
The Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2026

We ... make God our boast through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Laborers Needed

Today's scriptures employ mixed metaphors—images of sheep and shepherds, priests and people, harvest and laborers—all of which intermingle to create a web of meaning on which we have based our understanding of Christian vocations. Above all, these images help us see Christian vocations as an extension and expression of Jesus' own ministry in the world. They lend themselves especially well to a reflection on the vocation to ordained priesthood. The scriptures for today help us understand the role of the ordained in the life of the Church. They also encourage us to pray for an increase in the number of candidates for priestly ordination, for "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:37).

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Reflecting on the Word

Our relationships define who we are and who we become. In the first reading, we are told that our faithfulness to the covenantal relationship will ensure our position as God's cherished child, the disciple of Christ who will take the good news of God's reign to all (or almost all!). What does it mean that this Kin-dom of God is coming? It means that the sick will be healed, the dead will return to life, demons will be cast out, etc. Although Jesus names twelve men to go out into the countryside to do this work, we who are in covenant with Jesus are also commissioned to go out into the world and shout joyfully that we are God's people, God's flock. Our covenant with God includes a covenant with our fellow human persons.

Taking the Good News into the world is hard work, demanding and uncomfortable. We might offend someone. We might offend ourselves! Jesus has accepted this hard, demanding, and uncomfortable work, including being willing to lay down his life. Notice that when Jesus sees the crowd and is moved with pity for them, he doesn't send them thoughts and prayers. He sends the Twelve to go and stand with those people in solidarity and do concrete work to dispel human pain.

Excerpted from Living the Word

Mass Schedule — Week of June 14

Sun., June 14 — 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM (Spanish)

Mon., June 15 — 8:30 AM

Wed., June 17 — 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Thurs., June 18 — 8:30 AM

Fri., June 19 — 8:30 AM

Sat., June 20 — 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Sun., June 21 — 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM (Spanish)

Parish Announcements

1. **Totus Tuus VBS — June 21-26.** A free program for all children of the parish. Registration is today in the parish hall after Mass. Please help make it a success by signing up to volunteer during the day or evening programs, bringing meals for our missionaries, and/or providing additional items that are needed.
2. **Baby Bottles for the Pregnancy Resource Center.** Your baby bottles are due today. Online donations can still be made at givebutter.com/babybottle2026.
3. **Welcome, New Parishioners!** Please fill out a registration form found in the hall or vestibule and put it in the collection basket. You can also register online.
4. **Mass Intentions.** Mass Intention forms can be found in the vestibule and hall. If you fill one out, please put it in the collection basket.
5. **Ushers & Greeters.** Please consider filling a ministry needed in our parish as an usher and greeter. Contact the office if you can help.
6. **St. John's Enrichment Co-op.** We are excited to announce St. John's Enrichment Co-op, a homeschool community for K-8 (nursery included for younger siblings). We exist to create a community of saints through enrichment, forming our children in faith and virtue. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month starting August 2026 for morning Mass and enrichment classes (including art, science, Liturgy/Saints, and life skills). Registration is open until July 1, 2026. We are looking for more families to join, as well as adult volunteers for the school year. To register, volunteer, or for more info, email (931) 359-5017 or speak with Raqueli DeWitt.
7. **Online Giving.** A QR code is available in the bulletin if you would like to make your donation online.

Today's Readings

First Reading — You shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all others (Exodus 19:2-6a).

Psalms — We are the people of the Lord, his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — We boast of God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have been reconciled (Romans 5:6-11).

Gospel — Jesus commissioned the Twelve: Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons (Matthew 9:36 — 10:8).

Readings for the Week

- **Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
- **Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
- **Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- **Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
- **Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
- **Saturday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
- **Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Mission Statement

We, the members of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, recognize and respect our diverse and multicultural character. By the grace of God, we will nurture our spiritual community through prayer, service, and example to become one family in Christ.

Adoration

- 8:00 AM — 1st Saturday of the month
- 7:00 PM — 1st & 3rd Friday (Spanish)