



Catholic Church

JUNE 18, 2023

THE 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

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Last summer, I was in Seattle, Washington, and on the evening of July 4, I attended a theatre organ concert and silent movie presentation given by talented African American organist Tedde Gibson as part of the American Guild of Organists' national convention. It was a very engaging concert featuring a variety of classical, jazz, and theatre organ standards as well as demonstrations of the capabilities of a large theatre organ. Towards the end of the concert, Mr. Gibson requested that we all stand and sing the hymn, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." All around me in the crowded theatre, with no hymnals or sheet music, hundreds of voices resounded together in a glorious chorus. Having grown up in Canada, myself, I had certainly heard the melody before but did not really know the hymn, nor much about it. Perhaps it is not so surprising that such rousing spontaneous singing would occur in a room full of musicians, but yet I was intrigued by the way it brought everyone together in such a genuine way, both civic and spiritual. I was so inspired by this spontaneous eruption of melody and spirit around me that I later investigated and learned more about this hymn, full of scriptural imagery of emancipation and salvation.

Written in 1900 by brothers James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson, the hymn is a prayer of thanksgiving, as well as that of faithfulness and freedom. Imagery from the book of Exodus mirrors the journey from slavery to the freedom of the promised land. The hymn has been published in dozens

of Christian hymnals, including several by the Catholic publisher GIA Publications. It has become a standard hymn in a diversity of faith traditions, and has been sung at religious services, civic ceremonies, sporting events, and other public gatherings. It was quoted by the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery at Barack Obama's presidential inauguration.

James Weldon Johnson was a writer and civil rights activist, while his brother J. Rosamond Johnson was a composer and singer who wrote Broadway operettas, musicals, and songs. Both brothers established their reputations during the Harlem Renaissance, an intellectual and cultural revival of African American music, dance, art, fashion, literature, theatre, politics, and scholarship in the early 20th Century.

The hymn is also traditionally part of Juneteenth celebrations; June 19, now a federal holiday which commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Recognition of this is one reason we are singing the hymn during the recessional at Masses this weekend, but aside from this civic calendar connection, the imagery of the hymn helps to illuminate the scriptures on this Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; particularly the first reading from Exodus, and the Responsorial Psalm, drawing attention to these scriptures in the social context of our present age and in civic awareness of our mission as a community of faith in the heart of the city. And on this Father's Day, let us sing in honor of all our fathers, living and deceased, familial and spiritual.

*1. Lift every voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past  
has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has  
brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us  
march on till victory is won.*

*2. Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has  
been watered.  
We have come, treading our path through the  
blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*3. God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might,  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,  
where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the  
world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God,  
True to our native land.*



## EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*\*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY BOLD ITALICS*

June 18, 2023: Ex 19:2-6a, **Ps 100**, Rom 5:6-11, Mt 9:36-10:8

June 25, 2023: Jer 20:10-13, **Ps 69**, Rom 5:12-15, Mt 10:26-33

### PRAY SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON MCN CH 6

Pray our Sunday 10:00am Mass on MCN Cable TV Channel 6 on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm and replayed on Mondays at 10:00am. Saint Olaf also live streams our Monday-Friday 12:00Noon Mass and our Sunday 10:00am Mass on YouTube: [youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live](https://youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live).

### NO DAILY MASS OR CONFESSIONS JUNE 20 THROUGH JUNE 22

All the priests of the Archdiocese will be attending the bi-annual priests' assembly in Winona Tuesday, June 20 through Thursday, June 22. Because of this there will be NO 7:00am or 12:00Noon Daily Mass or Confessions Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

### YOUNG ADULT GROUP RETURNS FOR TUESDAYS IN JUNE

Are you in your 20s and 30s looking for community? Join the Saint Olaf Young Adults Tuesdays in June from 5:45pm-7:00pm for a once-weekly study of encountering the God of new beginnings in Genesis. Come when you can!

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

We wish a Happy Father's Day to all the Father's in our lives, especially God the Father, and our Saint Olaf Fathers, Fr. Kevin Kenney and Fr. Wehmann.

### IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for loved ones lost who are associated with Saint Olaf. We will post news of any pending Funeral Masses or Memorial Services when they are scheduled. Check [saintolaf.org](http://saintolaf.org) and click on Funerals in the top right corner of any page to see the scheduled funerals.

**Samuel Peter Cleveland, Associate Parishioner**, died June 8, 2023. Funeral Mass at Saint John Newman, 10:00am June 15.

### SAINT OLAF NIGHT AT THE TWINS IS COMING MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

6:40pm game time vs. Seattle Mariners. Tickets are \$25 which includes a hot dog pre-game meal at Saint Olaf, bus to and from the game. Complete and turn in payment along with the registration form below. Prefer to register online? Use the QR code link here for secure online payment.



#### SAINT OLAF NIGHT AT THE TWINS

# of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25 each

*Cash or checks made out to Saint Olaf Church*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to sit by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail to Saint Olaf, drop in the collection basket, or turn in to Forliti Foyer Reception by June 30. Payment MUST be included with this form.*



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG



## WELCOME!

- Building closes at 5:30pm Monday - Friday.
  - Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday
  - Chapel is open for private prayer Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 5:30pm
- + LIVE STREAMED

### SATURDAY, JUNE 17

12:00 PM MASS  
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS  
 12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL  
 4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

### SUNDAY, JUNE 18

*HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!*

6:00 AM MASS  
 8:00 AM MASS  
 10:00 AM MASS+  
 12:00 PM MASS  
 4:00 PM MASS



### MONDAY, JUNE 19

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL  
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
 12:00 PM MASS+  
 12:00 PM AA MEETING - EDU RM

### TUESDAY, JUNE 20

*NO DAILY MASS OR CONFESSIONS*  
 5:45 PM YOUNG ADULT GROUP  
 FORLITI GATHERING RM

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

*NO DAILY MASS OR CONFESSIONS*  
 7:00 AM AA MEETING - EDU RM  
 11:30 AM NICOTINE ANONYMOUS  
 MEETING - EDU RM  
 6:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
 FORLITI GATHERING RM

### THURSDAY, JUNE 22

*NO DAILY MASS OR CONFESSIONS*

### FRIDAY, JUNE 23

*PARISH OFFICES CLOSED*

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL  
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
 10:00 AM KNITTING GROUP  
 FORLITI GATHERING RM  
 11:00 AM ADORATION  
 12:00 PM MASS+

### SATURDAY, JUNE 24

12:00 PM MASS  
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS  
 12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL  
 4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

### SUNDAY, JUNE 25

6:00 AM MASS  
 8:00 AM MASS  
 10:00 AM MASS+  
 12:00 PM MASS  
 4:00 PM MASS

### ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #49

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
May 29 - June 4	\$13,739	\$20,000	-\$6,261
YTD through Week #49	\$1,142,564	\$1,226,000	-\$83,436

*Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf*