

FROM FR. DEO

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A Father's Mission: Called to Courage, Guided by Love

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good!

Today we celebrate the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and the Gospel beautifully complements our celebration of Father's Day. As Jesus sends the Twelve on their mission, He warns them of the trials they will face, yet repeatedly encourages them: "Do not be afraid" (Mt 10:28). These words are meant for us as well. In a world filled with uncertainty and anxiety,

Christ reminds us that we are deeply known and loved by God: "Even all the hairs of your head are counted."

Many people worry about their families, their health, their future, and the state of the world. Fear can easily take hold of our hearts. Yet Jesus does not promise a life without trials. Instead, He assures us of God's constant presence. Jeremiah trusted the Lord despite persecution, and St. Paul reminds us that Christ's grace is greater than sin and death. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus has already won the victory for us.

This is an inspiring message for our fathers and father figures. Fathers are often called to be sources of strength, protection, guidance, and encouragement for their families. Yet fathers, too, face fears and challenges as they strive to provide and care for those entrusted to them. The example of a good father reflects something of God's own fatherly love: a love that protects, sacrifices, forgives, and remains faithful. Whether as fathers, grandfathers, spiritual fathers, or mentors, men are called to witness to God's care through their daily acts of love and humble service.

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers and father figures! Thank you for your love, sacrifice, and faithful example. May God bless you with love, wisdom, and faith as you continue to reflect His fatherly love in your families and our community.

In parish news, thank you for your prayers during our clergy convocation. We are especially grateful to our deacons for leading the services in our absence. It was a grace-filled time of prayer, fellowship, and renewed commitment to serving the People of God.

We are blessed to welcome two bishops from Rwanda this summer. Bishop John Bosco of the Diocese of Butare will visit June 26 - 30 on June 28th and celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass to thank our Station School sponsors and greet the community. My bishop, Bishop Balthazar Ntivuguruzwa of the Diocese of Kabgayi, will be with us July 1 -16 and will celebrate Masses on July 5 to greet our parish community.

Finally, heartfelt thanks to the Guitar Ensemble for sharing their beautiful musical gifts with our parish. We are also grateful to everyone who attended and supported the concert, making it a joyful and prayerful celebration.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity,
Pray for Us!

In Christ,

Fr Deo

• 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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