

## All Saints Church Good News Daily

*Devotional readings for each day, parish birthdays and anniversaries*

June 21-27, 2026

### Sunday, June 21

Acts 15:1-12 *“Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear?”* (v.10 NIV)

The early followers of The Way wanted the Hebrew laws they had observed, such as circumcision, to apply to the newly converted Gentiles. After all, it wouldn't be fair otherwise, would it? But Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, asks them why they would want to put undue pressure on a group of people not acquainted with the old ways. He reminds them of a new truth, “But we believe that we are saved through grace [undeserved favor and mercy] of the Lord Jesus, as they [are].”

This applies to us today. Do we disciple new converts by putting them into old molds, conforming them to our habits, or insisting on our traditions? Does our church pressure members into rituals designed for some other time in church history?

Dear Lord, help me see where I demand that other Christians be like me. Help me remember Your grace and mercy towards me so I can extend it to others.

Numbers 14:26-45; Psalms 66, 67; Luke 12:49-56

**Birthdays:** Gray Anderson, Robert Buhrman, Dee Jeancola, Wade Miller

**Anniversaries:** Patrick & Mandy Mullally

### Monday, June 22

Matthew 19:13-22 *“All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”* (v.20)

Jesus gives him an answer that hurts. Apparently, he asked for what the young man desired most—money. We could assume from verse 22 that because he answers Jesus' request with sadness and leaves, he may never have chosen the better way.

“What do you want from me, Lord?” I asked. The answer hurts. But I knew if I was obedient to His answer I would have more intimacy with Him, more joy and peace. It took too many years to answer “yes.”

Now I struggle sometimes with the grief of giving up what He invited me to do. It wasn't the same request as the young man's. Your answer won't be the same as mine. Our sacrifices are as personal as our fingerprint.

Like the young man, I am sometimes tempted to just be sad and walk away from this journey. But the strength of the Holy Spirit living in me, the joy that comes from obedience to God, and the peace of knowing I am in His will is worth it.

Numbers 16:1-19; Psalm 89:1-18; Romans 3:21-31

**Birthdays:** Jim Kragh, Scott Millson, Austin Ramos-Johnson, Ann Stevens

**Anniversaries:** Malcolm & Nancy Hawley

### Tuesday, June 23

Matthew 19:23-30 *Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”* (v.26)

As I am more and more acquainted with the God of the Bible, I am awestruck. The Bible is full of God's miracles. The men and women in those stories are continually faced with situations where the outcome would look certain to go in one direction, but God would intervene and the outcome goes

180 degrees the other way. Read accounts in Genesis, Exodus, Daniel, Esther, and the gospels.

But one of the most awesome stories is that of Job, a faithful servant of the Lord. God allowed Satan to test Job with the death of loved ones, the loss of his wealth, scorn from friends, and ill health. Because Job refused to curse God for his lot in life, God more than blessed him, restoring everything back to him, sometimes, more so.

Man's perspective was that Job's situation seemed hopeless. No wonder Jesus tells his bewildered disciples that a tough situation is not conquered by men; only by God.

Dear Father, we praise you that you are our miracle worker and that you care about us just as you did Job.

Numbers 16:20-35; Psalms 97, 99, 100; Romans 4:1-12

**Birthdays:** Valerie Conlan-Horvath, Floyd Mishoe, Shelby Roberts

**Anniversaries:** Mark & Valerie Gauthier, Skip & Beth Jewett

### Wednesday, June 24

Matthew 20:1-16 *“Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?”* (v.15)

Sometimes it seems that God is not fair. He heals one person and not another. He blesses one with great wealth and another with modest living. He allows one's path to seemingly be free from grief, and to another, He permits many trials. To one He gives long life; to another a few minutes.

It can be tempting to feel God treats others better than ourselves. I feel for the poor hired workers who waited last in line and expected a bonus, only to receive the same pay. Think about it.

But God's ways are not ours. His wisdom, generosity, compassion, and knowledge cannot be compared. We can only choose to trust in His providential hand on our lives.

“Then Job said to the Lord, I know that you can do all things and that no thought or purpose of yours can be restrained or thwarted.” Job 42:1-2. Job had insight after his great trial. He knew God's purpose would always prevail.

Numbers 16:36-50; Psalms 101, 109; Romans 4:13-25

**Birthdays:** Barbie Boyd, John Mandigo, Leona Smith

**Anniversaries:** Gene & Jan Godbold, Tom & Nell Hartley, Robert & Bonnie Larsen

### Thursday, June 25

Matthew 20:17-28 *Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.* (v.20)

Like many mothers, she wanted preferential treatment for James and John, her two beloved sons. But Jesus interjected that she really did not know what she was asking for. She did not understand God's plans for Jesus. Most likely she held the common hope of many followers that Jesus would become an earthly king and need some officials to help him rule. She probably thought her sons were the best candidates for the job.

Little did she know that his great popularity would change into a riotous clamor for his life. That he would suffer the agony of the cross. That his followers would scatter and hide for their lives.

Heavenly Father, forgive us for asking and begging for that which we do not fully understand. Open our eyes to see the truth. Set us free from preconceived ideas. Let Your desires be ours.

Numbers 17:1-11; Psalm 105:1-22; Romans 5:1-11

**Birthdays:** Langford Bereza, Andrew Chule, Mary Lou Knox, Eric Parkerson, Amelia Stutsman

**Anniversaries:** Alex & Cindy Mackinnon, Ted & Kathy Smith

### Friday, June 26

Matthew 20:29-34 *Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.* (v.32)

There are times I've longed for Jesus to ask me those words. There are times I've longed to have Jesus end my problems as quickly as he did those of the blind men. It's rarely been that way. More often, it's been a s-l-o-w, l-o-n-g process of praying often, developing more faith, patience, and fortitude as I learn to better hear God's voice. It's come after incorporating more time in His word.

Why aren't there more fast and easy solutions from God? “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

God wants to help develop character in us, much the same way parents do for their children. If parents provided easy answers for their children every time they had a problem, they'd cripple their ability to face the future. God, as our ever-loving, heavenly Father, watches over us and guides us as we work with Him to find the solutions He has for us.

Numbers 20:1-13; Psalm 102; Romans 5:12-21

**Birthdays:** Ashley Magill, Ginger Smith, John West, Julia Williams

**Anniversaries:** Don & Lisa Tillery

### Saturday, June 27

Romans 6:1-11 *For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin.* (v.6)

Praise God that we do not have to be slaves to sin. It could seem hopeless to us as believers if our old habits, desires, and nature forever ruled us. But we have this promise from God.

We do not have to succumb to our former way of living. We have the Holy Spirit as our comforter to live in us and guide us. It won't necessarily be easy to stay in the newness of life, but when we are aware of a potential slip, we can call upon the name of the Lord and be saved. He will rescue us from following our old ways. He will provide a way of escape (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Our new life with Him will not come without total abandon, sacrifice, and death to our old selves. Could we expect anything less than Jesus' example?

Numbers 20:14-29; Psalms 107:33-43, 108; Matthew 21:1-11

**Birthdays:** Sarah Chule, Stacy Deibler, Dick Ford, Mary Gideon, Melissa Mishoe, Debi Poppell, Sean Smith

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