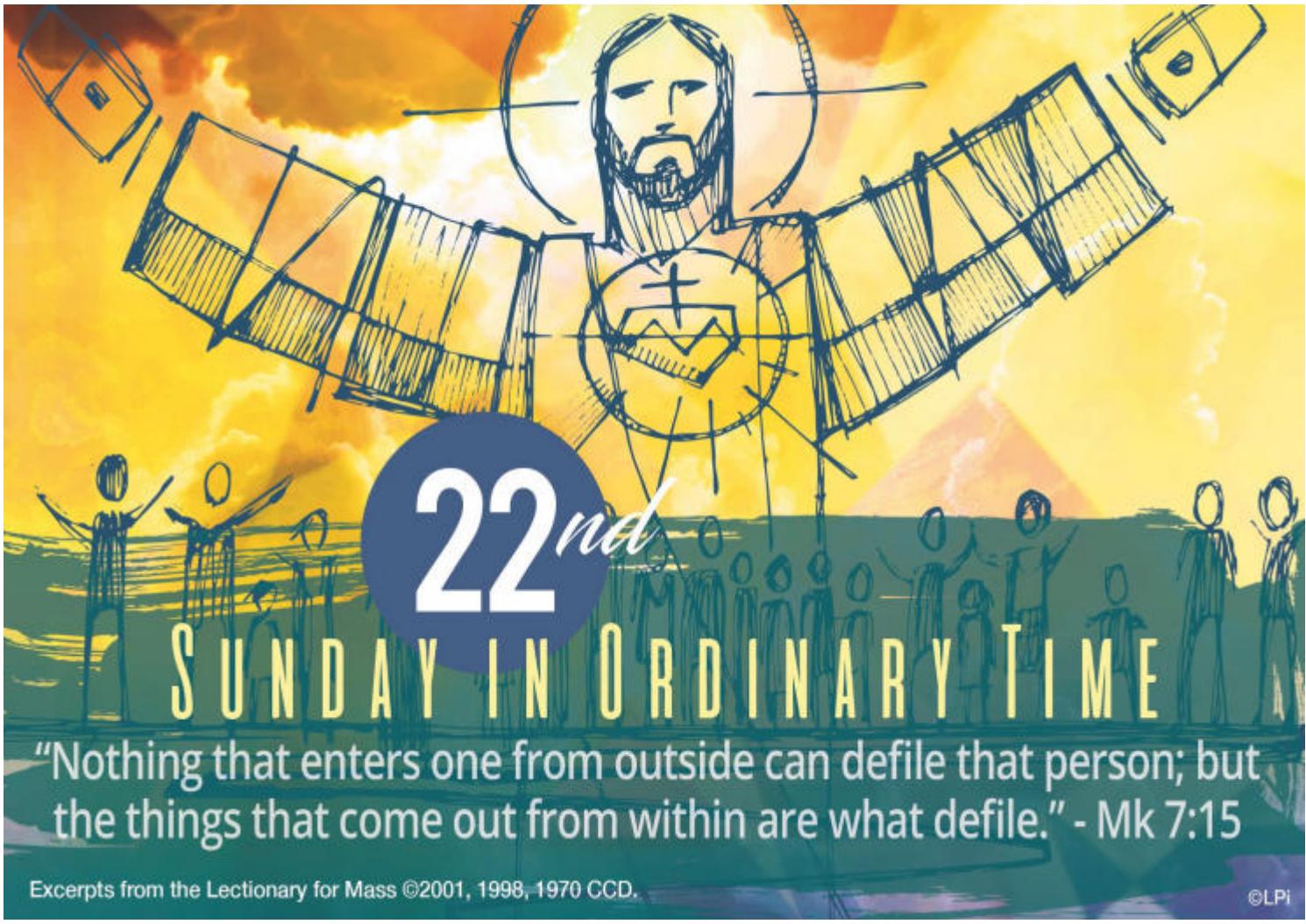




Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29, 2021



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 28

8:00am: Darlene Foley
5:00pm: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

Sunday, August 29

8:00am: Domenico & Maria Giunta
10:30am: Jerome Pasquesi
Rufino Marcojos
Marra & Rubin Families

Monday, August 30

8:00am: John De Rose

Tuesday, August 31

8:00am: James F. Dolan

Wednesday, September 1

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

Thursday, September 2

8:00am: Bruna Menoni

Friday, September 3

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

Saturday, September 4

8:00am: Living & Deceased Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish
5:00pm: John DeRose

Thomas Lecaros

Mary Belmonti

Sunday, September 5

8:00am: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish
10:30am: Anna Cortesi
Anna & Mario Marsiglio

MASS

LECTOR

Saturday, September 4 5:00 PM

Modi Obochi

Sunday, September 5 8:00 AM

Steve Hauer

Sunday, September 5 10:30 AM

Robert Muriel

Saturday, September 11 5:00 PM

Cheryl O'Hare

Sunday, September 12 8:00 AM

Mary Roberts

Sunday, September 12 10:30 AM

Faith Griswold



Francis Sheahen
December 21, 1922 - August 16, 2021

Visitation September 10, 2021 9am
Funeral Mass September 10, 2021 10am
May the faithful departed rest in peace.

Father Mike's Homiletter – August 29, 2021 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-5; James 1:17-18, 21b-22; 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

After weeks of readings from John's Gospel discussing the Bread of Life and the true meaning of the Eucharistic presence of the Lord, we return to the Gospel of Mark. While John's Gospel is very theological, Mark gives us vivid reports of Jesus' teaching. Yet, despite the different perspectives, today's reading from Mark, along with our readings from Deuteronomy and James, seem to me to be a perfect follow-on to the Bread of Life readings.

We start with Moses' final teaching to the Israelites as they prepare to enter the Promised Land: follow the teachings the Lord has given them exactly as given – do not add or subtract from God's law. Seems like an obvious lesson to us, but by the time we get to Mark's Gospel, Jesus is telling the religious authorities from Jerusalem that they have taken human rules and taught them as divine precepts, undermining the purpose of God's law in the process. They have focused the search for "purity and holiness" on external expressions of those things, rather than the real thing. How did they get so far from where they started out?

I suspect they started down the wrong path with good intentions: they did more than the law required in order to be sure that they did not offend God. In some circles this is called "building a fence around the law". At some point, people began to look at the fence as the law itself, instead of as a protective addition. Perhaps attitudes changed: if I stay outside the fence, I am guaranteed to stay in God's good graces. Slowly, the emphasis changes from "God's good graces" to "I am guaranteed." A habit first became automatic and then became easy. In a few generations, the people lost sight of why God gave them the laws in the first place: that they might *live* – God's laws were protective of His people and so wise other nations would admire them. The purpose of the law turned into insuring that I will be seen as a holy person by my fellow men *and by God*. Jesus saw that: basically, He is saying "motives matter" - internal disposition should match the external expression. Going through the motions of devotion, without interior understanding and acceptance of the Divine purpose, is not the direct road to salvation.

James' instruction to the early Christians contains the same idea in different words. Known as the brother of the Lord, James was the leader of the Church in Jerusalem in the very early days after the Ascension. His exhortation to nurture the word of God which has been planted in the early Christians in Baptism speaks to our interior acceptance and cultivation of the lessons of the Gospel. If we wind up focusing on external expressions of faith, unless we are also rooted in an interior appreciation of the Who and the why, we risk drifting away from the heart of Jesus' teaching. James says quite plainly "Be doers of the word and not hearers only," meaning our internal disposition should manifest itself outwardly in our way of life. In James' time and place, caring for the orphan and widow was a starting point. For us, it may be feeding the hungry; welcoming the refugee; getting vaccinated against Covid-19 to reduce the risk to others; speaking out in public in support of more equitable laws, pro-life measures surely, but also for affordable housing and services for those in need in our communities; and urging our legislators to stop squabbling and start trying to find creative solutions to our national problems which unify all groups.

For us, I think it means we should examine our own motives more carefully at times. When we do a good or charitable act, are we doing it from truly charitable motives, or to meet an obligation, sooth our consciences, appear generous, achieve public recognition? Are we at Mass each Sunday to worship God or to appear devout or to socialize? While those things may happen, are they incidental or primary? When we say "this is the way we've always done it," is that because it is the right way, or because what may have been right 20 years ago but does not reflect Gospel values today has become the easy or convenient way? Since we are all human, there will be many times when our motives are mixed. If we are aware of that, we can reflect, and pray for help in strengthening the selfless, and dampening the self-serving, elements in our actions.

Our rummage sale was held this weekend. When I first came here, I thought of it as a fund raiser for the Parish, and it is that. But one day, a volunteer who had been working to sort, wash, polish, test and repair put it another way: it makes nice things available to those who might not be able to afford them otherwise. For her, that justified all the trouble to make sure everything was as perfect as it could be, regardless of how much effort that entailed. That's a wonderful example of a motive which expresses a Eucharistic heart.

Peace!
Father Mike

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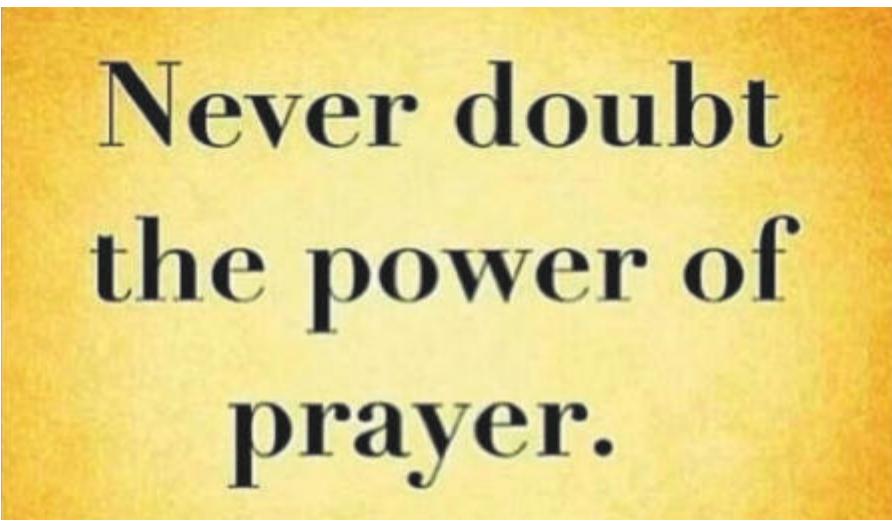
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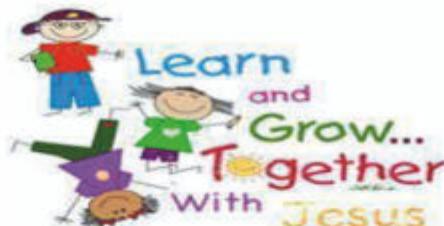


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Food for Thought...

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-Stephen Charnock



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Any questions, please contact Barb via email at PREPOffice@icparish.org

We are excited to see all our new and returning families this fall!



In observance of
Labor Day
Our offices will be closed
Friday, September 3 and
Monday, September 6



CATECHISTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday mornings 9:00-10:15
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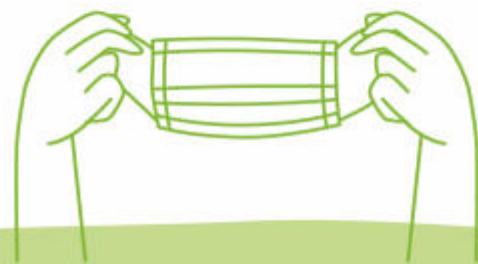
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Fall 2021 – Training for New Ministers of Care

This program is designed for persons to be commissioned and mandated as Ministers of Care, in their respective parishes. Ministers will visit and take the Eucharist to those who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or confined to private homes. Full participation in all sessions will fulfill Archdiocesan requirements for mandating. No walk-ins can be accepted.

Reservations: You **MUST** contact the Ministry of Care Coordinator at your parish prior to registering for this workshop at www.vic1chicago.org. Questions? Dcn. Joe Yannotta at JYANNOTTA@STEDNA.ORG or DYANNOTTA@COMCAST.NET

When: Sat., Sept. 18 and Sept. 25, 2021 - Attendance on both Saturdays is required

Location: St. Edna Church, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Gathering: 8:30 a.m. each Saturday. Personnel will be there to direct you to the sessions.

Please bring your own brown bag lunch each Saturday, coffee and water will be provided. Please bring this notice as your agenda. Also bring a note pad and pen to take any personal notes you wish to make.

Program Agenda

Saturday, Sept 18th	9:00 to 10:45	Spirituality of the Ministry – Marlene Sweeney
	Break	
	11:00 to 12:15	The Experience of Suffering – Andrea Hug
	Lunch	
	1:00 to 2:30	Ministerial Procedures – Diane Yannotta
	2:45 to 3:00	Wrap-up, Closing prayer
Saturday, Sept 25 th	9:00 to 10:30	Pastoral Communication Skills – Amy Florian
	Break	
	10:45 to 12:15	Prayer in Care Ministry – Sr. Mary Barbara Hassler
	Lunch	
	1:00 to 2:30	Theology of the Eucharist – Fr. Jeremy Thomas
	2:45 to 3:15	Closing Ceremony and Certificates

Ministry Contacts: Deacon Joseph Yannotta and Diane Yannotta



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