

September 26, 2021

Homecoming FunFest Snapshots



The Homecoming Fun Fest committee wishes to give our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners, family, friends, and community members who participated in our Homecoming Fun Fest, which was held on Sunday, September 19, 2021. The day was filled with fellowship, fun, great food and entertainment. A good time was had by all. A special THANKS goes out to the awesome crew of volunteers and parish staff whose hard work helped to make this event such a success. God bless you all!!



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Mass Times: Saturday Anticipatory: 4 pm Sunday: 8:30 am & 11 :00 am Daily, T-F 8:30am

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Jealousy Vs Charity

Have you noticed that we are already on the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time? We are just seven weeks away from the start of another Advent. As the fall colors start appearing, everyone is busy winding up summer activities, let us also try to focus on our spiritual journey through the liturgical year. The readings for this 26th Sunday give us a strong warning against jealousy, intolerance and scandal.

In the first reading, we find jealousy, in its destructive form of envy, raising its ugly head in Moses' assistant and successor, Joshua. Joshua could not tolerate the two men who had been on the list, but had not attended, the Spirit-giving ordination ceremony Moses and they had been called to by the Lord God in the Tent of Meeting, yet had started prophesying in the camp. This selection is intended to provide a Biblical background for Jesus' response to the same kind of jealousy that we see in the Gospel.

In the second reading, James warns the rich against giving scandal by their denial of social justice to their workers in refusing to give them a living wage, by ignoring the needs of others and by condemning and murdering the innocent and the righteous. In the Gospel, we find intolerance among the apostles of Christ. John complained to Jesus that a man outside their group of selected disciples was exorcising demons in Jesus' Name, in spite of their attempt to prevent him from doing so. Jesus taught the Apostles lessons in his kind of tolerance and in the reward to be given to outsiders for good deeds they had done for the disciples of Jesus.

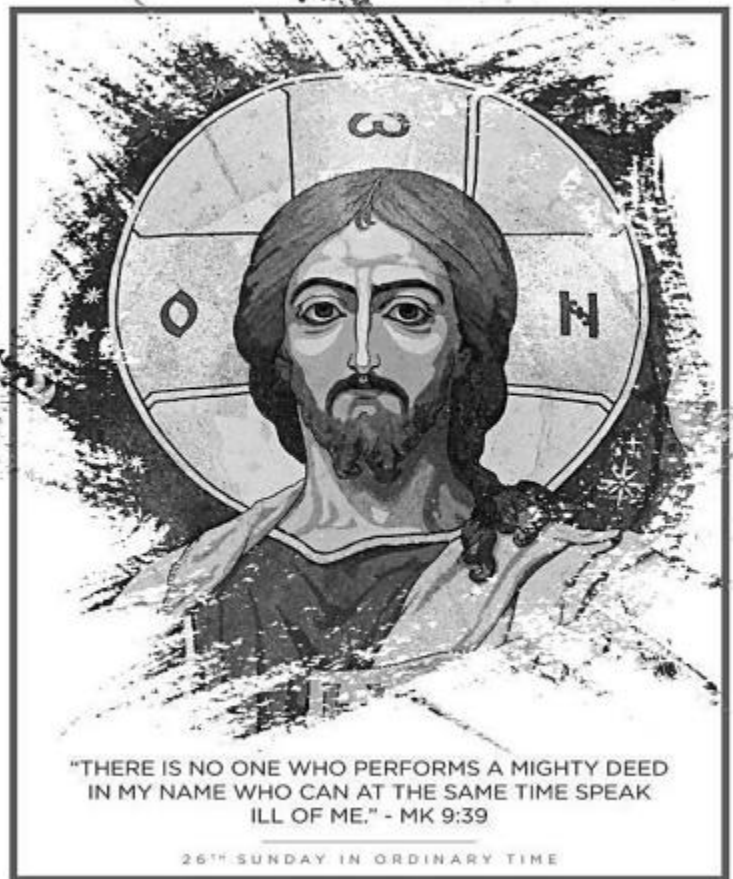
We also hear the strong warning of Jesus against giving scandal, especially to innocent children, vulnerable members of the community and beginners in the faith. Jesus warned the Apostles and us, that, just as a doctor might remove a limb or some part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us or others to sin and which leads to spiritual death. Jesus is inviting us to integrate our bodies into our following of Christ, so that our hands become instruments of compassion, healing and comfort, our feet help us to bring the Gospel to the world and our eyes learn to see the truth, goodness and beauty all around us.

If you were able to participate in the 'Homecoming Funfest' we had last Sunday, you would agree with me that it was a great celebration. We were blessed with a perfect weather and a lot of fun activities. Kudos to all those volunteers and staff who worked so hard to make it really a beautiful and successful event. I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Funfest committee under the leadership of Cathy Shannon. It was indeed an expression of fraternity, community spirit and cooperation. I am sure that the celebration brought us a lot of enthusiasm and feeling of one family. Once again, my sincere thanks to all of you who supported this wonderful event.

We are about to begin the month of October, the month of the

Holy Rosary. Let us make use of this month to grow in our filial love and devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary, our Heavenly Patroness. Following her example, let us also try to experience her maternal love and turn to her at every moment of our lives for the true wisdom and guidance in our spiritual journey. I strongly encourage you to pray the Holy Rosary for the whole month October. I also invite you to consider making a commitment to be part of our 24/7 rosary chain. Let us reactivate this wonderful pious practice offering the Holy Rosary for the establishment of peace in the world, end of abortions and the pandemic, Covid-19. Please make a commitment and sign up to pray the rosary for the month of October. Thanks for your consideration and let us complete the chain.

Fr. Benny Mekkatt, CFIC



Please join us for the Healing and Anointing Mass on Saturday, October 2 at 8:30am. Refreshments to follow.

Need a Vacation or quiet prayer time away from home?

The CFIC order (Fr. Benny's Order) has a retreat house located in Mount Dora, Florida that we are offering for use to our parishioners and friends for a donation to the order. The house is located 45 miles northwest of Orlando Airport and 35 miles west of Sanford Airport in Florida. The house is large enough for a single family with three bedrooms and two baths. If you would like more information, please contact Joy in the parish office to see about available dates.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

September 26—October 3

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| Sun, Sept 26: | 9:30-10:45am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Faith Formation Classes Noon-4:30pm Homecoming FunFest |
| Mon, Sept 27: | 6:30-7:30 Movement & Christian Meditation |
| Tues, Sept 28: | 9:30-11:00am CGS |
| Wed, Sept 29: | 9-11am or 6-8pm Synod Small Group Mtgs |
| Sun, Oct 3: | 9:30-10:45am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Faith Formation Classes Noon— Pet Blessing |

FINANCE

Gifts of Treasure

September 18/19, 2021

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| Sunday Envelopes & Plate | \$ 4,249.22 |
| Homecoming donations | \$ 150.00 |
| Additional Operations, etc. | \$ 40.00 |
| <u>Social Concerns (Haiti Relief)</u> | <u>\$ 733.65</u> |
| Total | \$ 5,172.87 |

FAITH FORMATION

2021-2022 RCIA, Sacrament Prep, and Faith Formation

Classes meet from 9:45 to 10:45 am most Sundays. Options include:

- ✠ Children prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the CGS atrium.
- ✠ Children continue their formation in the CGS atrium.
- ✠ Teens prepare for Confirmation through classes and a Fall NET Retreat on October 9 and 10.
- ✠ Adults prepare for full initiation or a refresher of the Catholic faith through RCIA classes beginning soon. Easter Vigil Mass is April 16.

Please call the office to inquire about Faith Formation classes and Sacramental preparation.

Help our Confirmation students lead a “dynamic Catholic” life!

Our students are ready for you to walk with them on a journey of sacrament preparation using Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic. Classes are Sunday mornings with a few additional times of service and worship throughout the year. No experience is necessary. VIRTUS E3 credentialing is required. All training is provided. You will give a lot and receive far more! If you or someone you know is living a vibrant Catholic life, connect with Connie about this rewarding ministry.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLW)

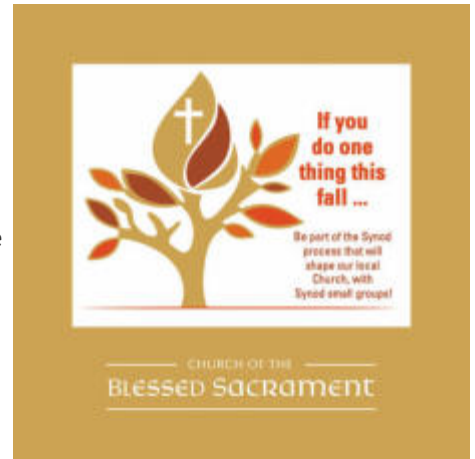
CLW takes place during the 8:30 am Mass. Our first meeting was filled with prayerful children of all ages. (CLW is suggested for kindergarten through 4th grade). Kids hear the Sunday scripture proclaimed and explained at an age-appropriate level. Parents are welcome to assist with this ministry.

All Faith Formation volunteers must be “Essential 3” compliant by completing an online VIRTUS training, a background check, and Code of Conduct.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD UPDATES

Synod Small Groups this Week

Connect with others in a small group. On September 29, the topics will be "Lifelong Discipleship" and "Universal Call to Holiness." The morning session is 9:00 am to 11:00 am and begins with continental breakfast. The evening session is 6:00 to 8:00 pm



and begins with a light dinner. Make your voice heard and connect with others as you **Pray, Learn, Discuss, and Give Feedback** on the most important needs of our church. Come in the morning or evening for six Wednesdays this fall.

CONNECT WITH YOUR CHURCH

Did you receive a postcard in the mail from church? Do you receive our weekly Flocknote emails? Do you know our current times for Mass and Reconciliation? If you answered "no" to any of these questions, please call the office. Don't miss out on church activities. **Be sure to mark your calendar for the Candlelight Rosary on Wednesday October 6 at 5:00 pm.**

Candlelight Rosary Procession
Wednesday October 6 at 5:00 pm
followed by dinner and Synod



Pray and process outside (indoors in case of inclement weather).



Please also call the office or sign up at the desk in the Gathering Space if you would like to commit to starting or continuing the 24/7 Rosary Chain.



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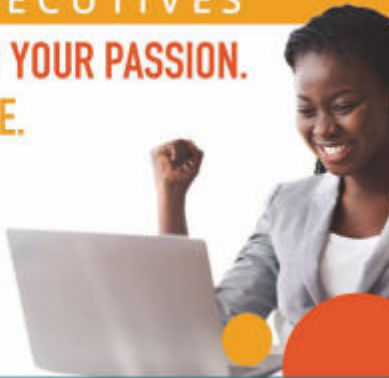
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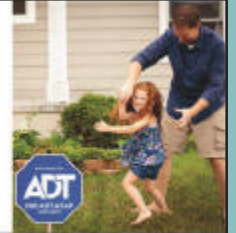


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