

June 21st, 2026 Lectionary Notes

The Readings on This Day

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Sunday, June 19–25

Lectionary 12

The stereotypical idea that religious people enjoy the good life is challenged by all three readings this Sunday. Hearing hard words about the difficult life of discipleship, we gladly go the table for our sustenance. This week also encompasses the summer solstice in the northern hemisphere, which Christians can see as a sign that darkness and death await us all.

[Jeremiah 20:7-13](#)

Jesus and the early Christian community were not the first to suffer for speaking the word of the Lord: the first reading recalls a time centuries before in Jewish history when the faithful prophet suffered for his proclamation.

[The Psalm for the Day](#)

Jeremiah is in deep trouble, and we join him in praying for deliverance from miseries. In the words of [Psalm 69:7-10 \[11-15\] 16-18](#), we have borne reproach, we have been shamed. We ask God to save us from our enemies. Today, is our enemy sin, or fear of death, or the anger of others? Perhaps, instead, we pray for those who around the world are being persecuted or are falsely imprisoned.

[Romans 6:1b-11](#)

The lectionary now skips part of Romans 5 that is appointed during Lent and proceeds with Paul's teaching about baptism as our connection to the death of Christ. Daily we return to our baptism as the tomb of our old life and the resurrection of life in Christ.

[Matthew 10:24-39](#)

For Matthew, one's commitment to follow the Father in heaven replaces stereotypical family values. Christian life is encountered on the cross, which believers in some way share with the crucified one.

