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Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 8:30am - 4:30pm

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Sacraments & Liturgies

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish), 10:30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

First Friday Mass: 12:00 p.m. at
St. John's Chapel

Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

Baptism: By appointment, contact
Parish Office.

Weddings: Six months notice
required. Please contact the pastor
to begin the preparation process.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Friday
6:00-7:00pm.

25th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman,
'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the
last and ending with the first.'" - Mt 20:8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

September 20, 2020 • 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Catechetical Corner

First Holy Communion Class start date

Sunday, September 27th @ 9:00 a.m.

Grades Pre-K through 8th start date

Sunday, October 4th @ 9:00 a.m.

Prayers for the Sick:

Please pray for:

Dale Wilson, Jean Beesley, Max Taldo, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Carolyn Schmidt, Betty Conway, Don Perno, Rick Larson, Judy Diskin, Rhett Crawford, Chapman Family.

Happy Birthday to:

Dan Ausmus, Jennifer Hancock (20); Rick Larson, Diane Keller (23); Dale Wilson (25).

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the office so we can update our information.

Mass Intentions: September 19th - 25th, 2020

Saturday Special Intentions
Sunday 8:00 Special Intentions
Sunday 10:30 Jim & Willine Ryan / Buddy & Stacy James
Tuesday Jerry Dickerson t / Dickerson Family
Wednesday Special Intentions of Don & Mary Louise Boyne
Thursday Special Intentions of Carolyn Schmidt
Friday Special Intentions of Dale Wilson

Readings for the week of September 20th, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a

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

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90/Lk 9:7-9

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

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25/Mt 21:28-32



Thought for the Week

When ever I read today's Gospel it always reminds me of the thief on the cross next to Jesus. If I read this right, this man was the first to enter heaven upon the death of Jesus. His words, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise," (Luke 24, 43) reminds me that God chooses those who repent and believe not those who believe they are due everything because of their status in this world. God has given each and every one of us the same chance to get to heaven. Those who live in big houses and have enough food on the table will not get to heaven any faster than those who live under a bridge and beg for food. It is our love for God and how we treat each other that is important. *Repent and believe* is not just a slogan but our true way to become first in the eyes of Jesus. I believe this with my whole heart. Do you?

Sacred Heart Church Collections

September 6, 2020 Collection

Envelope.....	\$ 2,229.00
Loose	\$ 861.00
On-Line.....	\$ 80.00
Total Weekend Collection.....	\$ 3,170.00



September 13, 2020 Collection - Not Available

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Show the world the power of Christ in you by looking the part.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

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Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus: The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Contact Grand Knight Robert Mulvihill 918-906-7170.

Prayer Network: For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office.

Women's Bible Study Group: Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.

Fatima Ladies: Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.

Grief Support Group: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays.

Contact Connie Anderson by text at 319-470-2800.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Volunteer basis until further notice.

Religious Education: Enrollment forms are available in the Gathering Area for all Religious Education Programs. First Communion Class begins Sunday, September 27th at 9:00 a.m. and is open to those students who were in the First Communion Class last year and need to continue their studies to make their First Communion in May 2021 or to those students who attended the Catechism of the Good Shepherd Class last year and meet the age requirement. Pre-K through 8th grade start date is Oct 4th.

The Diocese of Tulsa will sponsor another 40 Days for Life campaign. The kickoff rally is set for Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Garden of Hope. Bishop Konderla will be the keynote speaker along with other local members of the prolife movement. To sign up for the Prayer Vigil at the Garden of Hope which will be happening September 23rd - November 1st, 5 a.m. - 11 p.m. go to 40daysforlife.com/tulsa

REMINDER: The Diocese of Tulsa offers an On-Line giving option on their website for anyone who would like to make their weekly contribution on-line. Go to dioceseoftulsa.org - under Stewardship there is an option to Donate to a Specific Parish - follow the simple instructions.

Congratulations to McKayla Whitesell for passing her EMT Exam. She has been studying for the past 6 months and is now a Certified EMT.





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