

The background features a large, stylized graphic of hands. On the left, there are several hands in a light beige color, overlapping each other. On the right, there are several hands in a light grey color, also overlapping. The hands are positioned as if they are reaching out or holding something together.

Doug's Reflection

06-21-26 THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today is more than just the twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today is also Fathers Day! Let me remind you: We don't preach a wimpy gospel and we don't serve a wimpy God. And you know what? We need large men. Not 400 pound men, but large men. Phyllis Therous once wrote: "Small boys learn to be large men in the presence of large men who care about small boys." Her point is well taken. We need big men: men who are big in mind and heart and spirit. Our world suffers when the only men available are the ones with pinched minds and hearts. The Church suffers along with the rest of the world when the only men available are the ones whose puny spirits keep things in the grip of their meager capabilities. Praise be to God that I don't see that here in this parish. Sincere thanks to all of you who choose to be large men.