 5:20-26	Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30	2 Cor 5:14-21 Lk 2:41-51	Ex 19:2-6a Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36-10:8



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*We who go to Mass can ask: What is it that we bring to the world? Is it our sadness and bitterness, or the joy of the Lord? Do we receive Holy Communion and then carry on complaining, criticizing and feeling sorry for ourselves? This does not improve anything, whereas the joy of the Lord can change lives.*

**HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 14, 2020**

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