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WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

SUNDAY 9/26

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY 9/27

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Lk 9:46-50

TUESDAY 9/28

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY 9/29

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

THURSDAY 9/30

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

FRIDAY 10/1

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

SATURDAY 10/2

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Mt 18:1-5, 10

NEXT SUNDAY 10/3

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

26th Sunday of the Year

The grace of God goes beyond the boundaries of our understanding more often than not. His gifts of the Spirit can oftentimes be found in the ones we would not choose to possess such great gifts. But God's ways are always the right way and we see that most clearly in all of our readings this weekend. Moses needs help and has made up a list of men who could be blessed by God in leadership roles. All but two were gathered at the time God shared Moses' spirit on them – and the two missing persons received their share too. Of course, this caused a stir since they were not there when the event happened and so Moses is called upon to stop these two from being prophetic members of the community. He would not do it and instead responds that all people, if the Lord grants it, would have God's spirit within them. Moses' teaching reveals that God's spirit is not exclusive to a select few but, rather, available to all, if the Lord grants it. God's gifts are here for those who open themselves up to the wondrous love of God.

Jesus is confronted with almost the same situation by his disciples. Someone who is not part of the "in" group is casting out demons in the name of Jesus. The "in" group of disciples do not like this and ask Jesus to put a stop to this. Of course, Jesus

responds in the same holy manner as Moses and calls upon his disciples to remember that God's gifts are for those who are open to receiving them. There is no "in" group and no power struggle here at all. There is Jesus and there is power in those who believe not just in the name of Jesus but in the person of Jesus himself.

Finally, the Book of James charges us to live in a just and honorable society. James reminds us that it is easy to be greedy and selfish and the results are a society that abuses workers while others get rich. Timeless words, indeed, from James. The use of those who "have" and those who "have not" is a perennial problem. Those who "have" can sometimes think they deserve it while forgetting that it was God's great gift of life that allowed them to be in this world in the first place. But that's how greed works – it enters into a play for power, it hungers for more, and the more one has, the less one wants to give to others. Thankfully, there are some women and men who understand the responsibilities of wealth and end up being philanthropic – working for the good of society as a whole, and so bring a new awareness of inequality, greed, and cheap self-promoting gimmicks to others. God wants us to be a people who are includers. In all we do, in all we have, to help the world and its

inhabitants to have a full, enriching life with food, shelter, education, and faith filled service with one another. It is God's dream and, hopefully, our dream too. That we can all be people who give their Tithe to the Lord. For in giving, we receive. Moses gave a portion of the Spirit of God which was in him to 70 others and he still was full of God's spirit. Jesus constantly gives everyone his love, his mercy and his hope and he never stops giving us God's goodness. May we come to learn, at some point in our journey of life, that it is better to include all in God's circle of grace so that our worldview is expanded along with our hearts and we know and live the biblical word "There is more happiness in giving than receiving" (Acts 20:35).

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 25

4:00 pm Mary Dominick
4:00 pm Gary Dominick
4:00 pm Maria Alba
4:00 pm Gerald Johnston

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 am Families of Prince of Peace
10:00 am Abed Ballo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

Elizabeth Brown
Karen Hanley
Avery Nawrot
Paula McDermid



ARE YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL?? YES??

Join us every other Thursday from 7-8:30 pm in the Youth Room.
We will start on October 7th, 2021.

We will love to have you!

If you wish to be involved with our group, please contact the office or the Youth Minister Veronica Weisenberger at youthminister@princeofpeacecatholic.church.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
BREAKING THE STEWARDSHIP
MOLD**

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

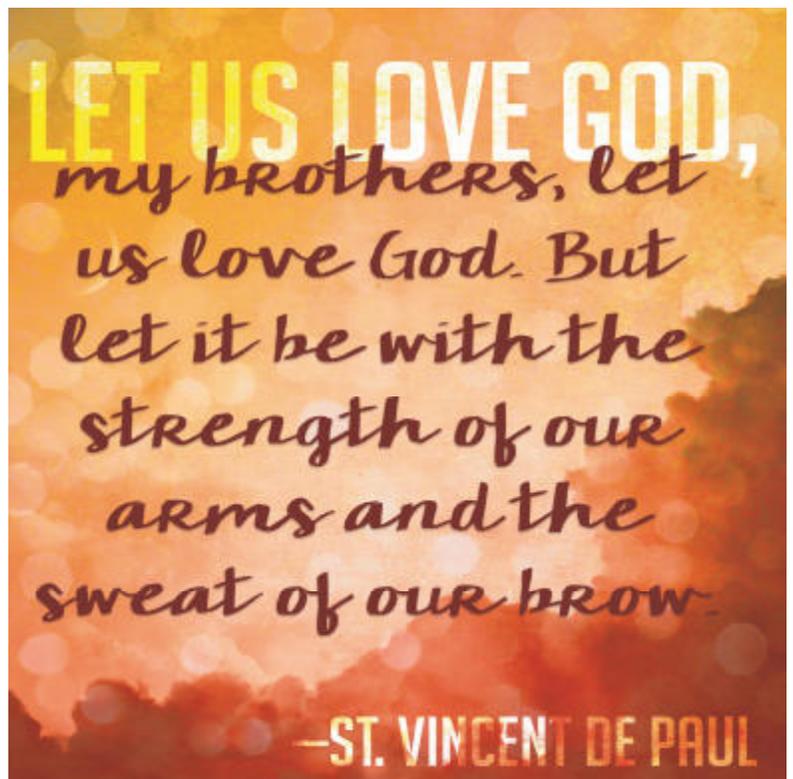
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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LIVE THE LITURGY

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus’ message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God’s bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God’s world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus’ looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.

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

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



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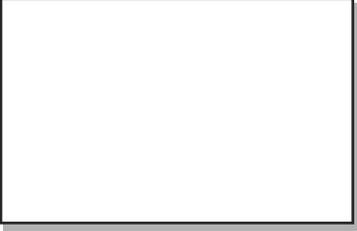
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