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Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Daily Masses (Monday through Friday)

8:00 a.m.

Penance

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals

Arrange with Pastor

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sun., September 12th Grandparents' Day

Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35
4:00 p.m. Special Intention
10:00 a.m. Special Intention

Mon., September 13th St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Dr. of the Church

I Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10
8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Tues., September 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Wed., September 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

I Timothy 3:14-16; John 19:25-27
8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Thurs., September 16th

I Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50
8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Fri., September 17th

I Timothy 6:2-12; Luke 8:1-3
8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Sat., September 18th

I Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15
8:00 a.m. No Service

Sun., September 19th

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37
4:00 p.m. Special Intention
10:00 a.m. Joe Malucha (Maggie Malucha)



Today's Theme

*We profess our faith strongly
and yet we fail the One in whom we put our faith.
However, failing the Almighty in whom we trust
invites us to increase our faith
in the One who never abandons us.*

REMEMBRANCE OF THE DECEASED



Rudolph "Rudy" Kaifesh

died on Monday, September 6th

The Mass of Christian Burial

will be celebrated on Tues., Sept. 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Our prayers and sympathy to his four sons and their families

May he rest in the eternal peace of God.



Readings for Today

First Reading

*I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:8)*
Despite his suffering, the prophet Isaiah insisted "the Lord God is my help." In what way do you need the Lord's help today? Do you remember to ask for His help in prayer?

Second Reading

*What good is it, my brothers and sisters,
if someone says he has faith but does not have works?
Can that faith save him? (Jas 2:14)*

James sees faith alone as insufficient for Christians. He even asserts: "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." Could you do the same?

Gospel

*And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)*
We hear today Jesus' definition of discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship?

MINISTRIES NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

4:00 p.m. Reader: G. Chiconas

10:00 a.m. Reader: P. Ryback

Last Sunday's Collection: \$2,931.00

**Special greetings and blessings to Grandparents
on this day especially dedicated to them.**

Parish Council: The regular monthly meeting will be tomorrow, Mon., Sept. 13th at 7:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall. Members please attend this meeting.



Archdiocesan Marian Shrine: Monday, September 13th. The world famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be coming to the Marian Shrine. The statue will arrive at 3:30 pm. Your petitions will be placed at the statue, and a talk will be given on the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. We will have a Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We will consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At 6:00 pm, we will pray the Fatima Prayers and the Rosary. For more information contact Deacon Steve Pempier.



M.Q.S.C.A.: Happening This Week

- September 13th - MAP Testing Begins
- September 14th - Picture Day

Holy Assumption Annual Rummage Sale: Sept. 16, 9-5; Sept. 17, 9-7; Sept. 18, 9-3. Snack bar plus 5 rooms, all easily accessible, with something for everyone. Between 71st and 72nd Streets on Orchard.

Holy Hill Arts & Crafts Fair: Sat., Sept. 18th, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission: \$5.00; Children 12 & under Free. Grounds of Holy Hill, 1525 Carmel Road, Hubertus, WI.

Two Feasts Celebrated This Week Reflect the Mystery of the Cross

Exaltation OF THE Cross

The two wooden beams formed the instrument on which our redemption was won. When erected on Calvary the cross was the sign of shame, rejection and a horrible death. It became a sign of triumph when Christ was raised from death. "He humbled himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross! Because of this, God highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name above every other name" (*Philippians 2:8-9*). Pain and hurt can be transformed into glory through the saving power of Christ. God's glory already shines through our human selves.

Our LADY of Sorrows

Mary, the mother of Christ, was one of the faithful few who remained with him during his redeeming death. She shared in his pain as only a mother could. When Mary brought her son to the temple many years before his death, Simeon said to Mary, "You yourself shall be pierced with a sword" (*Luke 2:35*). These words would later be fulfilled in a most dramatic fashion: "Near the cross of Jesus there stood his mother" (*John 19:35*). Sometimes simply being with someone in pain is all we can do, but our presence indeed makes a great difference!

These two feasts are celebrated this week. The Exaltation of the Cross is Tuesday, Sept. 14th with Mass at 8:00 a.m. Our Lady of Sorrows is Wednesday, Sept. 15th with Mass at 8:00 a.m. As we take part in the Mass on these feasts, we come to a better understanding and appreciation of the mystery of dying and rising with Christ on the cross. Behold the Wood of the Cross on which hung the salvation of the world. Come let us adore!

We Are Spiritual Beings Having a Human Experience

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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