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Schedule of Masses

Saturday Masses:

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's, Tully

Sunday Masses:

8 a.m. St. Leo's, Tully
9 a.m. St. Joseph's, LaFayette
9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception, Pompey
10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's, Otisco

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Afflicting the Comfortable

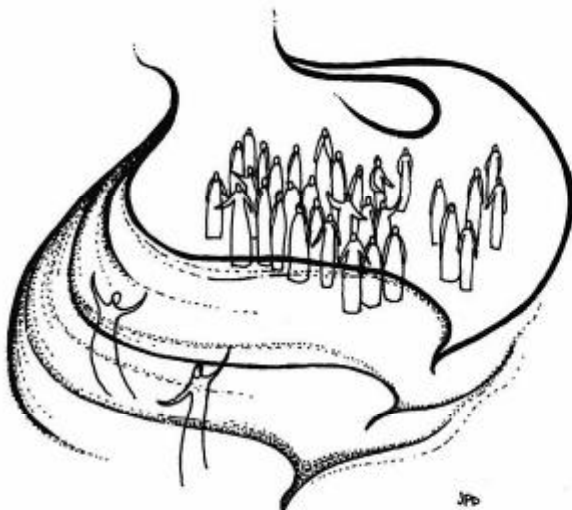
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Numbers 11:25-29 - Sharing the gift of prophecy
- ▶ James 5:1-6 - Saving the right focus
- ▶ Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 - Whoever is not against us is for us

Once again we focus on a lesser known passage from the Letter of James. It is one of those Bible passages that “afflicts the comfortable and comforts the afflicted.”

James’ strong words for the rich are perfectly in line with Jesus and passages in the Old Testament warning about making money by dishonest means, putting our security in worldly goods and accumulating wealth while neglecting the needy.

In fact, Jesus told more parables about economic injustice than he did about any other topic. His parable about Lazarus called out the sinfulness of one man being extravagantly wealthy while another man didn’t have enough to eat. Jesus critiqued the farmer who built bigger barns to store his harvest only to die suddenly. (If he had such abundance, maybe he hadn’t followed the Old Testament laws about sharing his harvest with the poor.) Another time, Jesus exposed the religious authorities who gave the required tithes but “neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith” (Mt. 23:23).



In the same way, James condemns the rich who have stored up material goods that will only rot away. (“You’ll never see a hearse pulling a U-Haul. You can’t take anything with you.”) He also criticizes those who have lived in pleasure and luxury because they have defrauded others. Although we may be tempted to ignore this reading, assuming it doesn’t apply to us, perhaps there is something here for us to acknowledge if we look deeper.

Questions of the Week

- 1 In what ways do people today continue to defraud, cheat, or take advantage of others, some of which may be socially acceptable (ex: paying less than a living wage to house cleaners, babysitters, or gardeners; skimping on tips for waiters; indirectly paying below minimum wage to farmworkers who pick produce, etc.?)
- 2 What invitation do you hear in this passage to change the way you relate to money or possessions?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 25th—Weekday

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's—Michael Auer/Jeanne Crouse

Sunday, September 26th—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. St. Leo's—Zachary Swan/Cheryl Karpinski

9 a.m. St. Joseph's—

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception—George Dobrovec/
Dolores Dobrovec; Helen McDermott/Anthony & Mary
Helen Palladino

10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's—Zachary Swan/Parish Family

Monday, September 27th—St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—

Tuesday, September 28th—St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—

Wednesday, September 29th—Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—

Thursday, September 30th—St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—

Friday, October 1st—St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Saturday, October 2nd—The Holy Guardian Angels

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's—Bruce Clark/Florence S

Sunday, October 3rd—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

8 a.m. St. Leo's—Linda McHerron/Gordona Family

9 a.m. St. Joseph's—

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception—Jane & Patrick Smyth,
Joseph Picciotto/Jack & Jane Smyth

10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's—Louis Milea / Tim & Patty
Downes

The Diocese has asked at we all wear masks while attending Mass.

At St. Leo's

Mass & Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be on Saturday, October 2nd at 12 Noon at St. Leo's. All are welcome.

At Immaculate Conception

Dresses & shorts for Haiti: Reminder that we will be collecting them by Sunday 10/3 & 10/10 Any questions: please call Jane: 315 481 0146

THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR IS BACK!!!! November 20, 2021 from 9am-2pm We will have our Bake sale, White Elephant, Book Sale, Vendors, Chinese Auction, Food, Raffles and Fun! You can help make this year's bazaar a success by donating good used items (just no clothes or shoes please), Baked goods, and books for the book sale. You can drop the white elephant items off in the church basement. We also have a few tables available for vendors if you or someone you know would like to participate, just \$25 a table. We will also be accepting items for the Chinese Auction. If you are interested in helping out the week before or the day of, we could always use the help. For more information or if you need a pick up of items to be donated, call Laini (315)-396-3215

Immaculate Conception Faith Formation: Tired of Bad news and Confusion. It seems we are overrun with it in this present age, yet there is good news. All families are welcome to join "A Family of Faith" beginning Oct. 3. The goals of this program are to encourage and equip you to live and teach your children the Catholic Faith at home. This program calls for two meetings per month. One adult at the start of the month and a Family meeting at the end of the month. The program will give you all the knowledge and tools you need to bring your children up in the faith. For more information contact Bob Gallerani email RGallerani@syrdio.org or cell 609-915-2890

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Gospel Meditation

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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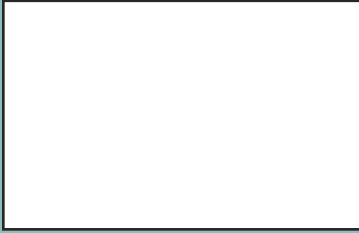
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