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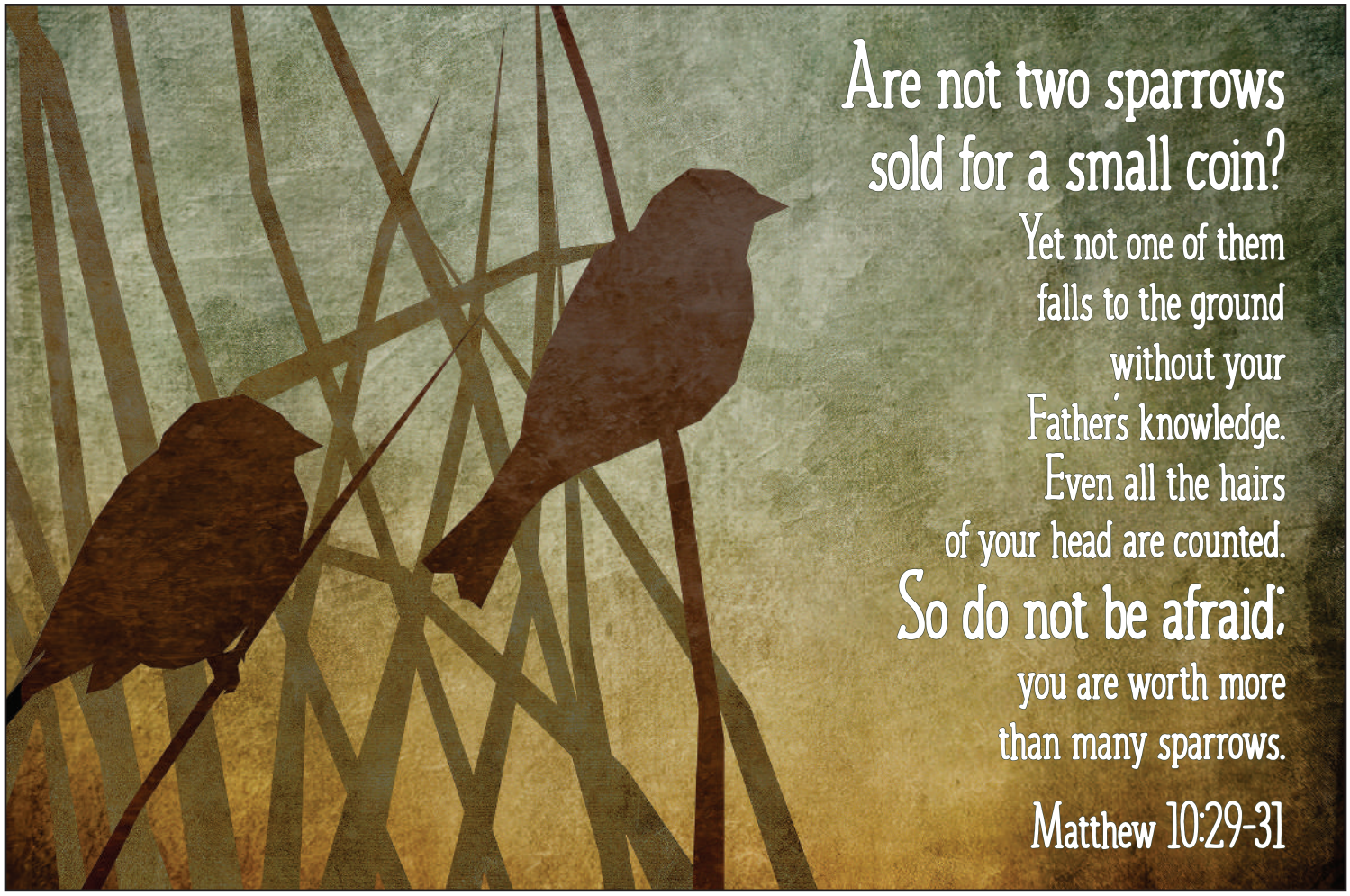
JUNE 21, 2026 – 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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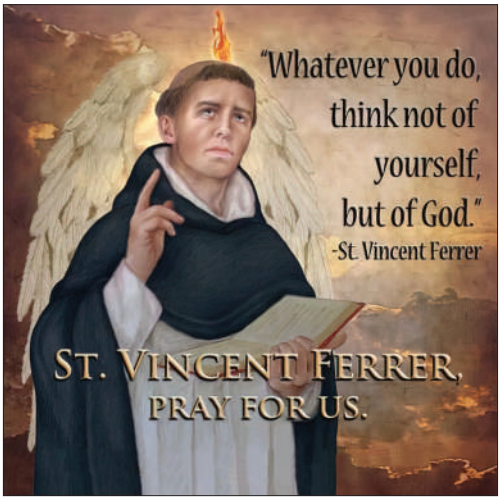

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 21, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 20 **5:00 p.m.**
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father's Day Remembrance
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Cynthia Addison Bernadine — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, June 21 **8:00 a.m.**
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father's Day Remembrance
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Justine Justin — In Memoriam
Requested by Evelyn Justin

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings

Reverend Msgr. Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Judy Pierre — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Charles Hall, Sr. — In Memoriam
Requested by Diana London

Reynold Barrow — In Memoriam
Requested by Diana London

Monday, June 22 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop
Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Josette Prepetie — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Georgette Nau

Tuesday, June 23 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Margaret Bambara — Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, June 24 **9:00 a.m.**
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
NYPD Auxiliary Sgt. Jean Gerald Pierre — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Thursday, June 25 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Rev. Father Michael J.S. Bruno — Blessings and Thanksgiving
(Anniversary of Ordination)
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Friday, June 26 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
George Jacob — In Memoriam — Third Anniversary

Saturday, June 27 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Cyril of Alexandria,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Barbara Gillespie — In Memoriam

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Bread and Wine
Adam Goodman — Birthday Memorial
Requested by the Elysée Family

Sanctuary Candle
Cynthia Addison Bernadine — Birthday Blessings

Altar Flowers
All Priests Who Have Served at Saint Vincent Ferrer

Altar Candles
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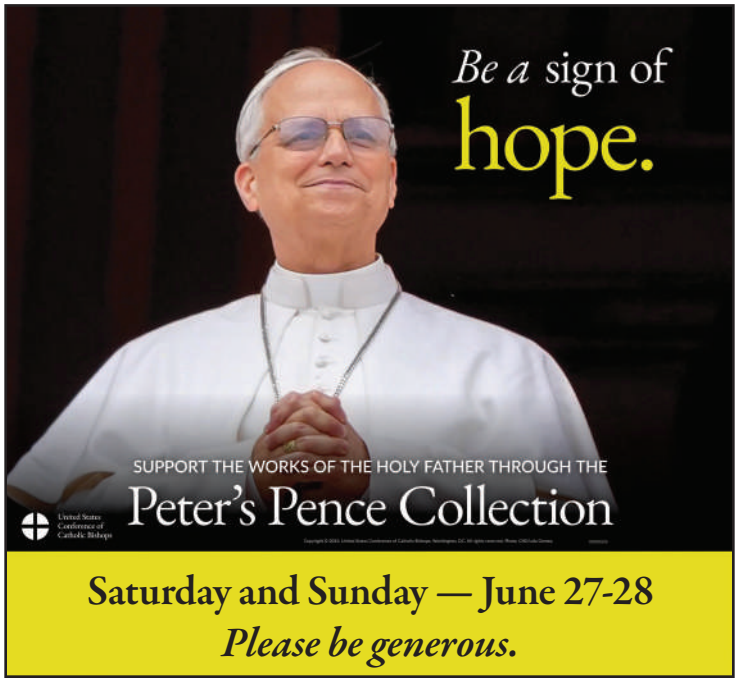
Saint Joseph Candle
All the Sick and Homebound of the Parish

Mary's Chapel
All the Souls in Purgatory

Annunciation Chapel
All Those Who Have No One To Pray For Them



Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus repeats to his disciples three different times: "have no fear" (Mt 10:26, 28, 31). Shortly prior to this, he had spoken to them about the persecutions they would have to undergo for the Gospel, a fact that is still a reality. Indeed, since her beginnings, along with joys — of which she has had many — the Church has experienced many persecutions. It seems paradoxical: the proclamation of the Kingdom of God is a message of peace and justice, founded on fraternal charity and on forgiveness; and yet it meets with opposition, violence, persecution. Jesus, however, says not to fear, not because everything will be all right in the world, no, but because we are precious to his Father, and nothing that is good will be lost. He therefore tells us not to let fear stop us, but rather to fear something else, only one thing. What is the thing Jesus tells us we should fear?

We discover what it is through an image Jesus uses today: the image of "Gehenna" (cf. v. 28). The valley of "Gehenna" was a place the inhabitants of Jerusalem knew well. It was the city's large garbage dump. Jesus speaks about it in order to say that the true fear we should have, is that of throwing away one's own life. Jesus says, "Yes, be afraid of that". It was like saying: you do not need so much to be afraid of suffering misunderstanding and criticism, of losing prestige and economic advantages, to remain faithful to the Gospel, no, but of wasting your existence in the pursuit of trivial things that do not fill life with meaning.

This is important for us. Even today, in fact, some are ridiculed or discriminated against for not following certain fads, which, however, place second-rate realities at the centre — for example, pursuing things instead of people, achievement instead of relationships. Let us give an example: I am thinking of some parents who need to work to maintain their family, but who cannot live for work alone — they need enough time to be with their children. I am also thinking of priests or sisters who need to dedicate themselves to their service, without, however, forgetting to dedicate time to be with Jesus; otherwise, they will fall into spiritual worldliness and lose the sense of who they are. And again, I am thinking of a young man or woman who has thousands of commitments and passions — school, sports, various interests, cell phones and social networks — but who still needs to meet people and achieve great dreams, without wasting time on fleeting things that do not leave their mark.

All of this, brothers and sisters, requires some renunciation before the idols of efficiency and consumerism. But this is necessary so as not to get lost in things that end up getting thrown out, as they threw things out in Gehenna back then. And yet, people often end up in today's Gehennas. Let us think of the least ones, who are often treated like waste products and unwanted objects. There is a cost to remaining faithful to what matters. There is a cost to going against the tide. There is a cost to freeing oneself from being conditioned by popular opinion. There is a cost to being left aside by those who "go with the flow". But it does not matter, Jesus says. What matters is not to throw away the greatest good: life. This is the only thing that should frighten us.

Let us thus ask ourselves: What do I fear? Not having what I like? Not reaching the goals society imposes? The judgement of others? Or rather of not pleasing the Lord, and not putting his Gospel in first place? May Mary, ever Virgin, Mother most Wise, help us to be wise and courageous in the choices we make.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 25, 2023

Daily readings for the 12th Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, June 21
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

Monday, June 22
2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18
Psalm 60:3, 4-5, 12-13
Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 23
2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36
Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11
Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 24
Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66, 80

Thursday, June 25
2 Kings 24:8-17
Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9
Matthew 7:21-29

Friday, June 26
2 Kings 25:1-12
Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday, June 27
Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19
Psalm 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21
Matthew 8:5-17

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Food/Bake Sale

Saturday, July 18
after the 5:00 p.m. Mass
and
Sunday, July 19
after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses

Order forms are available from any member of the group, and at the back of the Church. They can be returned to any member or to the Rectory. The deadline to order is Friday, July 10.

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If you are registering a new student, please bring the original copies of the Birth and Baptism certificates along with the registration fee to the Rectory.

The registration fee is $50.00 per family and can be paid by cash or money order. Please bring the payment to the Rectory, 1603 Brooklyn Avenue. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are no evening or weekend office hours.

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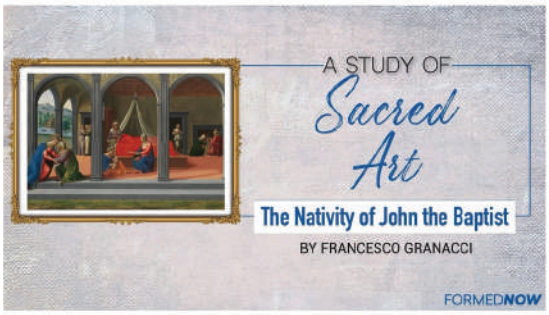
This Week on Formed

Week of June 21, 2026

Saint Thomas More: The Age of the Author

This engaging series delves into the lives of the saints who led the Catholic Counter-Reformation. In this episode, learn about St. Thomas More, a patient witness to the faith who endured a heroic martyrdom at the hands of Henry VIII.



The Nativity of John the Baptist

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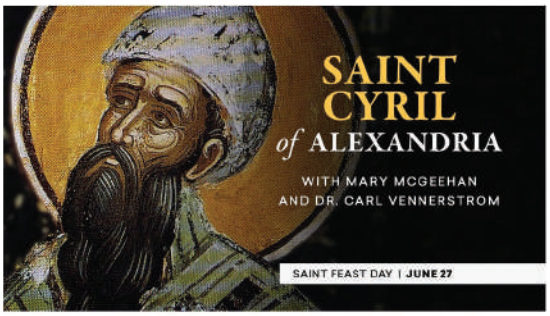

St. Cyril of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

During the Nestorian Controversy of the fifth century, heroic saints like Cyril of Alexandria defended the truth of Christ's divinity. In this episode, Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the Nestorian heresy and how St. Cyril's humble, courageous spirit aided the Church during a time of discord.

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Jesus said, "Whatever I tell you, shout from the rooftops."

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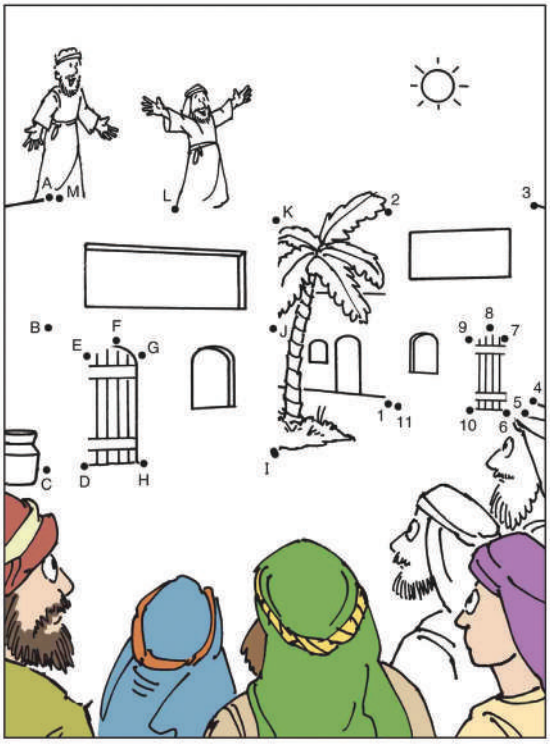

What else did Jesus say to His disciples?

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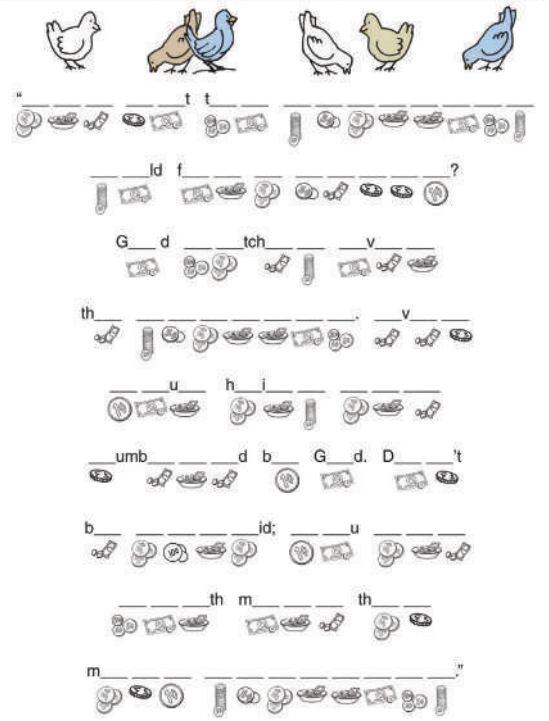

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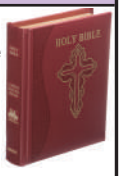

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