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June 25, 2023

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### A Sabbath Thought

It is all too easy to close our eyes. In that way, we refuse to be seers or prophets who pierce through the pain that others avoid. Through that suffering we attain the vision of God's glory.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### JEREMIAH 20:10-13

The prophet is out of step with his contemporaries. He sees what they do not see, the coming of God's salvation.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

#### ROMANS 5:12-15

We sinned and God saved. But this divine salvation is overkill or, better still, "overlife", in response to our evil, God sent his Son to be our Saviour.

#### MATTHEW 10:26-33

Society knows how to deal with prophets. It silences them through intimidation and persecution. But these are idle threats, says Jesus, to those who profess his Name and honor his Father.

### ENTRANCE RITE: 2 Timothy 2:11-13

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*V. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with Him we shall also live with Him; if we persevere we shall also reign with Him.*

**R. But if we deny Him He will deny us. If we are unfaithful He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.**

*V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!**

### ALLELUIA: 1 Peter 3:17

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*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*V. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### THE GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33

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Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one.

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?

Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge.

Even all the hairs of your head are counted.

So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others

I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.

But whoever denies me before others,

I will deny before my heavenly Father."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

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# Worship Services

Today – June 25<sup>th</sup>

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Baptism of Jude Adler Yoh during the 9:30 AM Mass

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Sunday – July 2<sup>nd</sup>

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

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Sunday – July 9<sup>th</sup>

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

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## June is Sacred Vocations Month

The Church sets aside June as Sacred Vocations Month. The PNCC, much like all denominations, suffers from a shortage of priests and deacons to serve the needs of the faithful. Please remember to pray ever more fervently during this month that the Lord God Almighty will call more men to His service and that they may answer His call.

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## Picnic Donations

We are at this time asking for donations to help fund the Annual Polish Picnic in August. As you may know, this is our signature fund raising event of the year and require much work and sacrifice on the part of many of our parishioners. If you are financially able to donate to help offset the costs it would be greatly appreciated. Please make out any checks payable to the YMS of R as they are handling funds for the picnic. If you are donating cash, please mark the envelope clearly "PICNIC DONATION". Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. May God bless you.

# INTENTIONS:

## My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Jeannine Dresh, Amanda Dresh, Brianne Dresh, Bonnie Sue Pilot, Lorah Zawoski, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Birosca, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Hogg, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinfeld, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Loretta Mikovsky, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Sally Traczuk and Buddy Lord. **Our Father....**

**If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Weekends in June, July and August;** Food making in preparation for the Annual Polish Picnic in August. Please see the Monthly Newsletter for dates and signup sheets are in the vestibule. **More help is needed than have signed up so far. Please consider volunteering a day or two of your time to help make the Picnic the huge success that it has been in the past.** Flyers are on the table in the vestibule, please take and post.

**Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>;** Ladies' Night Out! Doc and Bubba's 6:00 PM. Please join the women of the Book Club and the ANS for dinner and drinks. This is not a sponsored event, we will all be paying our own way. Please see the signup sheet on the table in the vestibule for more information and to sign up. This is open to all women 21 and older you do not need to be a member of the ANS or the Book Club so please join us and invite your friends. If you are interested, please sign the sheet as we need to know how many will be attending in order to make reservations. Thank you.

**If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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# KURS ENCAMPMENT

The annual **Kurs Encampment** will be held July 1st through 8th at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center with the theme of Kurs 2.0 Level Up Your Faith. All registrations are done online. Information to register your children and those of your parish are here: <https://www.kurscamp.org/> and the Facebook group is here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/619591371759659>. The cost for PNCC member families is \$350 per child. There is also a scholarship available, the Steven A. Azaravich, MD Memorial Kurs Encampment Scholarship - 2023 to pay for the cost of attendance. Information here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejA3Fx-ow0M9EBOC-y0imyCchEgp4b8sebkuwKS8IAVw7JoQ/viewform>. We encourage all parish youth ages 8 - 17 to attend this event.

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# NATIONAL UNITED CHOIRS CONVENTION AND WORKSHOP

The National United Choirs will be holding their 36<sup>th</sup> General Convention and Music Workshop at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA from August 9<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>. Information and registration forms can be found on the table in the vestibule,