

REFLECTION

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, June 21st, 2026

12th Sunday Matthew 10.33

"Whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven." This verse reminds us that discipleship involves a choice. Therefore, faith is not merely something we believe in our hearts; it is something we are called to profess with our lives.

When Jesus speaks about denying Him, He is not referring simply to a moment of weakness or failure. Jesus is speaking about a deliberate and persistent rejection of Him—a refusal to belong to Him and to live according to His Gospel. Every day we are faced with opportunities either to acknowledge Christ or to deny Him. We acknowledge Him when we stand for truth, when we defend the dignity of others, when we forgive, when we pray, and when we live according to our Christian values. We deny Him whenever we choose selfishness, dishonesty, hatred, or indifference to those in need. The question before us today is simple: Does my life reveal that I belong to Christ? If someone looked at my choices, my priorities, and the way I treat others, would they recognize the presence of Jesus?

Today, let us ask for the courage to acknowledge Christ not only with our lips but with our whole lives. Let's live as faithful disciples, confident in the Lord's grace and strengthened by His love.