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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME




"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

PARISH LIFE



Monday	9-28-20
8:00am	Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary rq by Margaret Green
Tuesday	9-29-20
8:00am	St. Ann Purgatorial Society
Wednesday	9-30-20
8:00am	Edward McNamara rq by Loving Daughter
Thursday	10-01-20
8:00am	Margaret Brady rq by Loving Family Our Lady of Grace rq by Margaret Green
Friday	10-2-20
8:00am	Barbara Puglisi rq by Loving Family
Saturday	10-3-20
5:00pm	John Gomez rq by Loving Wife Elizabeth Carullo rq by Mary Bozza
Sunday	10-4-20
8:00am	Mike & Delia McGee rq by Rena Tierney Frances Navatta rq by Loving Family
10:30am	Barbara Puglisi rq by Jean Smith
6:00pm	Parishioners of St. Ann's



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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 27, 2020

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
MON 9/28	Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50
TUE 9/29	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/ Jn 1:47-51
WED 9/30	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62
THR 10/1	Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12
FRI 10/2	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/ Mt 18:1-5, 10
SAT 10/3	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/ Lk 10:17-24
SUN 10/4	Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday:	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday:	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday:	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Next Sunday:	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

When making decisions, we often struggle with what voice to follow. We acknowledge the presence of God, the existence of the Trinity, the priority of the Gospel, and the virtues and values they embody. Yet, even with all of that truth, knowledge, and tradition behind us, we think we know better. When confronted with a decision, we easily dismiss what we know we ought and need to do and entertain responses that stem from lesser desires and wants. We eventually may come around and realize that what God asks us to do is what we need to do, even if it wasn't our original intention. God accepts our return to Him with joy. What becomes dishonest is deceiving ourselves, God, and others by originally saying yes to what we know we need (and are asked to do) and willfully doing something else. That is blatant hypocrisy.



Change
the
Pattern

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

If he turns from the wickedness
he has committed,
he does what is right and just,
he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)



PSALM

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)



SECOND READING

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;
rather, humbly regard others as more important
than yourselves. (Phil 2:3)



GOSPEL

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Alternate Second Reading: Phil 2:1-11

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Is It the Thought That Counts?

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that “it was the thought that counts.” I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, “it was the thought that really counts.” Really?! I don’t think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don’t you? Don’t pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

The Tradition of Genuflection

Question:

Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord’s Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance. How do you turn away from your sin?

Second Reading

Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, emphasizing the humility of Christ. Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?

Gospel Reading

In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LITURGICAL LIFE

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.



*“Which of the
two did his
father’s will?”
They answered,
“The first.” Jesus
said to them,
“Amen, I say to
you, tax collectors
and prostitutes
are entering the
kingdom of God
before you.”*

- Mt 21:31

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