

June 21, 2026
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SOS *Three dots, three dashes, three dots: SOS, the international code signaling distress. By common understanding, we translate SOS into an abbreviation for the words, “save our souls.” Ironically, the distress signal is for saving bodies, but there you have it. Today, Jesus talks about saving one’s soul, one’s very self. This is God’s great concern.*

COMMENT

Jeremiah was not easily intimidated. His prophetic vocation was as difficult as it was unambiguous: “To root up and to tear down, to destroy and to demolish, to build and to plant” (Jeremiah 1:10). Jeremiah prophesied before the sixth-century exile. He warned Judah that its apostasy and infidelity would bring it down, as indeed it did. His warnings, though they came to pass, were no way to win friends and influence people—from the faithless king on down to the lowliest resident of Judah.

The book of Jeremiah contains five confessional pieces that have the look and feel of diary entries. We read one of these entries today. We sympathize with Jeremiah’s inner struggles as he seeks to be faithful to his hard, hard prophetic vocation. He vents his grief over his feckless friends who now set out to entrap him. Then he considers God who champions his cause, even though God seems far off at the moment. Finally, Jeremiah stops turning the issue over in his mind and directs his attention to God. Jeremiah is none too kindly disposed toward his enemies, even in his prayer. He wishes the worst for them, and trusts God will care for the poor, among which Jeremiah most certainly places himself. His diary closes, his soul intact, his life in God’s hands.

Keeping Jeremiah in mind, we turn to the Gospel for the day. For Jesus, talk is not cheap. He does not speak from a safe place. He does not smugly remind us of the supreme value of the human spirit. He knows whereof he speaks. The Gospels are good news. They were written after Jesus suffered the loss of life through his crucifixion. But he possessed his soul. He commended his spirit to God’s keeping. His death defeated death itself, but it was still a painful death—a thing to be shrunk from.

REFLECTION

After Jesus’ resurrection, the apostles remembered well these words of Jesus. They and the small, beleaguered flock that constituted the early Church recalled the words of the crucified and risen Jesus. Doubtless, these

followers had been humiliated, shunned, ridiculed, excluded. They knew only too well the cost and price of martyrdom.

Like all people who must stand alone and choose their faith, they knew hard-edged, debilitating fear. But they overcame that fear. They proclaimed the message, witnessed to their faith, chose. In some cases, their choices cost them their lives. But they died as they had lived. They were people of integrity and faith. They preserved their soul. They could do this because they leaned mightily on Jesus and on his Father, who knows who we are and where we are—who knows, in fact, the number of hairs on our young and aging heads.

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FATHER-LIKE

Michael and George met each other nearly forty years ago. Michael was a young man at the time and not long married to Marie, whereas George and his wife, Ellen, were in their sixties and nearing retirement. Over the years the two couples spent a lot of time together, becoming especially close after the birth of the young couple’s two daughters. Since the children’s grandparents lived so far away, George and Ellen helped out as grandparents would. Michael’s childhood had been very difficult, and his father was awkward and distant with him. George was the opposite: humorous, outgoing, and affectionate. He was a skilled craftsman by trade, and could turn his hand to anything from gardening to carpentry. He took great interest in the world around him and was generous to a fault. Michael realized that George’s kindness and warm friendship had molded him as his own father was unable to do. When George died at 96 he had forever changed Michael’s understanding of what it is to be a father, and why we can call God “Our Father.” We all long for a loving father in our lives, and many of us have one and can be grateful. Yet the fact remains that not everyone has a wonderful father; for whatever reason there is friction, misunderstanding, or distance. At the same time, not everyone can be the father they would like to be, and that includes men whose jobs demand too much time of them, or men serving in the military far from home, or those who are in prison. So today, consider who in your life has been fatherly to you, and if you are not a father or are far from your children consider how you can show the care and concern of a father to others.

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Living Stewardship Now

Take time today to thank whoever has been a father to you. Make a donation to a men’s organization in the parish to honor them. Give thanks for God’s fatherly love and presence in your life.

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Saturday, June 20th -



5:00-IHM – For our Fathers living and deceased

Sunday, June 21st –

8:00AM – IHM – Por nuestros Padres vivos y difuntos

9:30AM – HF – For the People of Nolan County

11:00AM – IHM – For our Fathers living and deceased

Tuesday, June 23rd 9:00AM-HF

+Roy Garcia, Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y Teresa Gonzales

Wednesday, June 24th 6:00PM - IHM

In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Thelma Mendez, Steven Flores & Nate Balderas

Thursday, June 25th 9:00AM-HF

+Miguel Ramirez

Friday, June 26th 9:00AM – HF

+Jaime Montealvo

Saturday, June 27th -

5:00-IHM – +Maria Morales Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales, Carlos C, Maria and Carlos Guerrero, Sr.; In thanksgiving for Juanita Guerrero’s 75th birthday; +Alma & Frances Solano

Sunday, June 28th –

8:00AM – IHM – +Sarah Gomez, Eulalio y Sarita Olvera, Ysidro y Elvira Navarrette; +Estela Perez Gomez; En acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Lupe Medellin y Fabiola Acevedo

11:00AM – IHM – For the People of Nolan County

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

June 27 – Youth Group July 4 – Parish Council

June 13/14, 2026 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$3,181.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1,234.00
POOR MISSION ASSISTANCE.....	718.25
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$5,133.25

Thank you for your generosity



FELIZ DIA del PADRE -- May God bless all fathers, grandfathers, and all those who have been father role models in our lives!

WORD OF LIFE - June 21st “Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!”

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux “Fathers’ Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life”

WEDNESDAY – Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:00pm @IHM. Fr. Josh will be in the church after the Mass. If you need to go to confession, please let him know. He will hear confessions until 8:00pm.

ULTREYA MEETINGS

Sunday, June 21st - 6:00pm (*English*)

Monday, June 22nd - 7:00pm (*Spanish*)

at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don’t have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit <http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

GRUPO MISIONERO - Meets on Thursdays, at 7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall

Do you want to grow in your knowledge of our faith and all that the Church teaches?

Introducing Foundations of Faith Formation Program!

This is an opportunity for anyone to join with others all over our diocese and have an in-depth look at topics such as: Scripture, Mary and the Saints, Church History, Liturgy and some special topics such as the Holy Father’s first Encyclical and the History and documents of Vatican II along with many other topics! Those interested can sign up for any classes of a particular topic that interests you or you can complete the whole program to receive the Diocesan Certificate!

Classes are offered in both English and Spanish. Registration for the first class is due on August 28, 2026 or 3 weeks before the class date for other classes. To see the classes available this year please visit <https://sanangelodiocese.org/foundations-formation-program>

For more information contact Kelly Tyler: ktyler@sanangelodiocese.org 325-651-7500

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: 2Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Thursday: 2Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29
- Friday: 2Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
- Sunday: 2Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

RAFFLE TICKETS “2026 Jamaica”

We are still handing them out after all weekend Masses. Don’t forget to get yours!



All your children will be
taught by the Lord, and
great will be their peace

- Isaiah 54:13

★ **HAPPY** ★
Father's day