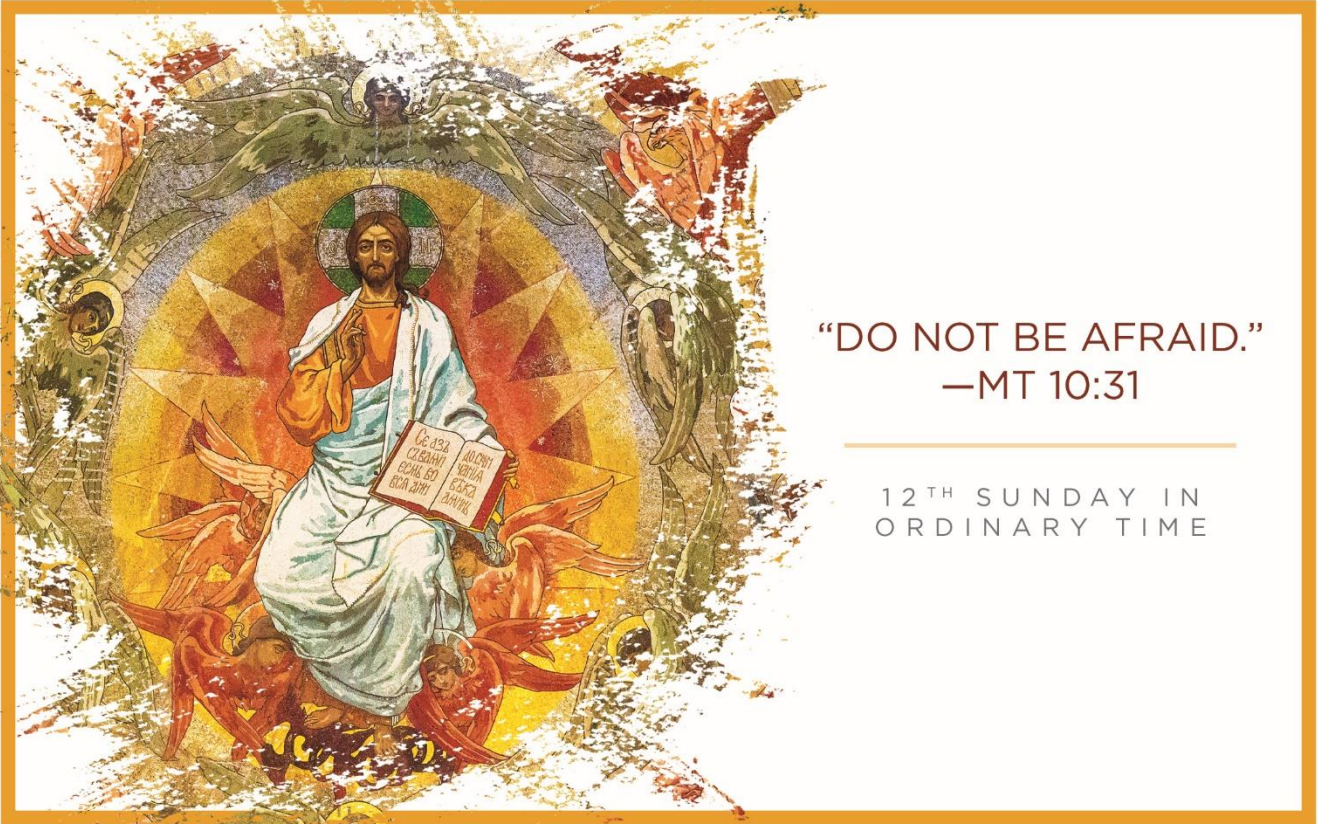


WORSHIP @ HOME

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time • 21 June 2020

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



“DO NOT BE AFRAID.”
—MT 10:31

12TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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Preparation

There are a few things you need to do to get ready before you begin.

- We recommend glancing through the whole service before you start. **Adapt the service for your family**, especially so it will be age-appropriate.
- You could make the setting special by using a white table cloth and setting some candles out. Get the whole family involved in the preparations.
- **Place your family Bible on the table**, if you have one, opened up to the Gospel of the day (Matthew 10:26-33)
- **The script has leader and various reader parts.** Anyone old enough to read well can perform these roles.
- **An iPad/tablet computer** or large phone could work well for reading the script. **It would be helpful to have two devices** for multiple people to read. To access the slideshow and hymns, visit: <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2020-06-21>
- **Don't worry**, you don't have to do this perfectly. Have some fun with it. Let's pray!

JUST BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- **Silence and set aside all phones** or other devices that may interrupt you.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING SONG (OPTIONAL)

Start playing the video for this opening song, and then scroll down to sing along with the lyrics.

GREETING

Leader: † In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God forever.
The response is: Blessed be God forever.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: We gather together as a family
to remember how Jesus gathered us around one table.
One with all of our sisters and brothers throughout the world,
let us now listen to God's Word and join in prayer.

LITANY IN PRAISE OF GOD'S MERCY

Together, we acknowledge how grateful we are for the mercy of God.

Leader: As we prepare to hear about God's love for us,
let us remember that God works through us and through our love.

Lord Jesus, you take away our fear in times of trouble:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds after we hurt each other:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you remind us that every person is a child of God:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

Pause for a short time for everyone to pray in silence. Then pray the following out loud, carefully and with meaning.

Leader: God of Strength,
you have created us to live in freedom and joy
and given us all a dignity that can never be taken away.

May we be strong and courageous,
always working to lift others up
and living with compassion and justice.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ALLELUIA

Play the video. Listen to the refrain the first time, then sing together when it repeats.

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GOSPEL

Lead your family in this action prayer, making the Sign of the Cross over your forehead, lips, and heart at each step.

Reader 1: In today's reading we hear Jesus telling us we do not need to live in fear of anyone.

We now do this action prayer together:

May the Lord be on my mind, †

on my lips, †

and in my heart †

as we hear the Gospel today.

A reading from the holy Gospel of Matthew.

This text is based on the translation used in the Lectionary for Masses with Children and is easier for young people to understand.

Reader 1: Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions:

Don't be afraid of anyone!

Everything that is hidden will be found out, and every secret will be known.

Whatever I say to you in the dark, you must tell in the light.

And you must announce from the housetops whatever I have whispered to you.

Don't be afraid of people. They can kill you, but they cannot harm your soul.

Instead, you should fear God who can destroy both your body and your soul in hell.
Aren't two sparrows sold for only a penny?
But your Father knows when any one of them falls to the ground.
Even the hairs on your head are counted.
So don't be afraid! You are worth much more than many sparrows.

If you tell others that you belong to me,
I will tell my Father in heaven that you are my followers.
But if you reject me, I will tell my Father in heaven that you don't belong to me.

Matthew 10:26-33. From the Contemporary English Version, copyright © American Bible Society, 1991, 1995.

Reader 2: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL VIDEO REFLECTION

This cartoon video for younger children tells about a very similar reading earlier in Matthew's Gospel. Pay attention to what is the same and what is different about the two readings.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PG1LjFO99dA&feature=emb_logo

GOSPEL SONG REFLECTION

Here is a song/video drawn from today's Gospel reading.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRJZQFRyZ6s&feature=emb_logo

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Take some time to talk together about what the readings mean to each of you. You can do this however you would like, but here are some thoughts and questions that can get you started.

- What do you think Jesus means about every secret eventually being found out and what is told in the dark should be shared in the light? (There is no right or wrong answer here.)
- Jesus says we shouldn't be afraid of anyone, not even people who could kill us, because they can't kill our souls. Have you ever known anyone or heard stories of someone who was courageous and believed what Jesus said: that they were willing to die for doing the right thing? Share about them.
- How does it make you feel to know that God cares so much about you that God knows even how many hairs you have on your head?

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Now let's pray together to God for what we need.

Reader 2: For all those who are close to us and those who are far from us who are still struggling because of the coronavirus pandemic,

that they may find new courage to continue the fight,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for all those who are unjustly treated, hurt, or killed
because of discrimination or hatred,
that they may trust in God's special care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: That we may have the strength and the courage
to speak up and act for the things that Jesus taught,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: For what else and for who else shall we pray?

Allow time for anyone else to speak prayers aloud.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

SIGN OF PEACE

Leader: Let us now offer each another a sign of peace.

Share some hugs!

A LITANY FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Leader: The response is: Lord, bring us closer to you!

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Lord our God,
we wish we could gather today with our parish community,

but we gather here out of love and concern for others.
You teach us that when two or three are gathered in your name,
you are there.
Together, we pray:

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Christ Jesus, you are present in a special way
when bread and wine are turned into your Body and Blood.
Since we cannot receive you in this way today,
We ask that you enter our hearts
so that we may receive you spiritually.
Together, we pray:

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Lord our God,
watch over your family
and keep us safe in your care,
for all our hope is in you.

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Concluding Rite

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SONG (OPTIONAL)

Start playing the video, and then scroll down to sing along with the lyrics.

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After the Service

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Take a picture of your family in your worship area and share it on social media (tag it with **#HolySpiritStClairWorshipAtHome**).

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