



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 20, 2021 | TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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#### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm  
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Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am

#### CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before  
7:00am Mass  
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Other | By Appointment

#### CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:30pm  
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# READINGS FOR JUNE 20, 2021

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### READING I

**JB 38:1, 8-11**

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said: Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door, and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31**

**R. (1b) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

They who sailed the sea in ships, trading on the deep waters, These saw the works of the LORD and his wonders in the abyss.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

His command raised up a storm wind which tossed its waves on high. They mounted up to heaven; they sank to the depths; their hearts melted away in their plight.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

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.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

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.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

### READING II

**2 COR 5:14-17**

Brothers and sisters: The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

### GOSPEL

**MK 4:35-41**

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"



### **Sunday, June 20**

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Marcia Matreci

### **Monday, June 21**

7:00am Fred Earnhardt, SI

### **Tuesday, June 22**

7:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

### **Wednesday, June 23**

7:00am Henry and Barbara Tepe

### **Thursday, June 24**

7:00am Henry Tepe

### **Friday, June 25**

7:00am Tim Flick

### **Saturday, June 26**

7:00am Kimling Family

4:30pm Oscar Straub

### **Sunday, June 27**

8:00am Jack and Jane Follen

10:00am People of the Parish

*"He asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?'" — Mark 4:40*

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now and open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.

## **Your Contributions to God and Parish**

<b>June 13, 2021</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
(Envelopes Used)		
<b>Regular Env. (43)</b>	\$ 2,362.00	\$ 219,523.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 1,066.00	\$ 49,731.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 50.00	\$ 8,784.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 180.00	\$ 11,678.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,034.00
<b>Online Giving (50)</b>	\$ 2,731.00	\$ 134,331.00
<b>Cardinal Glennon</b>	(\$ 80.00)	
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 25.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 6,494.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 6,389.00	\$ 438,220.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 450,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>(\$ 2,611.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 11,780.00)</u>
<b>FYE 2020</b>		(\$ 37,795.00)

### **From St. Vincent de Paul Society**

In the Gospel today, Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples "Why are you lacking in faith?" In our life's journey, we also must learn to believe in God's presence and to trust in His care. Part of the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to pray for and with our neighbors in need so they too will recognize the presence of God in their lives and trust in His care for them. Your donations help strengthen their belief! In the first quarter of 2021, we received \$16,442 in donations, allowing us to show God's love and care to others by assisting families with rent (\$5,660), food (\$679), and utility bills (Ameren \$3,262, Spire \$3,075, water \$174 and MSD \$754). God bless your generosity!

## FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

### Walks with Fr. John

Thank you for the opportunities provided in the past couple of walks to get to meet, pray with, and bless many of you at your homes. This event was a blessing in my life last year and the same is true this year.

Next weekend, we will wrap up the walks, with walks scheduled on both Saturday and Sunday:

- June 26 9:00-11:00am Highfield, Westway, Jamieson, Willmore, Westway, Homeland, Jamieson, High Circle, Jamieson
- June 27 1:00-3:00pm Willmore, Guilford Pl, Highfield Bishops, Childress, Rhodes (west of Clifton), Westway Pl, Kinsey Pl., Childress to Eichelberger, Eichelberger to Donovan Ave, Donovan to Kinsey cul-de-sac, to Donovan

If you would like to make sure that I stop by your home, please contact me either via phone or e-mail no later than 24 hours in advance. I appreciate the last minute change in schedules, but need time to make sure I get everything recorded and laid out for the trip.

Last year, some parishioners chose to walk with me part of the time on these journeys. Please know that anyone who would like to walk with me is welcome; please dress for the weather and bring water.

If you are outside of the boundaries or are not going to be at home when I will be by, please contact me and I am happy to make a personal visit at a mutually agreeable time.

### Father's Day and 4th of July Mass

As we did for Mother's Day, we will have a special Father's Day Mass this Sunday at **5:00pm** (note later time due to the excessive heat) on the parking lot.

We welcome people to come to church in their cars or to bring chairs and sit in the first row of parking spots.

We will also have a special parking lot Mass on July 4th at 5:00pm as well.

### Questions Related to the Reinstatement of the Mass Mandate

There have been some questions relating to the reinstatement of the Mass Mandate on July 1, that I

would like to address:

#### *-Will Masses continue to be streamed?*

Yes, we will continue to stream Masses on a different schedule:

Monday-Friday: 7:00am

Saturday: 7:00am and 4:30pm

We will not be streaming any Masses on Sunday regularly unless there is a special event. We will announce in advance should we be streaming a Mass on Sunday.

A friendly reminder that participating in a streamed Mass does not take the place of attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. In order to fulfill one's Sunday obligation under usual circumstances, a person should attend in person.

#### *-When will the ropes come down?*

I want the ropes to come down in church as well, believe me! However, until attendance at Mass justifies taking down some, or all of the ropes, we will be leaving them up.

First, we are continuing enhanced cleaning protocols in the church. Taking down the ropes, when we are not fully utilizing the seating capacity we have now, just creates extra work for our cleaning staff to have to clean more pews for the same number of people.

Second, there is a level of comfort with more socially-distanced seating. We would like to continue this as long as possible to make everyone feel comfortable attending Mass.

As attendance climbs, we will happily remove the ropes as needed to create the needed seating capacity. Until then, we will leave them up.

#### *- When Will Servers Return?*

I do not have an exact date on this yet,



as I am working on some legal issues related to bringing the servers back. We hope to have them back sometime in August.

- *When will the Offertory Return?*

At the last task force meeting, we decided it was still a bit too early to start back with the Offertory collection and procession. We will reexamine this when the committee reconvenes, but hopefully soon.

- *When will Extraordinary Ministers and receiving the Precious Blood be available?*

Currently, the way we are doing Holy Communion, it is easy enough for Monsignor, Deacon, and I to distribute Holy Communion. We may have places to have a minister help now and then, but until we have an increase in attendance and can have both sides of the main section receive Holy Communion at the same time, I do not see Extraordinary Ministers ministering regularly in the near future.

Distributing the Blood of Christ is still prohibited by the USCCB, so I do not see this as a possibility for a while yet.

If you have a question I can answer about the return of the Mass mandate, please contact me and I will address it in this column.

## The Eucharist

Last week, I wrote on the importance of the Sunday Mass obligation and how strongly the Church upholds this obligation. I would like, in these next weeks, to write about some more positive reasons why coming back to Mass is so important.

The first reason is the ability to receive the Eucharist.

Streaming Mass can be a great tool for spiritual enrichment. Someone can hear the readings each day and can hear a reflection on those words through the homily. One can even hear the words of Mass. These are all very good things.

But what defines our faith more than any other sign is the Eucharist. We, as Catholics, have the oppor-

tunity each week, more often if we so choose, to receive Jesus Himself under the appearance of bread and wine.

This, more than anything, is what people longed for during the time of the lockdowns last year. People could hear the Mass, but they could not receive Jesus. As a priest ordained to give Jesus to people, this was perhaps the hardest part of the lockdown for me personally.

You may ask what is the big deal about receiving the Eucharist. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* cites many fruits from receiving Holy Communion:

- Holy Communion strengthens our union with Jesus Himself.
- Just as we need food for our body, the Eucharist is spiritual food for our souls.
- Since we come closer to Christ in Holy Communion, we become further detached from sin.
- By receiving Holy Communion, venial sins are forgiven and the love we have to give to others is increased.
- The Eucharist helps to preserve us from committing serious sins in the future.
- We are united more fully to the Church, the Body of Christ, and to all of the members of the Church.
- The Eucharist softens our hearts to be more generous to the poor.

These are some truly awesome effects from the Eucharist. Why would we not want these fruits bursting forth in our lives?

If you want to grow closer to Jesus by becoming the person He created you to be, receive the Eucharist. If you want to overcome sin in your life, go to confession, but also receive Holy Communion.

If we want a strong parish community, we need more and more people to attend Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion each week.

Next week, we will develop this last point a bit further. (To read about the fruits of Holy Communion, please read the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1391-1397).

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# DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
Monday	Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday	Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday	<i>Vigil:</i> Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 <i>Day:</i> Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/
Friday	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday	Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday	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,

## Prayer Network

Our prayer network continues its quiet work of praying for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from illness, and for special intentions as well. We also invite you to remember these petitions daily in your prayers. If you are interested in having an intention added to the prayer chain or to receive the list of intentions, please contact the parish office.

## Spiritual Communion of St. Alphonsus

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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## Donut Sunday

Speaking of food for the soul in the Eucharist, how about some food for the body as well?

On July 11, we will have our first Donut Sunday in many, many months. Come by the cafeteria to have a great treat and greet some friends you may not have seen in a while.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome the following new members to our church. We hope that you know that we are there for you. There are several committees and clubs that you might like to join to meet other parishioners. As a faith community, we like to help others in our area and those less fortunate than we are. We hope you will consider taking part in future activities at our church. Please join us at Mass either online or in person at church. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

Tyler and Katherine Hicks

Patrick and Elizabeth Magee

## New Leadership

Our School Board and Home and School Association have new leadership.

Lucy Adams is now the President of the school board. We would like to thank Matt Fuhr for his leadership during this past year. Mary Anne Potts will serve this next year as Vice-President and Steven Kratky will be the Secretary.

Casey Kleekamp will be the new head of our Home and School Association, taking over from Emily Young. Sara Wright is the new Vice-President of the HSA.

Congratulations to our new leaders and thank you to those who have served in this past year!

## School Picnic

This past week, the picnic committee met to discuss the picnic. As of right now, we are moving full speed ahead for our picnic on August 27-28, 2021! Please save the date on your calendars!

## Amazon Prime Day

The next two days are Amazon Prime Days! Please remember to support our parish and school through Amazon Smile.

I will see you online or in Church! - Fr. John #SRAstrong

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## *Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph*

Provider for the Son of God, pray for us.

Zealous defender of Christ, pray for us.

Servant of Christ, pray for us.

Minister of salvation, pray for us.

Head of the Holy Family, pray for us

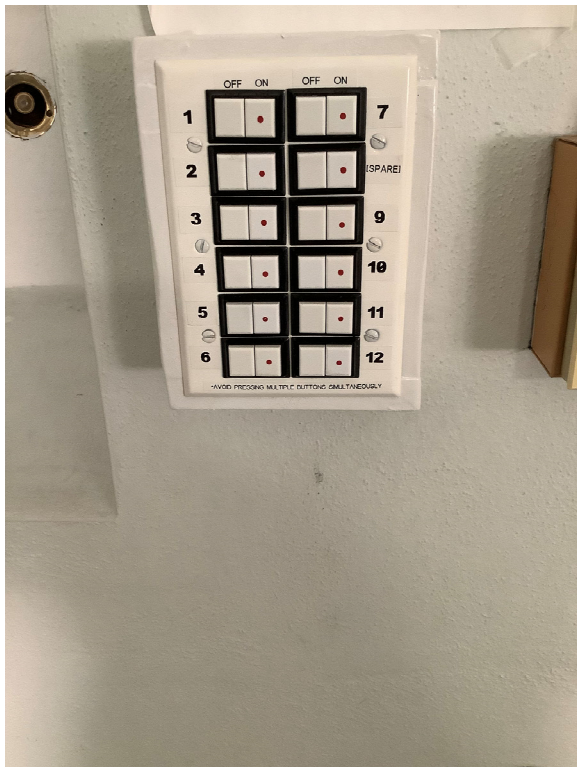


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## Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social, and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## 50 and Beyond Campaign Update



Thank you for your generosity to the 50 and Beyond Campaign. This week, we had new lighting controls installed in the church. This project came in significantly under budget due to some in-kind labor. Thank you one and all for your great generosity!

### For Sale

We have approximately 35 beige, metal chairs for sale for \$2.00 each. They are located in the lower level of the parish office. They are being sold on a first come, first sold basis. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

### A Prayer Before Holy Mass

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: *(here name them)*. Amen.

## Most Holy Trinity Parish Information

Before the pandemic, we were developing a relationship with Most Holy Trinity Parish in North City. Father John recently met with Sr. Gail who shared some opportunities for us to reconnect with Most Holy Trinity Parish in the coming weeks. Please consider joining in one of these activities!

### Retreat Sunday on June 27, 2021

Mass at 9:30am followed by lunch, a talk, and service to the neighborhood. Father Tom Donaldson will be retreat guide for the day.

Please RSVP for Retreat Sunday so lunch preparations can be made. Please call 314.241.9165 to register and for more information.



### Annual Catholic Appeal

If you have not yet contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing so now. If you have an ACA pledge card, fill it out and drop it into the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. If you do not have a card, call the parish office or Fred Hodes (314.752.8742) and we will fill out a card for you.

Thanks to all who have already contributed.

The ACA Committee



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**From Pope Benedict XVI  
Angelus Address  
Sunday, 25 June 2006**

This Sunday, the 12th in Ordinary Time, is as though "surrounded" by significant liturgical solemnities. Last Friday we celebrated the Sacred Heart of Jesus, an event that felicitously unites this popular devotion with theological depth. It was traditional - and in some countries, still is - to consecrate families to the Sacred Heart, whose image they would keep in their homes.

The devotion is rooted in the mystery of the Incarnation; it is precisely through the Heart of Jesus that the Love of God for humanity is sublimely manifested.

This is why authentic devotion to the Sacred Heart has retained all its effectiveness and especially attracts souls thirsting for God's mercy who find in it the inexhaustible source from which to draw the water of Life that can irrigate the deserts of the soul and make hope flourish anew. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests: I take the opportunity to invite all of you, dear brothers and sisters, to pray for priests always, so that they will be effective witnesses of Christ's love.

Yesterday, the liturgy enabled us to celebrate the Birth of St. John the Baptist, the only saint whose birth is commemorated because it marked the beginning of the fulfilment of the divine promises: John is that "prophet," identified with Elijah, who was destined to be the immediate precursor of the Messiah, to prepare the people of Israel for his coming (cf. Mt 11: 14; 17: 10-13). His feast reminds us that our life is entirely and always "relative" to Christ and is fulfilled by accepting him, the Word, the Light, and the Bridegroom, whose voices, lamps, and friends we are (cf. Jn 1: 1, 23; 1: 7-8; 3: 29). "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn 3: 30); the Baptist's words are a program for every Christian.

Allowing the "I" of Christ to replace our "I" was in an exemplary way the desire of the Apostles Peter and Paul, whom the Church venerates with solemnity on 29 June. St. Paul wrote of himself: "It is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2: 20).

Before them and before any other saint, it was Mary Most Holy who lived this reality and cherished in her heart the words of her Son Jesus. Yesterday we contemplated her Immaculate Heart, the heart of a mother that continues to watch tenderly over us all. May her intercession enable us to remain ever faithful to our Christian vocation.



**Welcome to the St. Raphael Parish Family!**

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

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