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October 17, 2021



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Saturday, October 23

8:00am: June D. Merkel
5:00pm: Ray Geraci
Phyllis Roa
Joan Loizzo

Sunday, October 24

8:00am: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish
10:30am: Otto Cortesi
John Moorman

Monday, October 25

8:00am: Carol Shapland

Tuesday, October 26

8:00am: Antoinette Marra

Wednesday, October 27

8:00am: Giuseppe DeRose
Louis Santi

Thursday, October 28

8:00am: Gaspare DeLuca

Friday, October 29

8:00am: Mary Burns Dolan

Saturday, October 30

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish
5:00pm: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

Sunday, October 31

8:00am: Orlando Nicdao
Angelina Yulo

Jean Brom

10:30am: Nicholas Scopelliti
Guy & Catherine Scopelliti
Maria "Dolly" Venturi



MASS	LECTOR
Saturday, October 23	5:00 PM
Sunday, October 24	8:00 AM
Sunday, October 24	10:30 AM
Saturday, October 30	5:00 PM
Sunday, October 31	8:00 AM
Sunday, October 31	10:30 AM

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If you need assistance outside of office hours, please call the Parish Office at 847-433-0130 and leave a message.

Thank you!



Father Mike's Homiletter

October 17, 2021 Twenty-Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

We had a lot of special material from the Archdiocese in our bulletin last week, more this week, and there will be even more as we get further into the *Renew My Church* process, so I am going to keep our *Homiletter* somewhat briefer than usual.

And indeed, our readings this week make brevity easy: they are very clear and direct. The disciples' failure to catch on to Jesus' way of operating is obvious when James and John approach Jesus, trying to get him to agree to something which they haven't yet specified. An obvious ploy. But Jesus goes along with the game: "what do you want?" Then the goal spills out: make us the superstars in your kingdom when you establish it. Sitting at Jesus' right and left in the new kingdom would give them access and influence – signify that they matter big time! Jesus is very patient – can they travel the road He will have to take to earn those places? Yes, they confidently assure Him. They have no idea – He has been telling them it is going to get tough in Jerusalem, but they (along with the other disciples as well) just don't get it.

They are still thinking in earthly terms, so Jesus again redirects their thinking – nicely, but clearly. They will get to suffer with and for Him, but He doesn't award the star seats at the heavenly table – that is for the Father. But then He goes further – wanting the best places is not how to get them in His world: in Jesus' value system, going to the end of the line is the way to wind up at the front of the line. Become the servant, the slave of others, and that will make you great. That's what He came to do, and that's what He is asking of each of us. Not easy, but He has shown us it's possible to do great good from the back of the line.

I feel a little sympathy for James and John: they not only get redirected by their teacher, they become the target of irritation on the part of their fellow disciples, and it may be that all they wanted was a little reassurance that they did, and would, matter in the new world Jesus was building. As Jesus' crucifixion, death and resurrection for our salvation would prove, we all matter – beyond our wildest dreams. So let's hurry to the back of the line and secure our places in the heavenly kingdom!

Peace,
Father Mike



Renew My Church: Creating Vibrant Parish Life

Last week we talked about the importance of renewal and the vision of Renew My Church. We have begun the process of figuring out the best path forward to a sustainable, vibrant and vital Catholic presence for our entire area. We have invited leaders from each parish to form a Grouping Feedback and Discernment Team (GFDT), made up of the pastor and five people from each parish. Details on their selection and responsibilities can be found below.

Creating vibrant parishes requires that we evaluate the business structures (how we operate), buildings, facilities, and financial requirements of existing parishes to assess where we can more prudently apply our resources to support and strengthen key ministry leadership roles, programs and activities. Ultimately, we must be good stewards of the gifts we have today to ensure they're able to support the faith lives of Catholics today and in the future.

The GFDT will begin meeting weekly to discuss and prayerfully discern the ministerial and operational strengths and challenges of the parishes and schools within our particular grouping. Eventually the team will provide feedback and information about our grouping for archdiocesan leadership to review and present recommendations to Cardinal Cupich so he can make final decisions regarding potential changes to parish structures.

Along the way, there will be opportunities for everyone in our own parish to learn about the details of those conversations, ask questions, and share their own points of view on the strengths and concerns of any potential changes.

Based on the experiences from the first two-thirds of our 100+ groupings that have progressed through the Renew My Church parish grouping process, it is clear that those on the GFDT are called to exercise tremendous leadership through very challenging conversations.

First, the purpose of our GFDT is to draw close to the Lord as a community of believers from across our grouping parishes. We also call upon the Holy Spirit as we prayerfully discern spiritual and structural renewal, or more specifically, models of collaborative parish structures that present the most viable scenarios to effectively carry out the spiritual renewal and mission of the Church in our area.

Second, the discussions the GFDT will have ultimately result in a feedback summary report submitted to the Archdiocese. This feedback will be vital input regarding how our parishes will be structured in the future Church. Allow this to become your prayer, as well.



Renew My Church

Dreaming Big About the Archdiocese of Chicago

Like you, all those who are part of the team have ideas, concerns, frustrations and hopes about what renewal can look like for our local community in the future. As in the Parable of the Sower, we must be the rich soil where seeds can be sown in order to hear with our ears and understand with our hearts. We must pray that, above all, we allow the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, our words and our actions in this important work.

As always, for more information, visit www.RenewMyChurch.org, or email us at RMC@icparish.org.

Renewal always begins within our own hearts. As we open our hearts to the renewal process, we will pray the special Prayer for Renewal (below) throughout the upcoming months. I invite you to reflect upon each line of this prayer slowly and deliberately. Thousands of people across our Archdiocese and beyond are praying these words on behalf of our local

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,
as you spoke to holy men and women
who have gone before us.
In every age and in our own time,
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,
and so enable us
 to hear you clearly
 to listen to each other attentively
 to imagine our future boldly
 to discern your direction wisely
 to persevere in your holy will courageously
 to stay together in charity
 to surrender our own plans readily
 to embrace the greater good
 to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints.

May their example and presence
inspire us with patient confidence
in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign
with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
forever and ever. Amen

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Cork & Forks Wine Tasting Dinner
Bella Via Restaurant
Saturday November 13th 6:00 PM
Details to follow.



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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

“We cannot help but speak about what we have seen and heard.” (Acts 4:20)

On October 24, we join with the Universal Church to celebrate World Mission Sunday. As the global pandemic continues to cause suffering and loss both at home and around the world, we as sisters and brothers in faith pause to pray and be in solidarity with our neighbors a world away. Through this celebration we actively participate in the mission of Jesus Christ to “go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)

The annual World Mission Sunday second collection provides critical financial support to missionaries and communities of faith in the most economically disadvantaged regions of the globe. Working with limited means, these local churches bear witness to the Gospel amid scarcity, conflict and instability. The Church’s missionaries address all forms of material and spiritual needs to build up the church, affirm human dignity, alleviate poverty, encourage dialogue and inspire hope.

The World Mission Sunday collection provides:

- Approximately 75 percent to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which helps sustain over 1,000 mission diocese in Africa, Asia and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands.
- About 9 percent for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association to alleviate poverty, foster Christian unity and promote interreligious dialogue in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe.
- About 15 percent to the basic operations of the Global Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago, which facilitates, resources, and supports efforts to reach out in love and solidarity globally.

In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis says, “As Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church’s evangelizing mission finds outward fulfilment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation.” Let our celebration reinvigorate us to continue to walk with one another in this ongoing pandemic and transform our world with Christ’s compassion. If you are able, place a donation to support mission diocese in the collection basket, or you can make a donation online at www.WeAreMissionary.org/wms.



Food for Thought...

In order to become an instrument in God's hands, we must be of no account in our own eyes.

-St. Angela Merici



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Welcome

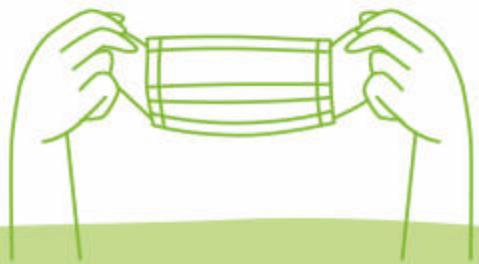
We are very fortunate to welcome Mrs. Miriam Pacheco to the position of Coordinator of Religious Education. Miriam has many years of formation and knowledge of catechesis and we are very pleased to welcome her to our parish.

Let us continue our important mission of bringing our children and families to God. We welcome Mrs. Pacheco as we continue this very important year. Thank you for all of your continued support and prayer.

Peace,
Fr. Michael McMahon

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Lake County is currently experiencing high or substantial community transmission of COVID-19. As recommended by the CDC, everyone should wear face masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

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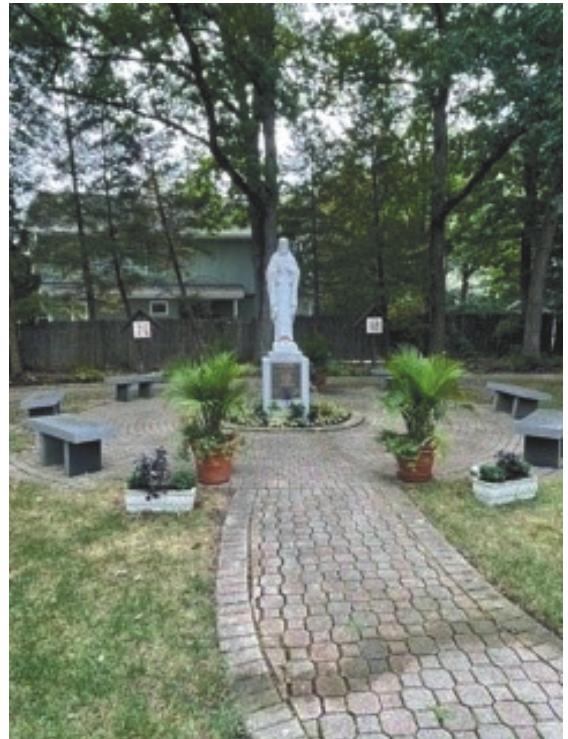
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Meditation Garden Update

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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Thank you!!!



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(Psalm 116:12)

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

National Estate Planning Awareness Week is October 18-24, 2021

Do you have an estate plan? If not, now is the perfect time to contact an estate planning professional to begin the process. If you already have a plan in place, it's a good time to review it and make any needed modifications.

Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish when you update your estate plans. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations. *For a free step-by-step guide to reviewing your estate plan, please contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.*

IC Community Prayer Group

Members of our IC Community meet throughout the week to reflect and pray together. Please contact the Prayer Group Leader if you would like more information or to join. All of the Prayer Groups invite you to join, even if you can only do so from time to time.

Wednesday at 10:00am - 11:30am in the Parish Center

Mary Nelsen, IC's Pastoral Associate, leads this Sunday Connection Scripture Group. This Group prays and discusses readings for the upcoming weekend. Mary's email is mnelsen@comcast.net

Wednesday at 1:00pm - 2:00pm in the Meditation Garden

Several of our parishioners meet together to pray and reflect. You can reach out to Midge Berardi is at midgeberardi@comcast.net

Wednesday at 7:00pm via Zoom

Together we pray the Rosary. Reach out to Camille Rubin at camille418@aol.com to receive the link each week.

IC Prayer Network (Individual Prayer)

If you cannot join a Prayer Group but would like to be connected to our Parish Community, please send your special intention or join the IC Prayer Network. Each week these parishioners remember the intentions of our parishioners in their individual prayers. The contact for the IC Prayer Network is Carol Kosirog. She is at 847 433 3018.



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