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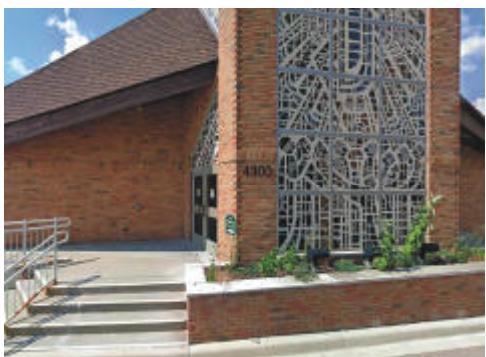


*I walk
before
the Lord.*

PSALM 116

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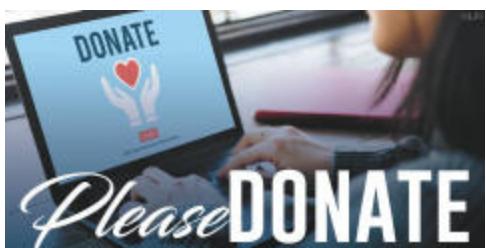
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WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

SUNDAY 9/12

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

MONDAY 9/13

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

TUESDAY 9/14

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

WEDNESDAY 9/15

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Jn 19:25-27

THURSDAY 9/16

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

FRIDAY 9/17

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

SATURDAY 9/18

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

NEXT SUNDAY 9/19

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

24th Sunday of the Year

Be good, do good and learn to do more good. Such is the theme of this week's readings for me. We are called to be people who put into practice the Gospel message. Like Jesus, after a day's work of doing good, he and we grow in strength for another day through prayer. His prayer is enriched and enlivened by what he does for others. His life is a life lived for others and he grows in knowledge and strength to carry on his mission of grace through prayer. He sees the sufferings of others, rather, he knows the sufferings of others and heals. His power goes out from him and he gains it back through prayer. The intimate union of works and faith is seen clearly with Christ and his saving ministry.

All of us are called to follow in the footsteps of Christ. We may all pray, but what is the good we give to the world each day? Do we give out one less dark thought and evil word? Do we judge less and forgive more? Do we see Christ in others or see only something wrong with the other that we don't like? Acting in faith and living in faith require all of us to do good for others, whether it be in a small way or some major act of selflessness. Like the Lord, we

are propelled by grace to do good in more ways than we could ever imagine. Christ did not give off a "bad vibe". He preached and lived the word he preached. And that word was to do good to others and give praise to God for the ability to reflect his love.

In our daily lives, we may pray but how often is it negated by anger, frustration, impatience or utter disgust of others. We blame others for how we feel and how we respond. We measure our lives on what someone else thinks or does. And we make ourselves less than Christian as we measure out our lives on the faults and foibles of others. The Book of James asks us "what good is it... if someone says he has faith but does not have works?" This is the true measure of faith. It resides in how we live and move in the world among God's people. It is always amazing how we can belittle others, judge others and even wish others dead rather than deal with them, and still proclaim we have faith.

Faith and action go hand in hand. They are like two sides of the same coin. From our earliest days we have learned how to "be good". As we grow from childhood, adolescence into adulthood, we learn to use our

talents and abilities to become productive members of society and we "do good" with the talents placed within us. And as we enter more deeply into the Word of God, we continually learn to do more good and less bad. We learn to become less selfish and self-centered. We come to know the difference between generosity and greed and choose to be more charitable. Continuing our journey through life we continually learn to do more good for others – we unlearn bad habits and take on new habits; we grow in knowledge and wisdom and understanding. All this leads to us living a life rooted in Christ and reflecting his great mercy to others throughout our day. This journey of grace never ends and each and every day we must pray to our Father for strength for the journey. Without faith united to works, life is simply too hard, too chaotic and more fearful.

REV. RON JOZWIAK
Pastor

Prince of Peace has resumed video Mass. You can visit our website to view the recorded Mass.
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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

4:00 pm Leon Ryan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 am Cletus Nwagwu

8:00 am Mary Moran

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 am Fred & Mouna Dally

10:00 am John & Felicidade Santiago

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

Ekhilas Awro

Genevieve Davey

Gerald Lewis

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE OUR FATHER – A NEW READING

The prayer Jesus taught. Several lines packed with meaning. Expanded over time. The Our Father is one of the first prayers we learned as children. We pray the Our Father as a community at every Mass. We are confident that we know what we are praying for and to whom we are praying. But do we? Are we? The answer will change everything you thought you knew about the prayer.

We are experimenting with our first in person meeting (masks mandatory) to discuss the book The Our Father – A New Reading by Gerhard Lohfink. It is an amazing book. For the great price of \$20.00 you can register to read and discuss this gem. Classes will be held in the Adult Room from 7:00 – 8:00 pm (not longer than 8:30) on the following Mondays: September 20, 27 October 4,11.

Register by email to Jeanne at adulted@princeofpeacecatholic.church and we can arrange for you to pick up your book either after weekend Masses or at the Parish Office.

It's time to go deeper into the prayer Jesus taught us.

Jeanne

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

CAN YOU WALK THE WALK?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of

his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Do you have 1 hour?

Join us this Tuesday, September 14th from
6:00-7:00 pm

For a Holy Hour of
Evening Prayer
Adoration and
a reflection on The Exultation of the Holy Cross

This is a reflective hour for families and all parishioners to participate in.

One hour of prayer, adoration, and reflection.

We hope to see you there!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter

life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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September 14th @ 6 pm - Holy Hour

Monday evenings September 20 -
October 19th @ 7 pm - The Our
Father, a reflection on the book by
Gerard Lohfink

October 4th @ 6 pm - Blessing of the
Pets

October 19th @ 6 pm - Holy Hour

October 25th @ 7 pm - A brief
introduction to Brother Lawrence
Spiritual Maxims

September 14th - December 7th @
9:30 am - Bible Study: The Bible &
The Church Fathers \$20. book fee,
contact: annejane15@yahoo.com

September 15 @ 7 pm Awaken your
Faith w/ Fr. Juan Sabadell -
Adoration, Confession and Praise &
Worship. 3rd Wednesday monthly

October 18th 1- 7 pm - American Red
Cross Blood Drive

Women's bible study...

St. Benedict's Women's Bible Study
will begin on Wednesday,
October 6th, 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in
the church social hall.

Cost for books will be \$25. If you
would like to participate, please
contact Gloria at the parish office
248-681-1534.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.

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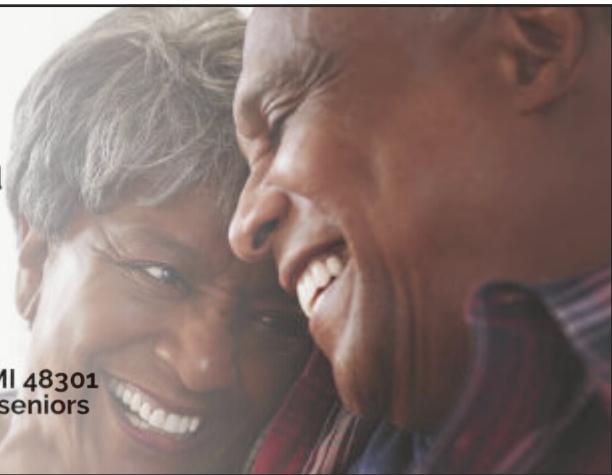
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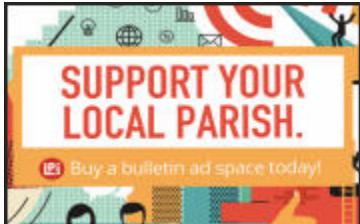
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