

OCTOBER 17, 2021 — THE 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“WHOEVER WISHES TO
BE GREAT AMONG YOU
WILL BE YOUR SERVANT;
WHOEVER WISHES TO BE
FIRST AMONG YOU WILL
BE THE SLAVE OF ALL.”
- MK 10:43-44

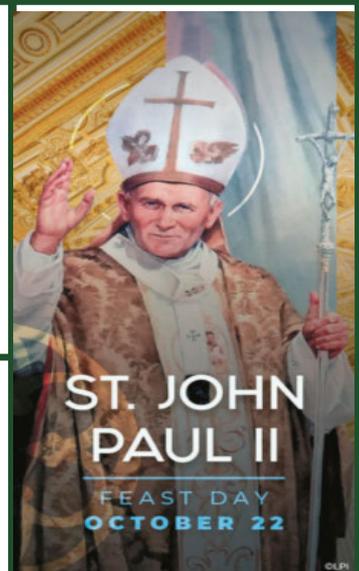
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Looking Ahead:

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| Sun Oct 17 | Last day for homeless items |
| Sun Oct 17—10am | Mary's Guild Meeting |
| Tues Oct. 19—10 am | Prayer Shawl Meeting |
| Tues Oct. 19—7 pm | AA/AlAnon |
| Wed Oct 20—10 am | FORMED class (also at 6 p.m.) |
| Thu Oct 21—7 pm | RCIA |
| Sat Oct 23—8 am | ICC Men |
| Sat Oct 23—9am | Filcopa Day of Reflection, St. Peters Catholic Church, Seattle |



Dear Parishioners of ICC and SJV,

One of my favorite spiritual quotes is from our Pope Emeritus, Pope Benedict XVI. Speaking to young people he once said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". This powerful statement from our Holy Father is a reminder that God wants us to be great, which means to grow in holiness and become a saint. Sainthood is what we were all made for, and so we should constantly strive for that eternal goal. I know the idea of growing in holiness and becoming a saint is intimidating, but you can do it, and we do it together! Benedict XVI gives us some encouragement in this regard by also saying, "Holiness does not consist in never having erred or sinned. Holiness increases the capacity for conversion, for repentance, for willingness to start again and, especially, for reconciliation and forgiveness." The key ingredient in becoming great, or rather becoming holy, is perseverance. As the pope puts it, it's a "willingness to start again".



So how does one begin seeking the greatness God desires for each of us? Firstly, it begins by believing in our heart that God wants this for us, and then by making the personal commitment to strive for it. Practically speaking, this can happen by receiving the Sacraments regularly, (especially Eucharist and Confession), praying daily, growing in knowledge of one's faith, and trying one's best to live a life of virtue. One specific thing that has helped me, is reading about the lives of the saints, and then learning from their example. In the end, we all need to realize that God wants more for us and that we can *become* and *be* more than who we currently are. You can do it, and know that you don't do it alone, we do it together!

Respectfully Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tyler Johnson

Observances for the week of October 17, 2021

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. World Mission Sunday
- Monday:** St. Luke, Evangelist
- Tuesday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Friday:** St. John Paul II, Pope
- Saturday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John Paul II | Feast Day October 22

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in Poland. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. Ordained in 1946, he was appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and 3 years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II. He made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and he was discovered with Parkinson's disease. Near the end of his papacy his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005 and canonized a saint on April 27, 2014.

Stewardship of Treasure

| | <u>ICC Oct 9/10</u> | <u>SJV Oct 10</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Weekly Giving | \$ 2,466.00 | \$1,096.00 |
| Online Giving | 2,724.00 | |
| Other Giving | | |
| Food Bank | 75.00 | |
| St. Vincent de Paul | 1,325.00 | |
| Maintenance/Beautification | 6,335.00 | |
| World Mission | 30.00 | |
| Priest Pension | 25.00 | |
| Sponsor-A-Student | 378.00 | |
| Homeless Kits | 548.00 | |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Welcome Back to Mass

Mary's Guild Meets This Sunday!

Mary's Guild meets this Sunday, October 17th, after the 9 a.m. Mass. The most immediate topic is collecting socks and survival blankets for the homeless. All women of the parish are invited to attend.



FAITH FORMATION

October 10 No Faith Formation or Confirmation classes today
 October 31 2 p.m. — Family Scavenger Hunt

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics?

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).



Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us. ©LPi

FORMED CLASSES

Wednesdays in October at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. we are offering classes on how to connect to our new online FORMED. Bring your laptop, tablet, phone so we can get you connected. If you want to watch on your television, we'll show you how to do that too (no computer, tablet, or phone needed). We'll explore what FORMED has to offer Call Michel to reserve a spot or if you have any questions (360-435-8565).



Gift Bags For the Homeless — LAST DAY!

Don't forget your warm items for the homeless. A collection box will be in the vestibule until October 17th. We need:

- ✚ Men's gloves ✚ Socks (warm)
- ✚ Breakfast bars ✚ Large trash bags
- ✚ Mylar emergency blankets

The youth will collect money donations after Masses. The VOA will distribute these bags to the homeless in Arlington. Thank you always for your kind generosity. If you have questions, please call Sharon Goetz (360-403-8579) or Michel (360-435-8565).

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Immaculate Conception Regional School would like to grow their list of substitute teachers and aides. If you have a teaching certificate and would enjoy occasionally being in school, we would be happy to have you! Please email Principal Rodrigues at rodrigues@icrsweb.org with your grade preferences, days of availability, and a copy of your teaching certificate. If you would like to substitute for one of our aides, please send a letter with your experience and education with children to Principal Rodrigues.

Pilgrimage to Germany with Fr. Dalton

Make a pilgrimage to Germany and the Oberammergau passion play with Fr. Jim Dalton, August 16-27, 2022. The itinerary includes many German cities and the famous Oberammergau Passion Play. Mass will be celebrated daily. Cost is \$5,999. To register, please contact Proximo Travel at 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370 or register online at www.proximotravel.com. You can also call Fr. Jim Dalton at 425-314-1334. Brochures in the vestibule.

BEING CATHOLIC: LEARNING OR RENEWING

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the office (360) 435-8565. Classes are Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the large classroom.



ARLINGTON FOOD BANK ONGOING NEEDS

Meat, Canned Meals, Boxed Sides Snacks, Cream of Chicken, Cream of Mushroom Soups, Canned Fruits and Vegetables Canned Chili, Cold Cereal, Coffee
NON-FOOD ITEMS: Toothbrushes, Diapers, Laundry Soap, Pet Food, Sanitary Napkins/Tampons, Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste



World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday, our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be celebrated on October 17th this year. Parishes will have special collections to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love, mercy, hope, and peace. Please support this collection.



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