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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

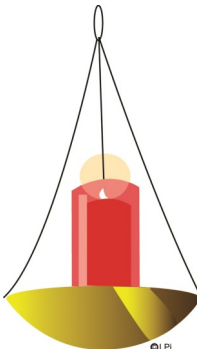


“Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

PARISH LIFE



Monday	9-21-20
8:00am	Mary Henkel rq by Loving Family
Tuesday	9-22-20
8:00am	Thomas Sauickie Jr. rq by Loving Family
Wednesday	9-23-20
8:00am	Joanne Luppino Esposito rq by Loving Sister
Thursday	9-24-20
8:00am	Sr. Emmanuel & Sr. Elizabeth Garvey rq by The Metta Family Richard T. Walker Sr. rq by Loving Family Thomas Sauickie Jr. rq by Loving Family
Friday	9-25-20
8:00am	Mary & Alexander Sauickie rq by Loving Family
Saturday	9-26-20
5:00pm	JoAnne Luppino Esposito rq by Loving Sister
Sunday	9-27-20
8:00am	Virginia Calicchio rq by Loving Family
10:30am	Wally Schaab rq by Loving Wife & Family
6:00pm	St. Ann Purgatorial Society



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rq by Loving Family

FALL SCHEDULE



Masses Mon - Fri 8A, Sat 5P, Sun 9A.

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Church Hours Mon - Fri 8:30A - 12P.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

SUN 9/20 Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

MON 9/21 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

TUE 9/22 Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

WED 9/23 Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

THR 9/24 Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

FRI 9/25 Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

SAT 9/26 Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

SUN 9/27 Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday

Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

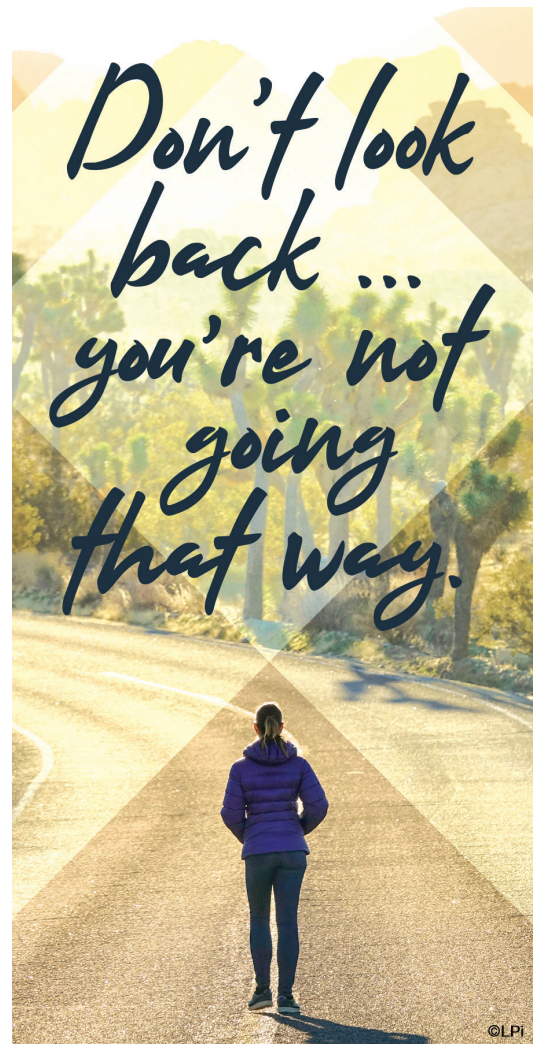
Saturday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Think for a moment about the most special person in your life. Why do you love them? Many people will answer that question noting character traits they admire about the person, pointing to an indescribable compatibility that exists and describing a deep sense of connection and intimacy or even a sense of rightness about the relationship. In relationships that are authentic and true, rarely are the personal benefits gained from the relationship noted as motivating factors for its pursuit. If we truly love someone we do so simply because it is right and good to do so and not for some other self-serving reason. Why do you love God? The sense of happiness and the gift of mercy that come from that relationship are God's to give, regardless of when in life we come to Him. God's ways are different than ours.



The
Saving
power
of God

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING:

As high as the heavens are
above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.
(Is 55:9)



PSALM:

The Lord is near to all who call



SECOND READING:

Brothers and sisters:
Christ will be magnified in my body,
whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20c)



GOSPEL:

“Take what is yours and go.
What if I wish to give this last one
the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish
with my own money?
Are you envious because
I am generous?
Thus, the last will be first, and the

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If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Good and Evil

Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

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"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard...When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'"

- Mt 20:1, 8

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

While still in captivity in Babylon, Isaiah urged the Israelites to seek the Lord, for the Lord is near even in exile. When have you felt the Lord's presence in dark periods of your life?

Second Reading

In his letter to the Philippians written from prison and toward the end of his life, Paul reflects on his spiritual dilemma between life and death. How do you work through spiritual dilemmas?

Gospel Reading

Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard of the Lord offers us important insights into the Kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity. To whom do you think this parable is unsettling?

**WE LOVE
BECAUSE
HE FIRST
LOVED US.**
1JN 4:19

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

3 EASY STEPS

To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



Wash Your Hands

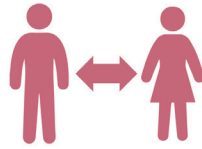
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



“He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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