



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021



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Saturday, October 2

8:00am: Rose Matthews
5:00pm: Gilbert Kosirog
Jim Loizzo

Sunday, October 3

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

Monday, October 4

8:00am: John DeRose

Tuesday, October 5

8:00am: Gennarino Vena

Wednesday, October 6

8:00am: Caterina Giunta
Domenica & Antonio DeMarco

Thursday, October 7

8:00am: Rosemary Casey Brundage

Friday, October 8

8:00am: Dennis Charles McDonald

Saturday, October 9

8:00am: Max Velasquez
5:00pm: Parishioners of Immaculate
Conception Parish

Sunday, October 10

8:00am: Dr. Thomas Tully
10:30am: Francis Sheahen
Rose Matthews



MASS		LECTOR
Saturday, October 9	5:00 PM	Cheryl O'Hare
Sunday, October 10	8:00 AM	Mary Roberts
Sunday, October 10	10:30 AM	Tim Grant

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May the faithful departed rest in peace.

Father Mike's Homiletter – October 23, 2021 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 128:1-6; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

October always seems like a sparkling month to me – early in the month there is a lot of sunshine and the landscape still looks rich, with green leaves turning to gold and red and brown, and cool breezes rustling the leaves in a gentle murmur. By the end of the month, the brightness has dimmed somewhat, but there is still a lot of activity in nature – geese and ducks flying south, squirrels hopping around gathering the last acorns for winter, chubby-cheeked chipmunks burrowing into hiding places with their hoard of nuts as well. We all hope for a clear, warm-ish day for Halloween, so we can enjoy the trick-or-treaters and their oh-so-cute costumes, as we offer treats which we hope will not be eaten so quickly as to produce a tummy ache.

Digging into this week's Scriptures, we find that giving is an underlying theme. In our first reading, God brings Adam the animals and other creatures of earth He has created. Adam names them, and since knowing a name signifies power over the named one, we understand that God is giving Adam the animals of earth. But none of them is quite the companion God had in mind for Adam. Something was missing. So God puts Adam to sleep while he makes one last creative effort: woman. And when Adam sees his new companion, he is enthused because he realizes he now has a helper who will complete and complement him. The term "helper" used in the text is the same word used to refer to the help God gives his people. God is pleased with His effort. And so is Adam.

When the Pharisees try to test Jesus on the subject of divorce, Jesus asks them what Moses prescribed, knowing full well that Moses permitted divorce. But Jesus also knows that Moses' law was framed in response to his people's "hardness of heart." Jesus draws the listeners back to God's original purpose: to create a bond that was so unifying that it would last until death. It is a vision of marriage, and of human interaction generally, based on love, support, kindness, patience and generosity. Human relations are intended to reflect the relations *God* wishes to have with His people, and we should be trying to live out God's vision in *all* our relationships. Not always easy when dealing with imperfect human beings. We tend to bump and scuff each other, and it takes a vivid vision of God's kingdom to quiet our less-than-gentle responses. But we have been given a goal to pursue and achieve for our own benefit.

Still, the letter to the Hebrews acknowledges that life is not always easy. The author points out that Jesus left His heavenly abode out of love for the humans which were created by the Father, but who had strayed from the path God had given them. Perfect Himself, Jesus assumed the imperfect nature of humanity to endure suffering and death for our sake – to put us back on the road the Father originally intended for us. Jesus showed us that suffering could be the path to salvation. He is giving us another lesson: while life entails suffering, it is not in vain, but can be used for good. It is not about salvation *from* suffering, but rather salvation *through* suffering. At the end of our Gospel, we see Jesus brush aside efforts to protect Him from the children in the crowd; instead, He invites them closer. He says that unless we accept the gift He has given us (and re-given us in the Cross and the Resurrection) *like children* we will stray again. At the time, children were not highly valued – at least not until they stopped being mouths to feed and did some productive work. Children depend on what adults give them, they do what they are told, and they accept what they are given. But oh, when they are given something good, they are excited, joyful, grateful and impatient – they want to set up the train set *now* – even *before* breakfast. Yet, Jesus sees them as a model: He is telling us to accept the gift *we* have been given – *a second chance at salvation* – with enthusiasm, gratitude, joy and impatience to get on the road to our eternal home!

Peace!

Father Mike

CORKS & FORKS

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I hope this message finds you all well and healthy! As you know, we had to cancel Corks & Forks last year due to the Covid crisis, but we were hoping that this year we could pick up the tradition again. A date has been booked with Bella Via, Saturday November 13th.

However, with the new Delta variant intruding in our daily existence, I would like to check with the congregation to see what the feelings are about proceeding.

The concept for this year would differ from previous years: rather than having a walk-around wine tasting and a buffet-style dinner, we were considering a sit-down wine tasting dinner. I am suggesting a three or four course meal, each course accompanied by one or two wines. This way you could book a table with friends and family, be seated with people you are comfortable with, while still enjoying the camaraderie of our wonderful parish community. We would also restrict this event to immunized individuals or require a recent covid test.

We would like to hear back from you to determine if there is enough interest in this concept to proceed. We don't need a firm commitment at this time, just an indication of your sentiments towards this event.

We are looking for a **“show of hands”** from all of you to gauge interest in planning this year's event. Your response is very important. **Please email Natalie Hennigan at the parish office nhennigan@icparish.org to let us know if you may be interested.**

Thank you very much and God bless!

Hans van Overbeek

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FLU 2021

With flu season upon us and COVID-19 variants spreading through our community, it's more important than ever to be fully vaccinated.

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For more information about the flu vaccine visit archchicago.org/flu.



Food for Thought...

If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts.

-St. Vincent de Paul



CATECHISTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday mornings 9:00-10:15
Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00

Please contact Barb at Prepoffice@icparish.org if you are interested and available in joining our team by serving as a catechist or substitute.

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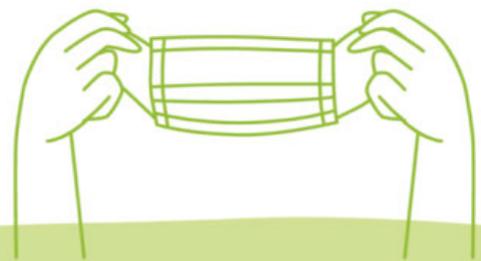
The “Sunday Connection” is a spiritual discussion women’s group with a focus on providing a deeper understanding of the scriptures for the following Sunday liturgies.

No sign-up necessary. Vaccination required and masks with have been mandated by the archdiocese.

We think you will find this an informative and enjoyable morning. For more information mnelsen@comcast.net



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Amy Florian is a nationally recognized speaker, teacher and engaging and dynamic presenter. Amy is the founder of Corgenius (a company that teaches professionals how to serve people in times of transition and loss). She has a passion for helping people heal, explore their faith, and live fully. She holds a Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies and is a Fellow in Thanatology (the highest level of certification in the field of death and grief studies).

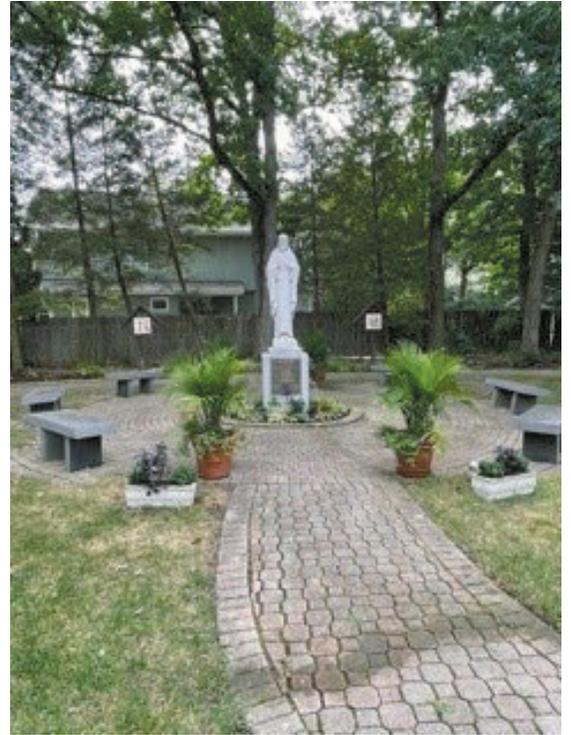


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Meditation Garden Update

We've been busy planting for fall, but can use some help. Please save the date and come plant bulbs with us on October 21 at 2:00. All are welcome! **We also welcome any daffodil bulb donations.**

Please come join us! Any questions contact Midge Berardi at midgeberardi@comcast.net or 224-619-5864.



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(Psalm 116:12)

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done me?

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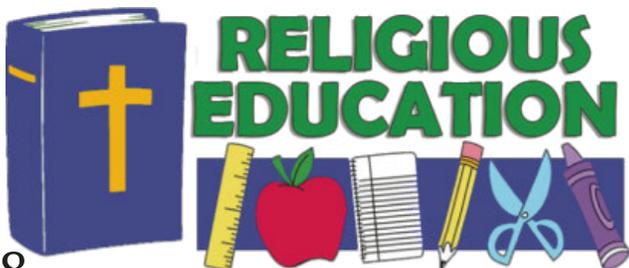
If you would like more information on making a QCD gift, please contact *Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago* at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org].

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

God's beauty graced the sky as this was the view from the classrooms on our Junior High's first night back at PREP. It was also the first night of fall and everyone fell into the routine nicely.

Father McMahon visited the rooms and welcomed the students and catechists back. We all couldn't be happier to be back in person even while social distancing. It's a special time as the students learn about and grow deeper in their faith as they prepare for Confirmation.





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