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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**HE SAID TO THEM,
“GO INTO THE
WHOLE WORLD
AND PROCLAIM
THE GOSPEL TO
every creature.”**

MARK 16:15

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WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

SUNDAY 9/19

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY 9/20

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

TUESDAY 9/21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

WEDNESDAY 9/22

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

THURSDAY 9/23

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

FRIDAY 9/24

Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

SATURDAY 9/25

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

NEXT SUNDAY 9/26

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Book of James brings an awareness of what results occur when we do not follow God's wisdom and mercy. The author tells us that there will be jealousy and selfish ambition if we do not follow the way of the Lord. And is this not true? The prophets, saints and the Lord reveal by their lives that generosity and service to others is always a threat to those who wish to dominate and control others. For with generosity and honest respect for those in need come great change for one is freed from fear, poverty and hopelessness. Those individuals who wish to maintain power and control over people, bring fear, tyranny and a strong arm of distrust which can lead to violence.

The way of the Gospel is always the way of God's Wisdom. As the Book of James continues, the author reminds us that the results of following God's words are peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits. With the Lord, jealousy is turned into generosity, fear into mercy, and selfish ambition into a life of service for the good of others. When each of us takes to heart the Word of the Lord, we do see our hearts turn from stone into hearts that are full of compassion, understanding, mercy and forgiveness. In a real sense, following the Word of the Lord, our hearts begin to beat

one with the Lord's. As he is merciful, so will we be. As he is compassionate to all, so will we be. As he is guiding us, so will we be guiding others back into the arms of Christ.

There is pushback to the Gospel message, to the Lord, in our day and age. As the Book of Wisdom said so many eons ago, it could be said today: "Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgression of the law and charges us with violations of our training." At our present time, in our fractured society filled with so many who wish to control, maintain power and never change for the good, any and all efforts at generosity and inclusion are thwarted - and any idea that we should stoop down from our high and mighty attitude and help any and all in need is just a ridiculous notion that does no good. As long as we long for power, control and compete for the top spot, we will maintain an attitude of fear and fight to remain on top. Remember, there is always someone else working to topple those who think they are on top! Thus, the cycle of fear, power and control continues and there will be war, insurrections, movements of violence. Now, however, is the time to choose, like the disciples before us, will you follow the Lord and the way of the Lord, or do you just want to live without hope of peace and

a society built on the real values of honesty, charity, respect and care for the poor and the needy? True discipleship is not built on status but on service to the poor, justice that works for the good of all and peace that comes from being united to the Way of Christ, which, by the way is the Way of the Cross.

REV. RON JOZWIAK
Pastor

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

4:00 pm Gary Graustein

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 am Dr. Hilal Elia

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00 am Julio Jabro

10:00 am Faiza Jabro

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

Avery Nawrot

Paula McDermid

Karen Hanley

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the

illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy. ©LPI

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This year, the Archdiocese of Detroit celebrates Catechetical Sunday on **September 19, 2021**, with the theme **"Disciples of Jesus: Witnesses to the Gospel."** On this special day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry in their parish communities to pass on the Catholic Faith. Today we celebrate our parents, grandparents, and guardians by recognizing their important role in teaching the faith. The parish community is encouraged to pray for all who dedicate themselves to the mission of helping those they encounter to hear the voice of Jesus and to grow in relationship with Him.

Prayer for Our Family

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. We long to draw close to you so that someday we may be with you for eternity. Give us the grace to accompany one another on this journey of faith.

Lord Jesus, open our hearts so that we may encounter you and grow more deeply in our relationship with you. Help us to be joyful witnesses of your love and mercy to one another and to everyone who enters our home.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our home with your loving presences. Move deeply within our family and help us to use our gifts to serve as a model of faithful discipleship as we go about our daily lives.

Amen.

Congratulations to the Doolin family. They celebrated the baptism of their daughter, Jemma, on Sunday, September 12th.



Congratulations to Joe and Ginny Seneski, they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last weekend.





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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
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October 19th @ 6 pm - Holy Hour

October 25th @ 7 pm - A brief
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Worship. **The September and the
October dates for the Awaken Evenings,
that were advertised in the Ice Cream Social
event cards, need to be changed from the
3rd Wednesday of the month to the 4th
Wednesday of the Month. (From September
15 to September 22 and from October 20
to October 27).*

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

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Sunday - 9 and 11 am

Monday - Friday - 12:15 pm

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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

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.

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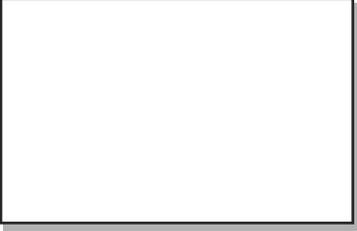
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