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SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.



Readings for the Week of August 29, 2021

- Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



Sunday, August 29

- 8:00am Pro Populo
- 9:30am Rev. James W. Mayer, O.de M.
- 11:30am The Mangold Family
- 8:00pm +All Souls in Purgatory

Monday, August 30

- 8:30am Rhonda Cooper and Children

Tuesday, August 31 St. Raymond Nonnatus

- 8:30am Daniel Procknow

Wednesday, September 1

- 8:30am Maria Estela Choy

Thursday, September 2

- 8:30am +Mary Valencia

Friday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great

- 8:30am The Heyburn Family

Saturday, September 4

- 8:30am For Vocations
- 4:00pm +Mary E. Glynn

Sunday, September 5

- 8:00am Pro Populo
- 9:30am +Daisy Gray
- 11:30am +Kenneth Daly
- 8:00pm +Lawrence Robert Solomon

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Our Lady of Lourdes - A Tithing Community

Total Collection for Sunday August 22: \$9,717.81

Offertory: \$8,613.55

Electronic Giving: \$1,104.26

CHOIR and SCHOLAS
now accepting new members



The new choir season at Our Lady of Lourdes will begin with rehearsals on Tuesday, Sept. 7, and we need new singers to join us. Please consider it if you are musically inclined or simply interested, and fear not.

Why do we bother with art music at Mass? For the same reason we have beautiful and elaborate church buildings, art, tabernacles, vestments, and ceremonies: because the sacred action and prayers of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the presence of Our Lord Himself deserve to be housed in a work of art, the highest fruits we can make and offer. As a side effect, singers often become closely connected to the liturgical cycle, texts, and feast days by preparing to serve the liturgy, and reap many spiritual benefits.

Please contact Becky Ostermann, Music Director, at musicdirector@ourladylourdes.org with questions or to set up a meeting for a brief hearing (through which she can establish your voice part and get you ready to join us), or simply come up to the choir loft after any Mass and introduce yourself.

Choir rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, in the choir loft. The choir sings for various Sunday 11:00 am, Sunday 9:30 am, and feast day Masses from September through June. We need singers in all vocal ranges. Ability to sing in tune and remember a tune is required. If you can read music, all the better, but it is not required.

Women’s schola rehearses on Tuesday evenings in the choir loft from 6:30 – 7:00 pm. The schola sings the Gregorian chant proper and ordinary for the Sunday 9:30 am Traditional Latin Mass on alternating weekends from September through June. We will teach you how to read the chant square notation. Ability to sing in tune, remember a tune, and blend with other voices is required.

Men’s schola rehearses on Saturday mornings, 8:45 am – 9:45 am at the parish office. The schola sings the Gregorian chant proper and ordinary for the Sunday 9:30 am Traditional Latin Mass on alternating weekends from September through June. We will teach you how to read the chant square notation. Ability to sing in tune, remember a tune, and blend with other voices is required.

Mark your calendar!
Our Parish Picnic will be
Sunday, September 26th
MERION TRIBUTE HOUSE
from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Parish Picnic Reservation

Family Name _____

Number of parishioners coming _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

Please remember the souls of the faithfully departed.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Dorothy Hardy, Kurt Mohammed, Patricia Nicholson, Colin Ramberan, Avery Lofton, Eugene Colombaro, Monica Ramberan, Yosan Gabriel, Jenell Sifontis, Cathy Norman, Sabrina Freeman, Leslie Wade, Esmond Family, Scott Stierbeim, Sr. Mary Charles, A.S.S.P., Mecca Taylor, Melissa Becker, Christian Lafty, Lisa Becker, Debbie Everett, Nigel Simon, Donald Grabam, Jean Hargraves, Marvi Wade, Mary Frances Doran, Maureen Doran Hendrix, Melissa Potts, Cayla Wade, Theresa Gilliam, Suzanne Dupre, Indramattie Somwaru, John Bricker, Alina Simon, Carmelina Desiderio, Graham Family, Chuck Murrin, Samantha Johnson, Holly, Damon, and Stephen Anthony, Charles Epps, Ramona Wade, David and Gay Cooper, Lori Cooper, Jack Weber, Dolores M. Hasson, Miguel Tulido, Matthew Tulido

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The Sanctuary Lamp intention is:

For all expectant Mothers

SAINT RAYMOND NONNATUS



The traditional dates for the life of St. Raymond Nonnatus present him to us as a man of the 13th century. Born in Portell, when his mother had already died, he came into the world by the dagger of the Viscount of Cardona, who took the child out of his mother's womb; hence, he acquired the nickname Nonnatus (*not born*).

Always devoted to the Blessed Virgin he joined the Mercedarian Friars and distinguished himself for his dedication to helping the imprisoned Christian slaves. He made countless journeys to free them from prison, remaining himself there in their place. He was treated with great cruelty by his Muslim captors for his preaching of the Gospel.

According to tradition, the Pope decided to appoint him cardinal with the titular church of Saint Eustace, a Roman basilica near the Pantheon, where his image is preserved; but, while he was traveling to Avignon, he died in Cardona. Having no priest who could administer Viaticum to him, he received it miraculously, administered by Jesus Christ Himself accompanied by angels dressed in the Mercedarian habit, as depicted in the iconography. From there his remains were translated to the hermitage of Saint Nicholas in Portell.

No doubt he is the most popular Mercedarian saint, due especially to the activity of the Mercedarian missionaries to the nations who took him as their patron. For this reason, his image can be found scattered throughout the world with several elements that identify him, such as the palm of martyrdom with the triple crown, and the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament in his right hand. Because of the miraculous instance of his birth, he is the patron saint of expectant mothers, who turn to him for protection at the moment of birth. In some countries, they pray to him also as the patron saint of pro-life institutions. The Order of Mercy includes in its Ritual two elements linked to Saint Raymond, the blessing of an expectant mother and the blessing of water for the benefit of the sick.

We celebrate his feast day this Tuesday, August 31st.



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