

The Promised One: By Scott Hahn

In today's Gospel Jesus has just been healing and casting out demons in Galilee. Along with the crowds, who flock to Him so that He can't even take a break to eat, come people who do not understand what He is doing. Even His friends think He has lost His mind and needs to be taken away for a while. But the scribes who came down from Jerusalem are not just honestly mistaken; they accuse Him of being possessed by the prince of demons.

The reality is just the opposite. Jesus is revealing Himself as the one promised in our first reading. He is the seed of the woman who has come to crush the head of the demonic serpent. In the parable of the strong man, Jesus reveals that He has come not just to punish the devil but to free those bound by him. As St. Bede explains, "The Lord has also bound the strong man, that is, the devil: which means, He has restrained him from seducing the elect, and entering into his house, the world; He has spoiled his house, and His goods, that is men, because He has snatched them from the snares of the devil, and has united them to His Church."

The scribes blaspheme by attributing this work of the Holy Spirit to demons. Jesus adds a statement that shocks us at first: "whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness." That does not mean that there are any limits to the mercy of God (CCC 1864). Rather, the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the deliberate refusal to accept the mercy offered through the Holy Spirit.

Instead, we must imitate those who sat at Jesus' feet. For, as He said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."

If you have questions about the Growing Disciples go to
<https://growingdisciplescdop.org>

There are no changes in the Mass schedule.

The letters from the Bishop are in the back of the church and on the parish websites.



Millions of Monicas is a new ministry in the Diocese of Peoria for women to pray together for their children who have left the faith. This is not a support group or a self-help group. We simply meet once a month and pray together for each other's loved ones in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Join with other mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, aunts, Godmothers, etc., as we pray to grow in holiness and humility, and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church.

1st Tuesdays 7:00pm St. Mark Parish 113 W. Bradley Ave. Peoria,

Phone 309-673-1263 with any questions

4th Tuesdays 7:00pm St. Thomas the Apostle Parish 904 E. Lake Ave. Peoria Heights, IL

Phone 309-688-3446 with any questions

For more information visit www.millionsofmonicas.com

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10th Sunday of Ordinary Time June 9th, 2024

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." - MARK 3:24

Within your parish community, do your ministries collaborate with each other or do they compete against each other? Do your parish ministries work for the greater glory of God or do they work for the glory of the people running them? The primary goal of parish ministry is not to increase Mass attendance, increase the number of volunteers or increase offertory. The primary goal is to be one Body of Christ that helps people take one step closer to Jesus. If it's not doing that, it's not worth doing.

St. Joseph

Sat. June 8th 3:30pm—4:45pm Confessions
 5:00 pm Pat Kelch+
 Sun. June 9th 10:00am Fabian & Dorothy Cahill+
 Mon. June 10th No Mass or Communion Service
 Tues. June 11th 8:00 am Communion Service
 Wed. June 12th No Mass or Communion Service
 No Adoration & Confession
 Thurs June 13th 8:00 am Communion Service
 Fri. June 14th 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sat. June 15th 3:30pm—4:45pm Confessions
 5:00 pm Mark Perkins+
 Sun. June 16th 10:00am Judy Maher+

Father Verrier will be on a short vacation and then on annual priest retreat from June 3rd until June 13th.
 Please pray for his safe travels.

St. James

Sunday Confessions
8:00 — 8:25 am

Sun. June 9th 8:30am

Julie Hennenfent+
 Offered by
 Friends of Family

Sun. June 16th
8:30am

People of the Parish

Special Holy Hour

As we celebrate this years' Eucharistic Revival, St. James will be hosting the Diocesan Traveling Monstrance on

Monday June 17th
Holy Hour
6:30pm-8:00pm

St Joseph

Lector

Sat. June 8th
Sun. June 9th

Burns
Gilles

Sat. June 15th
Sun. June 16th

Seaborn
Mattern

Please consider Volunteering to Lector
For more info ask Father Verrier

Please consider volunteering to Lector or possibly on another day. We only have 2 lectors on Saturday and many on Sunday. Contact Karla Wilbur to let her know if you are available. We need one or two a month to fill the openings. We have no lector on July 6th.

Father and the Saturday lectors thank you for your help.

Beginning, July 1st, Fr Deogratias Mpewo (Father Deo) will begin his appointment as administrator of St James over the next 36 months and administrator of St Joseph as well. Mass schedules will continue as normal.

Explanation of Terminology

Parochial Vicar: A priest assigned to assist the pastor, under his vision and authority.

Pastor: A priest stably entrusted with the pastoral care of a parish under the authority of the diocesan bishop in whose ministry of Christ he has been called to share.

Parochial Administrator: A priest who is entrusted with the pastoral care of a parish on a temporary or provisional basis.

Faith and Family Night Supporting Catholic Charities

In collaboration with the Peoria Chiefs, there will be a Faith and Family Night supporting Catholic Charities at Dozer Park on June 15! There will be a collection of items for our St. Gianna Baby Pantry at the stadium, in addition to an exciting night of baseball. The first pitch is at 7:05 pm! Please see the flyer above for more details. To purchase your tickets, the link is pinned to our Facebook Account, Catholic Charities – Diocese of Peoria. Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities, and hope to see you at the ballpark on June 15!

Financial Stewardship Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden because of their disobedience. But Jesus says in today's Gospel that when we are obedient to God's will – when we use our gifts to serve one another – we become part of His family. "Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me."

Sunday Totals: June 2nd
St Joseph \$3628

St James \$ 758.00

Mission of the Month of June
Womens Care Center



Parish council meeting scheduled for
Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 7pm Harrison Hall.
New members are always welcome – please consider volunteering!



Father John Verrier Farewell
Father Verrier will be leaving for his next assignment as the Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) of St. Malachy, Rantoul; St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Thomasboro, St. Lawrence, Penfield; and St.

Charles Borromeo, Homer.

Please stop in at Harrison Hall on June 22nd from 1-3pm for cake and ice cream and to say goodbye.

Your presence is all the present he wants.

No gifts please.

THERE IS NOTHING ORDINARY ABOUT ORDINARY TIME!

You might be tempted to think Ordinary Time and the upcoming summer months are a more passive time of discipleship.

But Ordinary Time is nothing ordinary!

Identified as our "season of growth", the longest season on the liturgical calendar is a time to grow in love with Jesus, Mary, and the Church:

- Choose a spiritual book for summer reading
- Go to confession and adoration
- Explore consecration to St. Joseph or Mary
- Explore a new relationship with a Saint
- Prayerfully consider how to lead in faith

St. Mark Parish is seeking a full time property and maintenance manager.

This person is needed to manage the church, school, and other buildings on the St. Mark Campus (making minor repairs and/or contracting for maintenance). Other duties include monitoring existing maintenance contracts, inspecting facilities, and various custodial duties.

Part time applicants will be considered.

Email mcluskey@saint-mark.net for a full job description. For consideration, please send resume and references to:

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