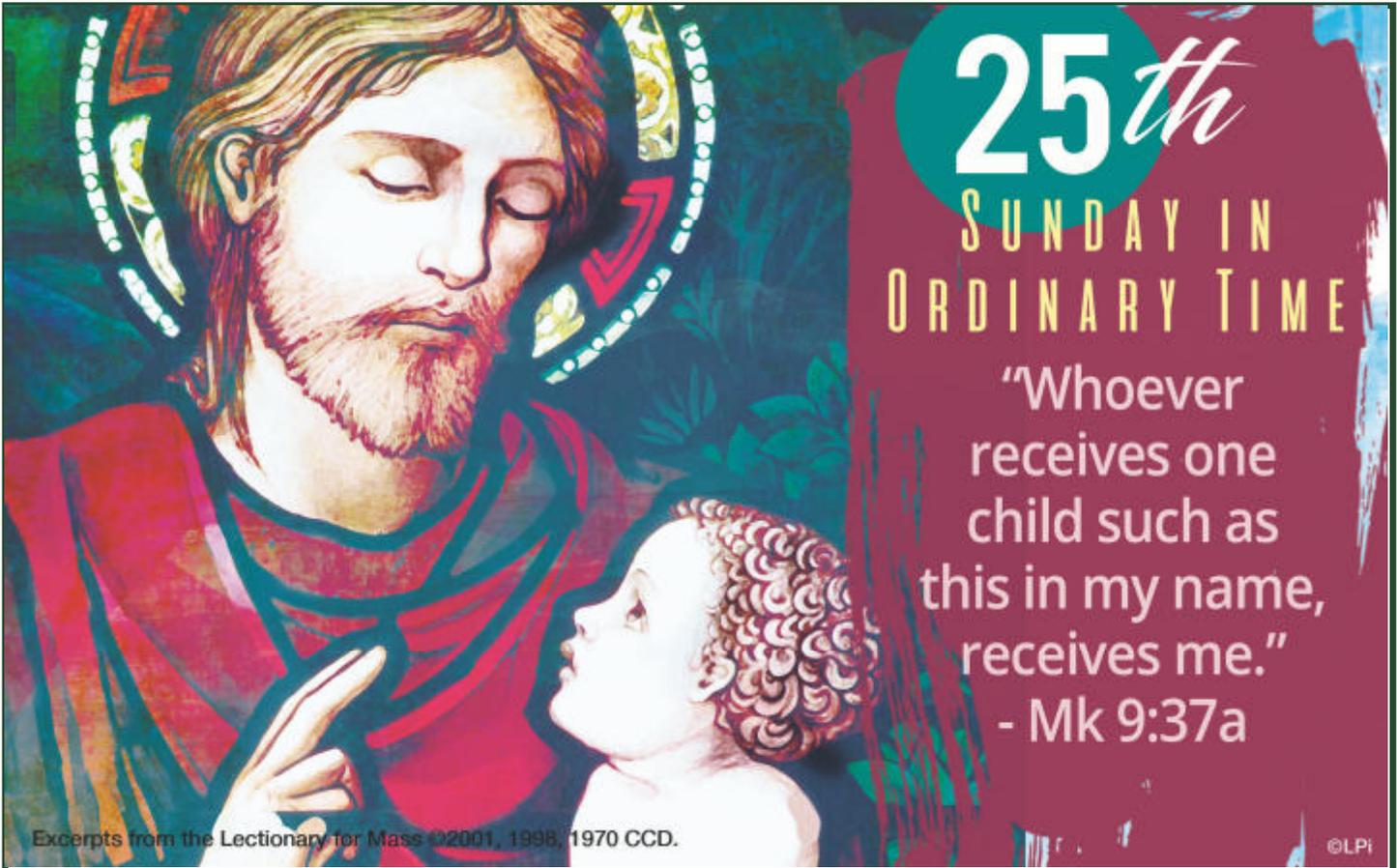


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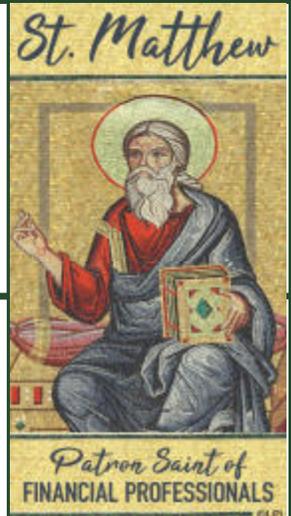
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**Looking Ahead:**

September 22nd 6:00 Baptismal Preparation Class  
 October 3rd Blessing of the pets at ICC, 2 p.m.



# CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

**Observances for the week of Sep. 19, 2021**

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday  
 Monday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs  
 Tuesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
 Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
 Next Sun: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**A Note from Mary's Guild**

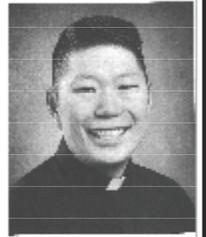
Because of the pandemic, Mary's Guild has not been active as a group. However, it has been suggested that \$2000 of the funds be donated to help repair the kitchen stove. If there are no objections, we will assume a positive response to do this suggestion. This, plus the food bank contribution, would leave \$4,183 in the account to cover Father's Day breakfast, Sponsor a Student, the Advent Tea, and other food bank contributions if the group continues activities.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

	<u>ICC Sep 4/5</u>	<u>SJV Sep 5</u>
Weekly Giving	\$ 5,973.31	\$ 943.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,354.00	
<b>Other Giving</b>		
Food Bank/Outreach	100.00	35.00
St. Vincent de Paul	2,225.00	
Maintenance	600.00	
CCHD	25.00	
Haiti	50.00	
Church Beautification	1,000.00	
	<u>ICC Sep 11/12</u>	<u>SJV Sep 12</u>
Weekly Giving	\$ 4,004.00	\$ 1,178.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,126.00	
<b>Other Giving</b>		
Food Bank/Outreach	115.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	546.00	
Maintenance	35.00	
CCHD	5.00	
Haiti	2,531.00	202.00
SAS	28.00	
Church Beautification	100.00	

**Dear Parishioners of ICC and SJV,**

Last week you read about our church "beautification" project happening at Immaculate Conception for which I am very excited. I am honored to fulfill my predecessor's vision to make our Arlington church a beautiful worship space. Today I want to share with you some other ideas I have for our wonderful faith communities. Firstly, I have developed a parish prayer I will strongly encourage you to pray on a regular basis. This will be a way for us to pray together as the Body of Christ, especially imploring God to help grow our parishes. This prayer will be nicely printed and available in the pews soon. Along with these prayer cards, we are also ordering new Mass part cards and hymnals so you will easily be able to follow along with the parts of the Mass and our liturgical music.



Some of you might have noticed our improved livestream Masses on our Stilly Catholic YouTube channel. I am grateful to our parishioner Kevin who has been so generous in helping us get this going. Along with this needed "tech" update, we are also in the process of updating our parish website to make it easier to navigate and to ensure a welcoming online presence. Once the pandemic is further behind us, and it is safe to do so, we will have a return of our Sunday "coffee hour" after the 9am Mass at IC, and the "luncheon" after the 12pm Mass at SJV. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during these challenging times. Lastly, I plan on creating some new, fun, parish programs to offer in the future, particularly some programs/events for our families with kids. Thank you as always for your encouragement and support - it is truly an honor for me to be your priest. Please continue to pray for me, and please pray for more vocations to the priesthood.



Respectfully Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tyler Johnson

Immaculate Conception Regional School is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Please call the office (360-428-3912 x16) or go to [www.ICRSweb.org](http://www.ICRSweb.org) to apply today.



ICRS also offers tours of the school each week.

## FAITH FORMATION

September 19 10:15 — 11:30 a.m. Faith Formation  
 September 19 10:15 — 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class  
 October 3 Blessing of Pets — 2 p.m.

### Fasting Before Mass

Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.



The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: “A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine” (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, “The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour” (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the “letter of the law,” the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist. ©LPi

Please be generous in this week’s special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in 8 people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).



### The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They’re the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They’re the one who’s always “doing” for others. They’re never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We’re a little envious, even if we don’t let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they’re smiling so much.

We’ve all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we “earn” whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That’s how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It’s exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don’t seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy “doing” for others, it’s because by a boatload of God’s grace, they play by the rules of the other place. Watch and take notes — and don’t be afraid to join them at the back of the line. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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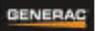
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