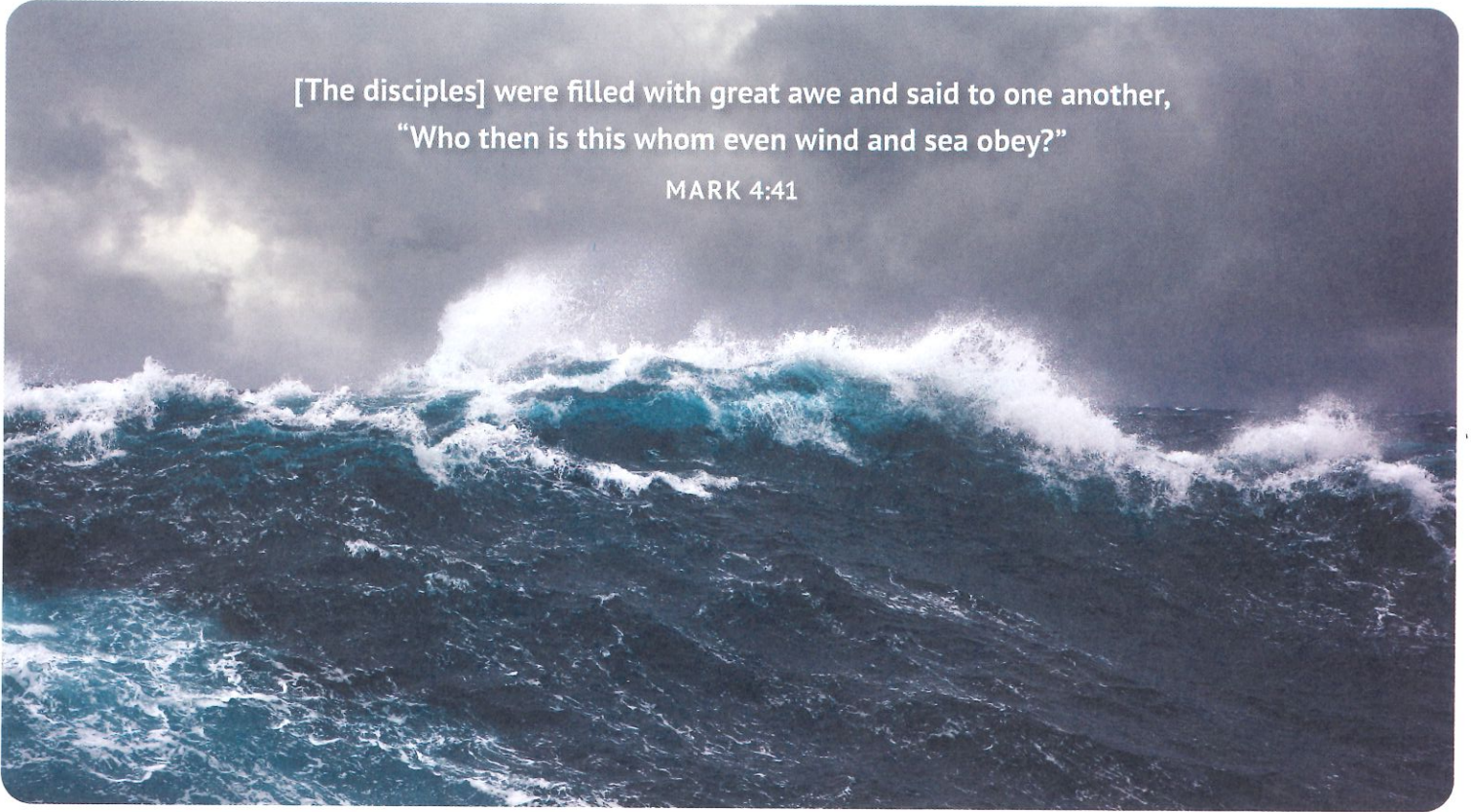




[The disciples] were filled with great awe and said to one another,
“Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?”

MARK 4:41



Calming Our Storms

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The Gospels use images to help us understand the inner journey of our hearts and spirits. This Gospel story of being swamped by a storm is also about the storms of daily living and how they can bring us to faith. “As evening drew on” suggests those times in life when we move into darkness and confusion. These moments may occur when “we cross to the other side” of life—from childhood through adolescence and into adulthood, through sickness until we find healing, from raising a family to being empty-nesters, the stress we seek to manage through the upheavals of life—all times when we can feel overwhelmed by what we cannot control.

The Gospel today suggests: 1) Confronted by the question, “Why are you terrified? Do you not have faith?” it submits that it is God who calms our storms and not we ourselves. 2) The Gospel story is more about bringing calm and peace into our stormy inner turmoil than about fixing the outer turmoil with which we may be struggling. 3) The inner calm usually comes at the point of surrender, when we fear the worst because life is beyond our control: “Do you not care that we are perishing?” 4) Though our inner storm grows calm by surrendering to God through faith, the events of our outer storm may continue to be present, yet those events lose their power to overcome us when we accept that God is in control, not us. ●

Reflect

Have you ever found peace by surrendering your attempt to control your life?

Catholic Communities



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.



Parish Pastor
Rev. William Pifher
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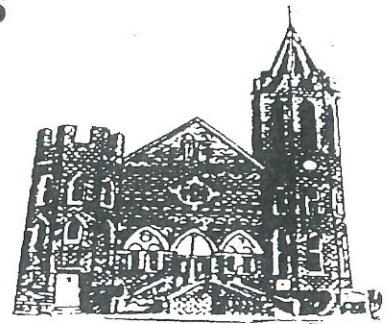
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Tuesday and Thursday

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MASS SCHEDULE

1st 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.

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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 or email at

OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

ALTAR ROSARY

There will be an Altar Rosary meeting on Sunday, June 30, 2024 after Mass. We will be finalizing the Bull Thistle Breakfast (August 3, 2024, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.) agenda. If anyone would like to help with the Bull Thistle Breakfast please join us for the meeting.

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, July 14, 2024, after Mass to 12:00 p.m., Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a display of Veronica's Veil relic for veneration.



SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady of Mercy, Altar Rosary Society, Bull Thistle Breakfast, August 3, 2024, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Please join us for breakfast or if you would like lend a helping hand.

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"I do not lend. I give. Hasn't the good of God been the first to give to me?"
St. John Vianney

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 1

285 1934. Once, when I returned to my cell, I was so tired that I had to rest a moment before I started to undress, and when I was already undressed, one of the sisters asked me to fetch her some hot water. Although I was tired, I dressed quickly and brought her the water she (126) wanted, even though it was quite a long walk from the cell to the kitchen, and the mud was ankle-deep. When I re-entered my cell, I saw a ciborium with the Blessed Sacrament, and I heard a voice, **Take this ciborium and bring it to the tabernacle.** I hesitated at first, but when I approached and touched it, I heard these words, **Approach each of the sisters with the same love with which you approach Me; and whatever you do for them, you do it for Me.** A moment later, I saw that I was alone.

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.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---May 4 – Sept. 28 – Farmers Market, Opera House parking lot 9 am – 1 pm
---June 29 – Lamplighter Ministry fundraiser @ Mancino's – see bulletin board for more info
---Aug. 3 – Fayette Bull Thistle Festival
---St Richard Craft show in Swanton. Would you like to share your special talent with a local parish community? If so, this is just the event for you! St. Richard is going to also have a **TEEN ZONE** at our next craft show, Saturday, **September 28**. If you enjoy baking, sewing, pottery, jewelry making or any other crafty work please call/text Amanda for details. 419-438-2346

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at vanzilein@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 the 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.



Diocese
of Toledo

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO NEWS

HELP WANTED

The Diocese has openings for employment. Check out the list at toledodiocese.org/careers

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO CALENDAR

For additional happenings in the Diocese of Toledo please visit toledodiocese.org/calendar

MASS ON ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo celebrates the gift of marriage with the annual Mass on Anniversaries of Marriage. If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2024 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass on Sunday, October 27th, 3:00pm at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit: www.toledoanniversarymass.org

GRACEFUL LIVING

Watch your mailbox for the latest issue of the Diocese of Toledo magazine, *Graceful Living!* In each issue, you'll find unique stories of the people and places in our 19-county 2372441 diocese. It is mailed to 42,000 homes in Northwest Ohio twice per year. You can read the online edition or sign up to receive future issues at toledodiocese.org/GracefulLiving

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A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Retrouvaille program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships

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July 26th - 28th, 2024

Call: 419-481-1116

Email:

NWOhio@helpourmarriage.org

A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages



THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WILL BE EXPLORED DURING THE POST WEEKEND PHASE:

- Building a Healthy Marriage • Listening and Communication • Family of Origin, Personality Styles • Needs, Expectations, Values, Personal Relationship with God
- Love and Commitment • Forgiveness and Trust • Managing Conflict • Intimacy
- Sexuality • We are a Sacrament
- Sharing the Gift



Saints of the Day

(www.morningoffering.com)

Week of June 23 – June 29

Sunday, June 23 – St. Joseph Cafasso - St. Joseph Cafasso (1811–1860) was born in Castelnuovo d'Asti, Italy, to a peasant family. He was born with a physical deformity of the spine, which caused him to grow into a stunted and crippled man. Discerning a call to Holy Orders, he entered the seminary in Turin where he later met another famous saint—John Bosco. Joseph taught John Bosco and encouraged him in his mission to minister to the town's impoverished street youth. Joseph was an excellent professor of moral theology, as well as a famed preacher and confessor. He performed his duties so well that he became known as the "Priest's Priest." He spent entire days preaching in prisons, offering comfort to the prisoners, hearing their confessions, and even advocating to improve the poor conditions of the prison. For this work he also earned the name, "Priest of the Gallows." St. Joseph Cafasso is the patron saint of prisoners, prisons, and prison chaplains. His feast day is June 23rd.

Monday, June 24 – The Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist - A family relation of Jesus, St. John the Baptist is called "the Forerunner" because he was sent by God to "prepare the way of the Lord" ahead of Jesus' public ministry. The birth of St. John the Baptist to his elderly and previously barren parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, is recorded in St. Luke's Gospel. His birth was announced to his father Zechariah by the Archangel Gabriel, who also brought the news of Christ's birth to the Blessed Virgin Mary. John the Baptist's nativity is one of only three birthdays celebrated by the Church, along with the nativities of Jesus and Mary. Though not an official dogma, according to ancient tradition St. John the Baptist was freed from original sin at the moment his mother heard the greeting of the Blessed Virgin at the Visitation, causing John to leap in his mother's womb through the action of the Holy Spirit. So, like Jesus and Mary, St. John would have been born without sin, and therefore his birthday is also worthy of special honor. Because Christ praised John the Baptist so highly by saying "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist," he was one of the most highly venerated saints in the ancient and medieval Church. He has two feasts: his nativity on June 24th and his passion on August 29th.

Tuesday, June 25– St. Dominic Henares - St. Dominic Henares (1764-1838) was born to a poor family in Spain. He joined the Dominican Order and was ordained a priest in 1790. Ten years later he was sent as a missionary to the Far East. He went from Mexico to the Philippines, and finally to North Vietnam. He became Bishop of Phunhay, Vietnam, in 1803. In 1831 the Vietnamese emperor officially prohibited Catholicism and severely persecuted the Church. Whole villages were sent into exile; priests were arrested and subjected to the most terrible tortures before they were killed. Those who helped capture them were richly rewarded. Bishop Henares was arrested and beheaded in Nam Dinh on June 25, 1838; the soldiers and villagers who participated in his arrest received generous compensation. St. Dominic Henares is one of an estimated 130,000 to 300,000 Catholics martyred for the faith in Vietnam between the 15th and 20th centuries. They were canonized together by Pope St. John Paul II in 1988. St. Dominic Henares' feast day is June 25, and the collective memorial for 117 of the Vietnamese Martyrs is November 24.

Wednesday, June 26 – St. Josemaria Escriva - St. Josemaria Escriva (1902-1975) was born in Spain, one of six children of a devout Catholic family. Growing up, he observed his parents faithfully endure painful family trials (the death of three of their young children and devastating financial setbacks) and this had a profound effect on his own faith. As a teenager he discovered his vocation to the priesthood when he saw the path of footprints in the snow left by a barefoot Carmelite friar. He then experienced a radical conversion: he gave up his intended career as an architect and entered the seminary. He spent most of his life studying and teaching in universities, earning a doctorate in civil law and theology. Saint Josemaria Escriva's lasting impact lies in the foundation of Opus Dei ("The Work of God"), an organization of laity and priests dedicated to the universal call of holiness and the belief that ordinary, daily life is an authentic path to sanctity. Today Opus Dei has over 80,000 members worldwide. His famous written work is *The Way*, a collection of spiritual and pastoral reflections on the gospels and their application to everyday life. On June 26, 1975, after glancing at an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in his office in

(St. Josemaria Escriva – cont.)

Rome, St. Josemaría died suddenly of cardiac arrest. He was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II. His feast day is June 26th.

Thursday, June 27 – St. Laszlo – St. Laszlo (c. 1040-1095), also known as St. Ladislaus I of Hungary, was born to a royal family in Krakow, Poland. His father became King Bela of Hungary, and his mother was the daughter of the King of Poland. He was raised as a Christian, spending his childhood in the court of the Polish king. After the death of his father and brother, he became the King of Hungary in 1077 and also later the King of Croatia in 1091. He was a beloved king, highly regarded as a moral and pious man and a great leader. He is remembered for his accomplishments in bringing peace and stability to his country following the strife of civil war, for his success in defending the kingdom of Hungary against the invading Cumans, and for politically and financially supporting the spread of Christianity in his kingdom. According to legend, while in battle he witnessed a Cuman warrior abducting a Hungarian girl. He pursued the enemy, defeated him, and liberated the girl. Because of his skills in military and diplomacy, as well as his religious devotion and chivalry, St. Laszlo was chosen to lead the first Crusade to the Holy Land, but died before the mission commenced. He was canonized by Pope Celestine III. His feast day is June 27.

Friday, June 28– St. Irenaeus of Lyons - St. Irenaeus of Lyons (c. 125 – 203 A.D.) was born in Asia Minor at a time when the direct memory of the Apostles was still alive. He was well educated in Sacred Scripture, theology, philosophy, and literature. He became an astute disciple of St. Polycarp, who himself was a disciple of St. John the Evangelist, one of the Twelve Apostles who belonged to Jesus' inner circle. St. Irenaeus is therefore an early witness of the authentic teaching of the Apostles preserved and handed down in both the written and oral tradition. St. Irenaeus was ordained a priest and became bishop of Lyons in modern-day France. He was one of the Church's first great theologians and apologists, writing his famous and important work 'Against Heresies' to combat the heresy of Gnosticism which greatly threatened the early Church. He is also an early witness of the primacy of Peter over the other Apostles, and thus the authority of the Roman See over the whole Church. St. Irenaeus is one of the most important early Church Fathers and is a Doctor of the Church. His feast day is June 28.

Saturday, June 29 – St. Peter & St. Paul - St. Peter and St. Paul (1st c.) were the foremost Apostles of Jesus Christ; St. Peter was the leader of the Twelve, while St. Paul followed Christ after His ascension into heaven. Together the two saints are the founders of the Church in Rome through their apostolic preaching, ministry, and martyrdom in that city. They are the solid rock on which the foundation of the Catholic Church is built, and they will forever remain her protectors and guides. To them Rome owes her true greatness, for it was under God's providential guidance that they transformed the capital of the Roman Empire into the heart of the Church, with the mission to radiate the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world. Both saints were martyred in close proximity to one another; Peter first, then Paul, though some traditions claim they were killed on the same day. St. Peter was crucified upside down and buried on the hill of the Vatican where St. Peter's Basilica now stands. St. Paul was beheaded on the via Ostia and buried where the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls now stands. St. Peter and St. Paul are the patron saints of Rome and they share a feast day on June 29, a tradition going back to the earliest centuries of the Church. See more about St. Peter. See more about St. Paul.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



JUNE 23, 2024

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 23	8:00a.m.	OLM	Mike & Joyce Dwyer, Living & Deceased Sarnac family, Frances Uzdella Conklin family
	10:30a.m.	SP	For the People
Tues. June 25	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. June 26	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. June 27	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. June 28	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. June 29	4:30p.m.	SP	Tom Stierwald
Sun. June 30	8:30a.m.	OLM	For the People
	10:30a.m.	SP	For the People

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---June 30 – Altar Rosary Society meeting after Mass
 ---July 14 – Veronica's Veil for Veneration – after Mass – Noon
 ---Aug. 3 – Bull Thistle Breakfast 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for June 16, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (12 envelopes)	\$ 1,241.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 189.00
BUDGET	\$ 1,747.00
Over / (Under)	(\$ 317.00)
OTHER COLLECTION	
CPC Jar	\$ 20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 20.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday & Other)	\$ 1,470.00

Word(s) of the week (from The America College Dictionary)

REFUGE – anything to which one has recourse for aid, relief, or escape.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	June 30, 2024
Greeters/Gifts	Joyce Bonin Shelly Gruman
Reader	Shelly Gruman
Servers	Evan Beauregard Kennedy Kunkle
Ushers	Phil & Tami Baker
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Ron Baker Terry Kovar Michelle Miron

They cried to the Lord in their distress;
 from their straits he rescued them,
 he hushed the storm to a gentle breeze,
 and the billows of the sea were stilled.

They rejoiced that they were calmed,
 and he brought them to their desired haven.
 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his kindness
 and his wondrous deeds to the children of men. Psalm 107:28-31

Dear Padre,

Do those who have died really remember us?

There are many clear indications in the Bible that the saints in heaven are aware of us and that there is interaction between those in heaven and people on earth. The most obvious passage is found in Hebrews 12:1: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses (those in heaven), let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us." By their prayers, those in the "cloud of witnesses" help us finish the race.

Saint Paul wrote, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us" (Romans 8:18). We will "forget" the troubles we endured on earth, but we will be aware of the sufferings of those who are still on earth, and we will want to help them. Why? Because the greatest happiness, as Jesus said, is in giving (Acts 20:35).

The saints in heaven pray for us on earth; union with them brings us closer to Christ. We pray for those who are being purified after death, and they pray for us. We are one family. The closer our union with God, the closer our union with one another. We have a wonderful goal in life: the promise of union with God and with all those joined to God. ●



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The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

MONDAY

June 24
Nativity of St.
John the Baptist
Is 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66, 80

TUESDAY

June 25
Weekday
2 Kgs 19:9b-11,
14-21, 31-35a,
36
Mt 7:6, 12-14

WEDNESDAY

June 26
Weekday
2 Kgs 22:8-13;
23:1-3
Mt 7:15-20

THURSDAY

June 27
Weekday
2 Kgs 24:8-17
Mt 7:21-29

FRIDAY

June 28
St. Irenaeus,
Bishop and
Martyr
2 Kgs 25:1-12
Mt 8:1-4

SATURDAY

June 29
Sts. Peter and
Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1-11
2 Tm 4:6-8,
17-18
Mt 16:13-19

SUNDAY

June 30
Thirteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 1:13-15;
2:23-24
2 Cor 8:7, 9,
13-15
Mk 5:21-43
or 5:21-24,
35b-43

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What are the winds that beat against my life? What are the waves that hinder my navigation, and put my spiritual life, my family life, even my psychological life in danger? Let us say all this to Jesus.... He wants this; he wants us to grab hold of him to find shelter from the unexpected waves in life.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 20, 2021

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