

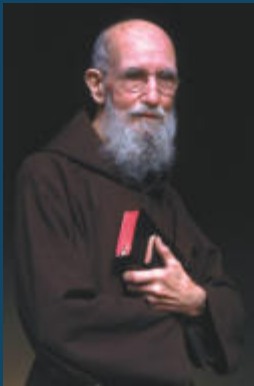


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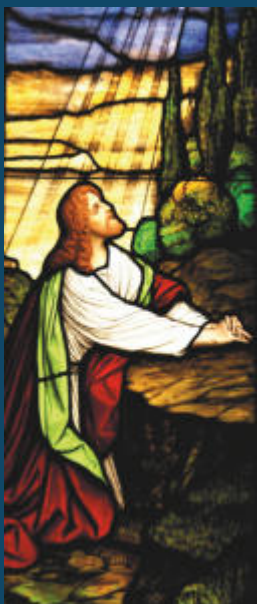
30th Sun. in Ordinary Time

October 25th, 2020

Childhood Parish of Blessed Solanus Casey



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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Mass Schedule

Weekend:

Saturday 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekday:

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- 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)

Knights of Columbus



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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 October 25, 2020 Cycle A

Sunday:

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/
Thes 1:5-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday:

Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1- 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday:

Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday:

Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-6 /Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday:

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/Jn 3:1-3/
Mt 5:1-12



SUNDAY'S READINGS

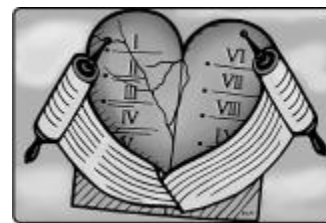
First Reading: Today's reading is an excerpt from the many laws Moses received at Mount Sinai. We learn that God expects empathy and compassion for the most vulnerable in society. "You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword." (Ex 22:21-23a)

Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading: Paul saw the believers in the city of Thessalonica as models for the faith in the surrounding regions of Macedonia and Achaia. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. (1 Thes 1:6-7)

Gospel: Jesus teaches the religious leaders in Jerusalem that love of God and love of neighbor and self are the greatest commandments. Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22:37-39)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit. ©LPi

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Mass Intentions

Monday, October 26

For - † Dave Bjork
 By Pat Bjork

Tuesday, October 27

For - † Poor Souls in Purgatory
 By Toby & Jan Keller

Wednesday, October 28

For - † Duane Huppert
 By Duane Huppert Family

Thursday, October 29

For - † John Matzek
 By Toby & Jan Keller

Friday, October 30

For - Charles & Marilyn Louis
 By Toby & Jan Keller

Saturday, October 31

6:00 pm - † Mitch Reis
 By Joe & Kerry Reis

Sunday, November 1

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

Book of Eternal Life: Please daily pray for our deceased parishioners who are listed in the white binder in the back of the church. They are listed by the date of death. †

Liturgical Assistants

October 31st

Saturday - 6:00 pm Mass

Reader: Mary Jacobs
Ushers: George Matzek
Rosary: Dallan & Gayle Frandrup

November 1st

Sunday - 9:30 am Mass

Reader: Jason Husby
Ushers: Kristin Johnson, Shawn Dosdall
Servers: Joseph O'Malley, Ben O'Malley, Xavier & Maximus Husby
Rosary: Volunteer
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