

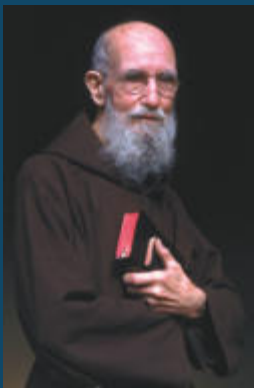


St. Mary's-Big River Catholic Church

25th Sun. in Ord. Time

September 20th, 2020

Childhood Parish
of
Blessed
Solanus Casey



The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I
am generous?’ Thus, the
last will be first, and
the first will be last.”
- Mt 20:15-16

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Mass Schedule

Weekend:

Saturday 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekday:

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website for changes!*

- Mondays at Noon

- Tuesdays at 7:30 AM

- Wednesdays at Noon

- Thursdays at 7:30 AM

- Friday & Saturday morning

no mass except on

1st Friday/Sat. at 7:30 AM

Confessions - Use rectory

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- Tuesdays 8 AM to 9 AM

- Wednesdays 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

- Thursdays 8 AM to 9 AM

- Saturdays 4:30 PM to 5:45 PM

- Sundays 8 AM to 9:15 AM

- 1st Friday 8 AM to 9 AM

- 1st Saturday 8 AM to 9 AM

- Any time by appointment

*(Additional times during Advent, Lent,
Ember Days)*

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Blessed Solanus
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Columbus chapter at St. Mary's
meets the 3rd Tuesday of each
month in the school hall at 7:00
PM. Meet in church for rosary
and benediction at 6:45 PM.

***“In service to One,
in service to all.”***



Readings for the week of Sept. 20, 2020 Cycle A

Sunday:

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/
Phil 1:20-24, 27/Mt 20:1-16

Monday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday:

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:

Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday:

Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: While still in captivity in Babylon, Isaiah urged the Israelites to seek the Lord, for the Lord is near even in exile. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. (Is 55:9)

Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading: In his letter to the Philippians written from prison and toward the end of his life, Paul reflects on his spiritual dilemma between life and death. Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20c)

Gospel: Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard of the Lord offers us important insights into the Kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity. "Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Mt 20:14-16a)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay. ©LPi



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Mass Intentions

Monday, September 21

For - † Dean Reis
 By Ed Siewelo

Tuesday, September 22

For - † Joe Hayes
 By Joe & April Merta

Wednesday, September 23

For - † Duane Huppert
 By Dave & Barb Pritchard

Thursday, September 24

For - Amy Block
 By Joseph Block

Friday, September 25

For - Lisa Ebbers
 By Pat Bjork

Saturday, September 26

6:00 pm - † Alice Brandl
 By Ron O'Gorman

Sunday, September 27

9:30 am Living & Deceased Members
 of St. Mary's Big River Parish
 By Parish

Liturgical Assistants

September 26th Saturday - 6:00 pm Mass

Reader: Bob Maier
Ushers: Mark Huppert
Rosary: Melissa Blegen

September 27th Sunday - 9:30 am Mass

Reader: Shari Turvaville
Ushers: ... John Yunker, Charles Beeler
Servers: Brent Coppler,
 Isaac Loe, Eli & Oliver Books
\$ Counters: Team 4



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