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Fr. Danny Murphy – 13th Sunday of the Year 2018

This morning I am going to pose some questions for us to ponder. Each question will be based on one sentence from each of our scripture readings. Then, I am going to mention to you why I think the month of June which just ended yesterday is such a special month. The sentence upon which we'll reflect from our first reading, from the Book of Wisdom is: "Justice is undying." The word justice is used frequently in the scriptures. What does the word justice mean to you? (PAUSE) And if you can figure out what justice means to you, what can you do to help bring it about? (PAUSE) The sentence upon which we'll reflect from our second reading from Second Corinthians is: "Whoever has much will not have more, whoever has little will not have less." St. Paul took that sentence from the Book of

Exodus because in our reading this morning, St. Paul is emphasizing equality. Both St. James and St. John in their letters teach us, "If I have two coats and my neighbor has none, I have to give one of my coats to my neighbor who has none." Not only with regard to coats, but in so many other things, how can I live that quote? (PAUSE) The sentence upon which we'll reflect, ponder from our Gospel from St. Mark is: "Do not be afraid, just have faith." Another way of saying that is: "Fear is useless, what is needed is trust." How can I replace my fears with trust? (PAUSE) Trust is a decision; I can decide to trust. What can help me make the decision to decide to trust? (PAUSE) The month of JUNE. June has many significant dates, here are two of them: On June 15, 1215 the Magna Carta was signed. Democracy including democracy in our country was ushered in on that June day. Certainly our country has flaws, but do I give thanks to God that I am living in the United States of America? (PAUSE) On June 27, 1880, Helen Keller was born, a truly remarkable person who was able to overcome even very severe afflictions. How can I overcome my afflictions, whatever they may be, however severe they may be. What can help me overcome my afflictions? (PAUSE) June has many significant feast days. Here are two of them: June 24 is the feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist who said regarding Jesus, "He must increase; I must decrease." If I could remember that as I go through my life day by day: "He must increase; I must decrease." June 29 is the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul, the sentence from St. Peter is: "Cast all your cares upon the Lord, because he cares for you." Do I do that? The sentence from St. Paul is: "For those who love God, everything works for the good." Do

I believe that? And the entire month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which celebrates God's unconditional love for each of us, no matter what! God loves me unconditionally, no matter what. June, wow what a month!