

## Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church



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**Confesión el Sábado:  
Por cita en (Español y Inglés)**

**Rosario el Sábado: Y Letanías de la Santísima  
Virgen Maria—3:45pm**

**Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.**

**Rosario el Domingo: Y letanías de la Santísima  
Virgen Maria— 9:40pm**

**Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.**

### Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

**Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli**

**Lunes: Adoración: 7:00am y Misa 7:30am**

**Martes y Miércoles: Adoración 8:30am y Misa  
9:00am**

**Jueves: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00 m o la  
Oración de la Evangelización a las 10:00am**

**Viernes: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00am y  
6:00pm**

**Rosario Reina de la Paz con Adoración**

**Sábado: Adoración: 7:00am y a las 7:30am  
Misa en Honor de Virgen María**



## 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Otro le dijo: "Te seguiré, Señor; pero déjame primero despedirme de mi familia". Jesús le contestó: "El que empuña el arado y mira hacia atrás, no sirve para el Reino de Dios". - Lc 9, 61-62

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## June 26th, 2022

**Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator  
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar**

### **Confession on Saturday:**

By appointment English/Spanish

**Saturday Rosary:** And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary 3:45pm

**Saturday Mass (Vigil):** English -4:00 p.m.

**Sunday Rosary:** Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9:40pm

**Sunday Mass:** Spanish 10:00am

### Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

**Monday: 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am**

**Tuesday & Wednesday: Adoration 8:30am &  
Mass 9:00am**

**Thursday: Adoration: 8:30am & Mass: 9:00am  
or Prayer of the Evangelization at 10:00am**

**Friday During Lent: Way of the Cross 3:00pm  
concluding with Mass**

**Saturday: Adoration: 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 a.m.  
Mass in Honor of the Virgin Mary**

How do I fit the practice of my faith into the demands of everyday life?

Putting our faith into action is the challenge of every believer. We are pulled between making time for prayer and good works on the one hand and raising a

family and holding down a job on the other. It is difficult to pray the rosary or study the Bible when supper needs to be prepared, the kids need a ride to soccer practice or when we have to work overtime on a project. It is difficult to keep our minds focused on the kingdom of God when so many other demands are made on our time and energy.

Nonetheless, Jesus calls us to love him no matter what the circumstances of our life may be. We are to give ourselves totally in his service whether we are a priest or parking lot attendant, nun, or nurse.

This Sunday's readings give us some important clues on how to balance the practice of our faith with the demands of life in the 21st century.

In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds us to "serve one another through love." Love is the calling of every Christian. It makes everything we do pleasing to God. By adding a little love, we can take whatever we're doing and make it an opportunity to serve Jesus. When we offer our thoughts, words, and actions up to God in love, then the demands of job and family no longer get in the way of our life of faith, but actually help us to grow closer to God and others. They become opportunities for prayer as we draw on the power of his Spirit to enable us to love as he does.



The gospel reading gives us another clue. Jesus tells one of the men who wishes to follow him, "The Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." Jesus had no permanent place in this world. It is a reminder to us that we have no permanent home here either. Our final destination is heaven. We are not meant to get too comfortable here on earth. Whether we have been blessed with abundance or are struggling to get by, our homes and possessions are not ours to keep.

Remembering that helps keep our work in perspective. We are called to something greater than the status and prestige that money promises.

Finally, we must be always ready to serve the needy around us. In today's gospel, two of the people who approach Jesus have excuses for not following him. But Jesus did not have time to wait around for them. It was "now or never." How many times have we used the demands of family life or of our job as an excuse not to practice charity? Jesus tells us very plainly that when we fail to feed the hungry or give drink to the thirsty, it is really him whom we are ignoring. Are our heads buried so deeply in the details of our everyday lives that we miss Jesus when he passes by? If we are to become holy in the 21st century we must not let our busy schedules be an excuse for not doing good.

We do not have to give up on the hope of becoming saints because we have jobs and families. By offering our work up to God in love, by not valuing the accumulation of wealth too highly and by not allowing our busy lives to be an excuse to overlook the needs of others, we can discover a sure path to holiness in our everyday lives.

Douglas Sousa, S.T.L.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2022

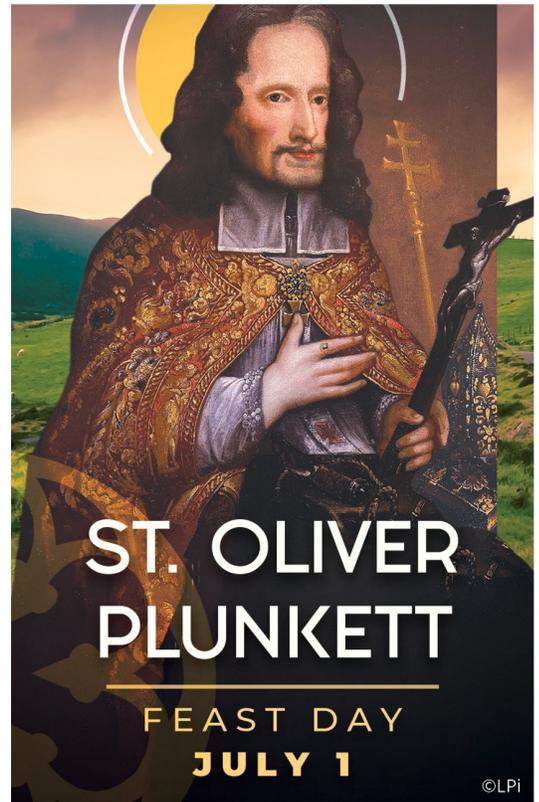
- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
- Monday:** Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22
- Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday:** *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19  
*Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
- Thursday:** Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
- Friday:** Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday:** Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17
- Next Sunday:** Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/ Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2022

- Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
- Thursday:** The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
- Friday:** St. Junipero Serra, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Thomas, Apostle

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

God calls us in the midst of ordinary things. Often only looking for God in the dramatic, spectacular, the ritual or the sacred places, we miss that He is walking beside us. Every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling to us, "Follow me." Sometimes, we are too distracted to hear this call. Other times, we would rather ignore it or pretend it wasn't heard. God, however, is very persistent. Whether we fine tune our hearing to receive this invitation now or when we close our eyes in death, we need to make a choice. The choice involves leaving some things behind and moving forward, taking risks. Choosing to keep focused and single-minded, the lens we then use to see our world and one another is God's, not our own. Life is no longer about what is important or matters to me but what matters to God. We acquire a new filter and are asked to use that filter to make choices, establish priorities, and determine what direction we will take, and how to love. Once we accept God's invitation, we cannot keep looking back to what was left behind, only forward to the surprises yet to come.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Oliver Plunkett was the last Roman Catholic Martyr to die in England. He was canonized in 1975, the first new Irish saint in almost 700 years.

Oliver was born in Loughcrew, Oldcastle, County Meath in November 1625, the son of the Baron of Loughcrew. As a young man, he wanted to become a priest, but it was illegal to travel to the continent to enter seminary. Even so, he undertook the dangerous journey with four other young men and a Papal Envoy. They were pursued by English privateers, storms at sea, and robbers on land. However, Oliver entered Rome in 1647, and was admitted to the Irish College. He was an excellent student and was ordained on January 1, 1654. Oliver remained in Rome, studied law and served as chaplain at Sapienza University, ministered at Santo Spirito hospital, and cared for the poor and ill. By 1657 he was a professor of Theology and later of Apologetics or Controversies at Propaganda College.

The 1650s were a difficult time in for Catholics in Ireland, the majority of population, as Cromwell passed many penal laws against them, and the practice of Catholicism was banned. During this time Oliver was appointed by Irish bishops to be their agent in Rome. Following the Restoration of Monarchy, Pope Clement IX appointed Oliver Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland 1669. Oliver returned to a country where the Catholic Church was in disarray and divided. He had to travel largely incognito and perform his duties in makeshift locations. He is credited with unifying the Church and in traveling across the eleven dioceses under his purview, confirming thousands, and ordaining several priests.

In 1673 persecution of Catholics was again on the rise and bishops were banned. Oliver went into hiding, but in 1679 he was arrested and charged with treason. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn in July 1681. Before his death he publicly forgave those responsible.

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

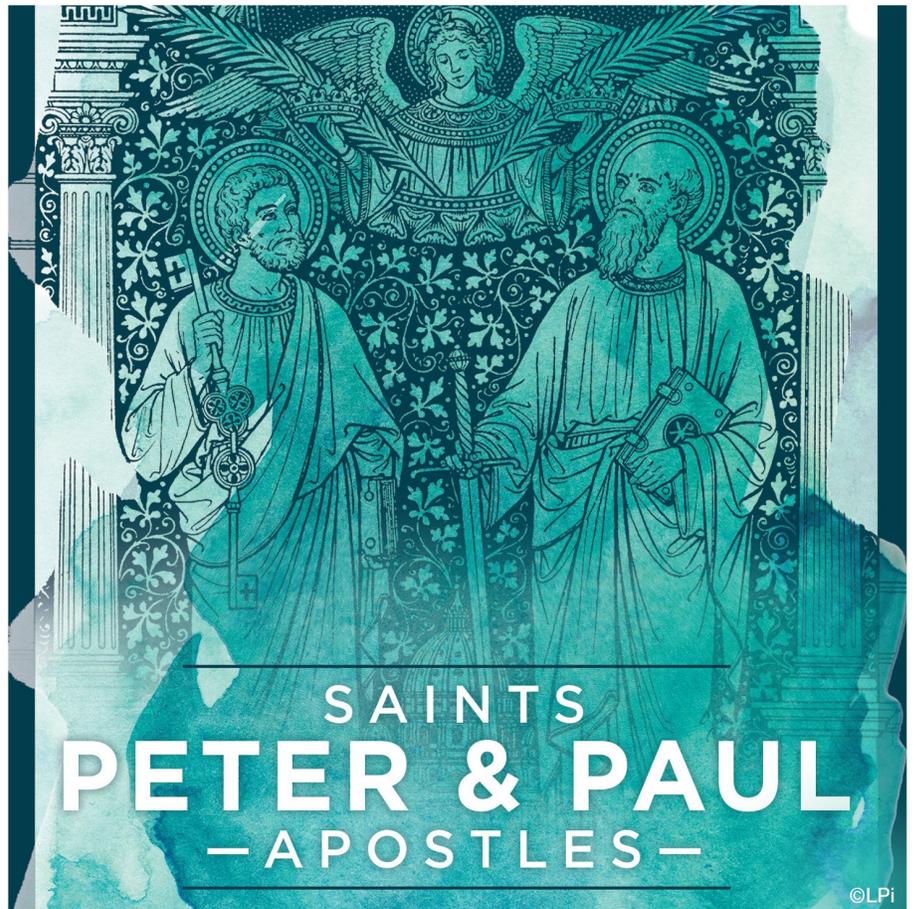
We hear today Elijah's call to Elisha to follow him and succeed him as the prophet to lead the Israelite people. Elisha did not hesitate to respond to the call. How have you responded to God's call for you?

### Second Reading

Paul taught the Gentile-believers in Galatia to use their new-found freedom in their faith in Christ to "serve one another through love." In what ways do you use your faith in Christ to serve others?

### Gospel Reading

As Jesus begins his final journey toward Jerusalem, we hear how various encounters allowed Jesus to define the parameters of discipleship. What challenges do you encounter in being a disciple of Jesus?



### 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

And to another he said, "Follow me." In every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling us. We can easily get distracted and not hear it or simply ignore it, pretending it wasn't even heard. When we do hear it and favorably respond, there are some conditions that must be met. Jesus makes it clear that once we say yes to his invitation, we must stay focused and forge ahead. We cannot keep looking behind or worry about unfinished business. There are some tasks, and discipleship is one, that require our full devotion.

There are many "masters" vying for our attention. We need something or someone to give us direction. Human nature requires it. Our motives and actions reveal what has our allegiance. It is tempting to give ourselves to masters that lure us with intriguing promises. When given the choice between a "master" that promises worldly success, abundant wealth, status, privilege, and security versus a "master" that asks for self-sacrifice, hardship, suffering, ridicule, and death, to whom do we go? While the promise of immediate pleasure is enticing, there is always a catch. For all that secular



masters can promise, they always keep us looking behind, checking on ourselves, second guessing choices, calculating options, and being slaves to excessive worry. Our guard can never come down. Only one master really promises life: Jesus Christ. Hearing his call, we either trust him or we don't.

Saying yes to following Christ does come with a risk. But it also comes with the brightness of future hopes and dreams. There is no need to keep looking behind. Sins are forgiven and regrets serve no effective purpose. God is not there. He's moved beyond

all that stuff. God is in the today and the tomorrow and what he can continually do with our daily affirmation to follow Him. All we need to do is be obedient. St. Gianna Molla is credited with saying, "The stillness of prayer is the most essential condition for fruitful action. Before all else, the disciple kneels down." Begin with prayer. We will not only hear God's call but find the courage to trust that He will guide us where we need to be. God uses us in the most ordinary of ways through the simple daily expression of our lives.

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