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Sunday Mass

Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 A.M.

Daily Mass

Monday through Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Sacrament of Penance

Monday—Saturday 8:30–9:00 A.M.
Saturday 3:00–3:30 P.M.

Adoration

Fridays 9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

Sacrament of Baptism

A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care.

Sacrament of Marriage

The bride or groom must be an active registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding at St. Helena.

Nursery

Services available during the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass.

Parish Registration

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form and return to the Parish Office. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the Church. Return completed form to the Parish Office.

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The Church of St. Helena

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 24, 2021

Jesus said to him in reply, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied to him, “Master, I want to see.” Jesus told him, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

—Mk 10: 51–52



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THE WORD

One of the intriguing phenomenon of the Catholic Church is that she named St. Therese of Lisieux (the Little Flower of Jesus) a Doctor of the Church. St. Therese had a formal education barely equivalent to a high school education, yet she is ranked with the great theologians and recommended by the Church to be read for a deeper understanding of the Gospel.

The reason is that our Lord promised His Father's working in those who are simple and open to Him that He would reveal the depths of His wisdom. As our Lord declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou has hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will." (Matthew 11:25-26)

In a sense, St. Therese's eyes of faith were given the power lenses to see the mysteries of faith because of her childlike simplicity. But, in fact, every person who is baptized has their eyes opened, because that sacrament gives us the gift of faith which enables us to know and accept the truths which we cannot see with our eyes. And, childlike simplicity enables God to further open our eyes of faith to penetrate the riches of that gift

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about Bartimaeus, a blind man, who cries out to the Lord so that he be

given sight. We were all spiritually blind until we were baptized and given the gift of faith. That faith enables us to understand (see) realities that are otherwise unknown or incomprehensible to our minds.

St. Augustine of Hippo had a phrase, "*credo ut intelligam*" which means that I believe in order that I may understand. For instance, without faith I would have no understanding that there are three Persons in one God or that the Holy Eucharist is really the Body and Blood of Jesus. Because of Baptism and faith, I, like Bartimaeus, can have knowledge and understand (see) the inner life of God and the reality of the Holy Eucharist.

So, what's the lesson of this Sunday's Gospel? If we are lacking faith, cry out to the Lord for a strengthening of that gift (and cry out to the Lord on behalf of others who are blind to the Faith). If we are strong in the Faith, be grateful to the Lord, because faith is a gift. And, like St. Therese of Lisieux, be simple and childlike, so our Lord can deepen our appreciation of the truths He has revealed to us.

John Sondag

Director of Religious Education

SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE—All volunteers who have regular interaction with youth and vulnerable adults need to be certified under the Archdiocesan Safe Environment standards. Together we can work to protect God's children and the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for your shared commitment to the achievement of this goal. In addition, the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance line is 651-291-4475.

“WITNESS OF LIFE” WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 23/24—World Mission Sunday is celebrated this weekend, October 23/24. On this day, every parish, school and order celebrate World Mission Sunday and our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all. This collection supports over 1,100 vulnerable communities worldwide. This year, we recognize Good Shephard Sister Rose Hang Vu from our Archdiocese, as an example of those who have chosen a “witness of life” and are serving the poor and hungry in many areas. Join our brothers and sisters and support mission dioceses, everywhere. You can contribute to this appeal at your parish, or at <https://centerformission.org/contribution-form/>. Questions? Contact Eric Simon, 651-291-4446.

LOST & FOUND—If an item was left behind in the Church please check the shelf that can be found underneath the table in the narthex (back hallway of Church). Keys, phones and jewelry will be at the parish office for safe keeping.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

I have truly enjoyed being back at St. Helena Catholic School. Thank you to all who have offered encouraging words and lending hands to help me during this transition. The parents and teachers have been wonderful, and the children make me smile every day. Please pray for the success of the school and for our families and staff.

This past week St. Helena Catholic School received two grants. The first was from the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation for \$8,000 for an altar in the new Adoration Chapel in the Church. This was awarded as a way to build the faith in our community. The school children will have an interesting part in the creation of the Adoration Chapel. Stay tuned for more details. The school received a second grant from the Catholic Community Foundation in the amount of \$6,000 for a keyless entry system. It will help to secure and make our school even safer. We are humbly grateful for these grants to help improve our facilities.

Our first fundraiser is scheduled for November 13. Turkey Bingo is back! Please tell family, friends and neighbors. We need all the support that we can muster. If you know anyone deserving of a St. Helena education, invite them to reach out to us. We are still enrolling students!

Gratefully,
Jane Hileman
Principal

DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE ON THIS SUNDAY MORNING—Come to Doughnuts and Coffee on Sunday morning downstairs in Rowan Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 A.M. Masses. Everyone is welcome.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?—Please let that individual know that the Church of St. Helena is again offering a program that prepares people to become Catholic. To take the program does not mean that you must become a Catholic. It is held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office Building. Also, if Tuesday evenings are impossible to make, another time can be arranged. For more information, call Fr. Daly or John Sondag at 612-729-7344.

BEGINNING THIS WEEK—A FOUR-WEEK COURSE ON “TEACH ME HOW TO PRAY”—Kristin Towle, Ph.D., will teach a four-week course on “Teach Me How to Pray” on Thursdays, October 28, November 4, 11, and 18 at 7:30 P.M. in Rowan Hall. The cost is \$20 plus \$10 for the textbook, *Fire Within*. Participants must pre-register by calling John Sondag (612-275-0431) or emailing him at johndsondag@sainthelena.us.

MEN’S BREAKFAST—THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30—The first Men’s Breakfast of this season will be held on Saturday, October 30, at 8:30 A.M. with Douglas G. Bushman, S.T.L., speaking on “Without God’s Mercy. There is No Answer to Sin.” The cost of the breakfast is \$5 or \$20 for the five breakfasts of the season. Complimentary tickets are available for those who have difficulty paying. Participants are also invited to attend the 8:00 Mass in church before the breakfast. Registrations should be made before 12:00 Noon on Friday, October 29, by calling 612-729-7321.

WOMEN’S BREAKFAST—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6—Attend the first Women’s Breakfast of the season scheduled for Saturday, November 6, at 8:30 A.M. in Rowan Hall with Rachel Lu, Ph.D. speaking on “How the Inklings Evangelized the World.” The cost is \$5 for the breakfast or \$20 for five breakfasts of the season. Complimentary tickets are available for those who have difficulty paying. Participants are invited to come to the Mass at 8:00 A.M. in church before the Breakfast. Registrations should be made before 12:00 Noon on Friday, November 5, by calling 612-729-7321.

PARTICIPATE IN THE ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD SESSIONS AT ST. HELENA—If you would like to share your thoughts as to how the Archdiocese might spread and teach the Faith, participate in the last session in preparation for the Archdiocesan Synod at the Church of St. Helena on this Monday October 25, at 7:30 pm in Rowan Hall. Pre-registration is requested by calling John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

PRAY THE VIRTUAL ROSARY—FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 P.M.—You can pray the Rosary with parishioners on Fridays at 7:00 P.M. Call 612-275-0431 to get the Zoom ID and Password.

PARTICIPATE IN THE “CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP”—Discover God’s call for your life. God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God’s call. Come and discover these charisms in you! Enroll in the “Called and Gifted Workshop” scheduled for Saturday, November 13, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Church of St. Helena. The cost is \$20. To register or to receive more information, call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

DEEPEN AND ENRICH YOUR FAITH ON THE INTERNET. GO TO ‘FORMED’—Exploring the beauty of the Faith has never been easier: at home, on the go, or from any internet connected device. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies...there is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. Registering on Formed is easier than ever! Just go to FORMED.org/signup Enter our parish zip code or name to select your parish. Enter your name and email.

ARE YOU A PARISHIONER WHO NEEDS HELP?—Parishioners who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties can receive help from the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish which reaches out to individuals and families in the parish who are having difficulties. (Your name will be kept confidential.) If you need more information or help, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

BE PART OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE—The St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish reaches out to individuals or families who need assistance. Conference members visit their homes to assess how they can be of service and in a very personalized and confidential way give them help. The next meeting this Thursday, October 28, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

QUILTING HAS STARTED -We are quilting again on Mondays from 9 – 11:30 AM and Wednesdays from 6:15 – 9 PM in the basement of the Parish Office Building. Please join us whenever it fits your schedule. We will tie and hand stitch quilts for the 2022 fall festival as well as hem and sew. You don’t need to know how; we will be happy to teach you. Everyone is welcome. Call Lucy Koller (729-9445) or Kathy Wood (729-4167), if you have questions.

CALLING ALL SINGERS—We are looking for new members to compliment those already there. If you like to sing, please consider joining us. For more information call David Bartlett, 651-239-6914, or any choir member.

WOMEN OF ST. HELENA—PRAYER GROUP NOW MEETS ON MONDAYS—On Monday morning a group of women meet at Church after the 8:00 Mass for quiet time, and prayer. We pray in silence for a half hour, then voice our prayer requests for family, friends and special intentions, followed with the rosary. If you would like to join us, please call Barb Kaluza at 612-721-2504 or Shirley Balster at 612-722-8847, as we sometimes cancel due to weather. All are welcome.



SCRIPTURE # 1197

**Jer 31:7-9
Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	8:00	† Richard Bruce
Tuesday	8:00	† John McGlade
Wednesday	8:00	† Nick Westcott
	9:30	St. Helena Students
Thursday	8:00	† Richard Monn
Friday	8:00	† Robert Boisvert
Saturday	8:00	† Ray & † Clairbel Olson
Saturday	4:00	† Rev. Thomas O'Brien
Sunday	8:30	St. Helena Parish
Sunday	10:00	† Bree Banya

SACRISTY LINENS— Eloise McDonald

PARISH CALENDAR
October 25—November 1

October 25

- Women's Prayer Group, Church, 8:30 am
- Quilting, Parish Office Building, 9:00-11:30 am
- Synod Sessions, Church, 7:30 pm

October 26

- Catechumenate Reception Program, Parish Office Building, 7:30 pm

October 27

- School Mass, Church, 9:30 am
- Quilting, Parish Office Building, 6:15-9:00 pm
- Rel. Ed. & Conf. Class, Rowan Hall & Parish Office Building, 6:45 pm

October 28

- St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., Parish Office, 6:30 pm
- Talk by Kristen Towle, Ph.D., Rowan Hall, 7:30 pm

October 29

- Adoration, Church, 9:00 am—5:00 pm
- Virtual Rosary, 7:00 pm

October 30

- Men's Breakfast, Rowan Hall, after 8 am Mass
- Confessions, Church, 3:00 pm
- Mass, Church, 4:00 pm

October 31

- Mass, Church, 8:30 am & 10:00 am
- Doughnuts & Coffee, RH, after 8:30 & 10:00 Masses

November 1-ALL SAINTS DAY-

(This year —not a Holy Day of Obligation)

- Mass, Church, 8:00 am
- School Mass, Church, 9:30 am

Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday, Church, 8:00 am

Confessions, Mon.-Sat., Church, 8:30 am - 9:00 am

ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS

Middle school language arts is off to a swift start this year as we begin year number two with our new curriculum. Students are enjoying learning about rites of passage, triumphs of childhood, and looking at what we can learn from different generations. Additionally, the middle schoolers learned about Hispanic Heritage Month and spent some time researching the history of the celebration. After initial research, students got to select a figure important to Hispanic-American culture to research and create a poster. The students were able to refresh their informational text skills while also learning about people who have shaped both Hispanic and American culture.

Now, after completion of that project, students are beginning or wrapping up their first essays of the year. The 6th graders enjoyed writing personal narratives, while the 8th graders are writing comparison and contrast essays. Soon, the 7th graders will also be working on a comparative essay as well. The 5th graders have been busy as well as they start to explore the curriculum. Currently, the class is working on reviewing the different types of sentences in preparation for their first writing assignments as well.

Overall, the year is off to a great start and there is much for students to look forward to in the coming months. We will continue working hard on reading, writing, and grammar, but will also have fun exploring and creating in class.

Ms. Amanda Kintzi,
Middle School Language Arts Teacher

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 25: Rom 8:12-17, Lk 13:10-17
October 26: Rom 8:18-25, Lk 13:18-21
October 27: Rom 8:26-30, Lk 13:22-30
October 28: Eph 2:19-22, Lk 6:12-16
October 29: Rom 9:1-5, Lk 14:1-6
October 30: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29,
Lk 14:1, 7-11
October 31: Dt 6:2-6, Heb 7:23-28,
Mk 12:28b-34

PRAYER CORNER

Give lasting happiness, Lord to those who reverence your name, so that our life and work may be such as to deserve your commendation, and bring us, laden with good fruit, to our everlasting home.



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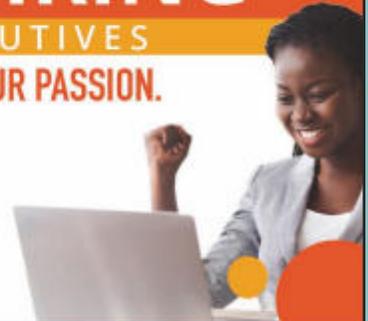
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