

Christi simus, non nostri. + We belong to Christ, not ourselves.



August 30, 2020—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Saturday: 5 PM

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Anointing of the Sick: By Appt.

Confession: Friday 4:00—5:00 PM

Rosary begins 30 min.
before all Masses

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Mass Intentions

Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 and for first responders and caregivers.

Sept. 2—Nora Kimball RIP

In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands Mona Guffey, Joseph Waters, Oneida Blagg, Jess and Jessica Nash, Dawn Bauer, Jodi Smith, Don Troyer, and Jackie Gonzales and all those in harm's way.

Rest in Peace: Michael Mauss

Financial Stewardship

St. Columban St. Peter

Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
Aug 23	\$2,730	\$508

From the Confessions of Saint Augustine, Bishop

Let us gain eternal wisdom

The day was now approaching when my mother Monica would depart from this life; you know that day, Lord, though we did not. She and I happened to be standing by ourselves at a window that overlooked the garden in the courtyard of the house. At the time we were in Ostia on the Tiber. And so the two of us, all alone, were enjoying a very pleasant conversation, *forgetting the past and pushing on to what is ahead*. We were asking one another in the presence of the Truth—for you are the Truth—what it would be like to share the eternal life enjoyed by the saints, which *eye has not seen, nor ear heard, which has not even entered into the heart of man*. We desired with all our hearts to drink from the streams of your heavenly fountain, the fountain of life.

That was the substance of our talk, though not the exact words. But you know, O Lord, that in the course of our conversation that day, the world and its pleasures lost all their attraction for us. My mother said, "Son, as far as I am concerned, nothing in this life now gives me any pleasure. I do not know why I am still here, since I have no further hopes in this world. I did have one reason for wanting to live a little longer: to see you become a Catholic Christian before I died. God has lavished his gifts on me in that respect, for I know that you have even renounced earthly happiness to be his servant. So what am I doing here?"

I do not really remember how I answered her. Shortly, within five days or thereabouts, she fell sick with a fever. Then one day during the course of her illness she became unconscious and for a while she was unaware of her surroundings. My brother and I rushed to her side, but she regained consciousness quickly. She looked at us as we stood there and asked in a puzzled voice: "Where was I?"

We were overwhelmed with grief, but she held her gaze steadily upon us, and spoke further: "Here you shall bury your mother." I remained silent as I held back my tears. However, my brother haltingly expressed his hope that she might not die in a strange country but in her own land, since her end would be happier there. When she heard this, her face was filled with anxiety, and she reproached him with a glance because he had entertained such earthly thoughts. Then she looked at me and spoke: "Look what he is saying." Thereupon she said to both of us, "Bury my body wherever you will; let not care of it cause you any concern. One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be." Once our mother had expressed this desire as best she could, she fell silent as the pain of her illness increased.

The Feast of St. Monica is August 27th a day before son's.

Pax et bonum
Fr. Dean

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All Faith Formation classes will resume in September

Registration is available through the summer



PARENTS OF RETURNING STUDENTS

Please check your email regarding the 2020-2021 Faith Formation year. If you did not receive an email, please contact Katie in the Faith Formation Office to make sure you are on our mailing list.

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R.C.I.A.

R.C.I.A. classes for the 2020-2021 year will resume in September. If you would like more information, please contact Katie in the Parish Office:

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All Masses will resume with modifications, see below for details

MASS RESERVATIONS

In accordance with the Governor's instructions and guidance from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish has resumed. Attendance will be limited to 70 people and reservations must be made in advance.

To make a reservation, please contact the Parish Office.

360-458-3031 ext. 5
Mon-Thurs from 9AM-2PM

Reservations end every Thursday at 2PM and please note that leaving a voicemail does not confirm your reservation.

Weekend Mass:

Vigil	5PM
Sunday	8AM
	10:30AM

Weekday Mass

Wednesdays at 9AM.

**This will also be by reservation only and reservations end Tuesdays at 2PM.*

Confession

Fridays 4-5PM
Sundays from 7:30—7:45AM

Important Things to Remember

- ◆ Masks will be required and only persons from within the same household will be seated together.
- ◆ Please arrive at least 20 minutes early for Mass. You will be checked in by a Greeter and then seated by an Usher.
- ◆ We recommend you bring your own missal with you for the readings as they will not be provided.

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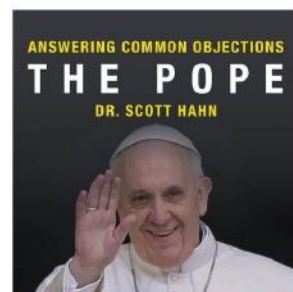
No events until further notice.



Women's Club

Coffee Hour and all other events suspended until further notice.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



The Pope

Covering the Biblical evidence for the authority of the Pope, the doctrine of Purgatory, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, the Sacrament of Confession, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and more, the remarkable set is an essential resource for answering the various objections that Protestants makes to the Catholic Faith.

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Goal for St. Columban: \$29, 466

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\$25,258 85% of Goal

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Total Pledged as of August 23, 2020
\$6,229 133% of Goal

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When it comes to the Eucharist, we can always go deeper.

I invite all of us in this local Church to a renewed focus on the heart of our faith and the center of our parish life: the Eucharist. The Eucharist is an inexhaustible source of grace, the Paschal Mystery of Christ's dying and rising daily renewed for our salvation and for the salvation of the whole world. The Eucharist is the living presence of Christ in our midst. That presence does not, must not leave us unchanged: Receiving the Body of Christ, we become the Body of Christ. The Eucharist unites us to Christ, and, in Christ, to each other. And the Eucharist commits us to the poor, sending us forth in service and love.

When it comes to the Eucharist, we can always go deeper. No matter whether we have spent years exploring Eucharistic theology, or are still preparing for our first Holy Communion, there is always more to discover about the Eucharist. And no matter the resources of our parish communities, with care and attention our liturgies can always be improved, to reflect more clearly the Christ who truly presides at every celebration of the Eucharist. During the coming year, I ask every Catholic and every parish community to commit themselves to deepening our understanding and experience of the Eucharist, and strengthening our Eucharistic liturgies.

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne

The Work of Redemption: Eucharistic Belief and Practice in the Archdiocese of Seattle

Read the whole pastoral letter at NWCatholic.org

The Saints and the Eucharist

Your eyes are looking at bread and a cup. This is the evidence before your physical sight. But your faith must be instructed concerning it—this bread being Christ's body and the cup containing his blood... Since you make up the body of Christ and are his members, your mystery rests on the table of the Lord; you receive your own mystery. You answer "Amen" to the reality of what you are; your reply gives your consent to it. For on hearing the words, "The Body of Christ," you reply, "Amen." Be in fact a member of Christ's body for your affirmation, "Amen," to ring true.



St. Augustine of Hippo
(354-430)

For Reflection

What really happens at Mass?

Do I participate in the Mass with my whole being—mind, heart, voice, and body?

Does my participation in the liturgy make a difference in my life?

TOO BAD. I GUESS

SORRY. I CAN'T COME OVER.

I'LL OFFER IT UP.

Answer to maze on Front: Take up your cross and follow me.
Answers to Match-up: 1.D 2.C 3.E 4.B 5.G 6.A 7.F

A colorful illustration of a maze. The maze is composed of green paths and walls. Various letters are placed throughout the maze, including D, L, O, N, S, F, L, W, I, M, E, A, R, J, Q, H, T, G, U, S, F, K, L, P, V, R, C, R, E, P, U, Y, O, E, D, X, W, C, A, Y, T, Z, A, B, and T. In the top right corner, a person in a red robe carries a large wooden cross. In the bottom left corner, three people (two women and one child) are standing and looking at the maze. Arrows indicate the entrance and exit points of the maze.

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25 Years of *The Gospel of Life*



This year the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document was written by Pope John Paul II to reaffirm the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. The following is a brief overview of this important document.

The Gospel of Life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with

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every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. For this reason, direct attacks on human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, are always unacceptable. Yet, sadly we see new and expanding threats to human life emerging on an alarming scale. These new threats to life are often justified, protected, and even promoted by our laws and culture.

Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world. God made the human person with the capacity to love and reason and share in a relationship with himself, the Creator. The human person bears an indelible imprint of God and is the pinnacle of all creation. The source of our dignity is not only linked to our creation by God, but to our final end and destiny to spend eternity with the Father. By accepting Christ as our Savior through the ministry of the

Church, despite our sinfulness, we can begin to share in eternal life even now.

Despite the grave threats to human life in the modern world, we, as the People of God, are called to place our faith in Jesus, the "Word of life" (1 Jn 1:1). As Christians, we have received the full truth about human life as proclaimed by the very person of Jesus. In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is *always good*. The true meaning of our lives is found in giving and receiving love. It is only through this understanding of a sincere gift of self that human sexuality and procreation reach their true and full significance.

God holds the lives of all people in his gentle and loving care, giving meaning and value to any sufferings that we bear. Even within the

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mystery which surrounds suffering and death, these experiences can become saving events as we unite them with Christ's own sacrifice. By making human life the instrument of our salvation, the Son of God shows us the priceless value of human life.

Although the roots of violence against life are not new—going all the way back to Genesis, when Cain took the life of his brother Abel—our modern world is now suffering under a culture of death. Scientific and technological advances and an increasingly secularized world have led to an eclipse of the value of human life. However, respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of the human person and his integral development. We must reject systems of structuralized sin which value efficiency and productivity over human persons.

Governments and international institutions promote abortion and euthanasia as marks of progress and freedom. But this is a false and perverse understanding in which freedom is equated with absolute individualism. True freedom is inherently relational, recognizing that God has entrusted us to one another. As cultures and societies fail to recognize these objective truths, everything becomes relative, and all principles are called into question—even the fundamental right to life. However,

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the blood of Christ's sacrifice remains our constant hope. Christ's gift of himself on the Cross reveals how precious life truly is and gives us the strength to commit ourselves to building a *culture of life*. Christ's blood, shed for us, promises that in God's plan death will be no more, and life will be victorious.

Society as a whole must respect, defend and



promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. Each life is a gift from God and ultimately belongs to him. He has sole authority over life and death. We are therefore called to reverence and love every human person, loving our neighbors as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. *To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself.* Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of Life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child which is born, and in every person who lives or dies, we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.



Prayer to Begin a School Year/Semester

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year (or semester/term)
we implore your mercy:
bless the students, teachers, and staff of N.,
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love
as we learn from you and each other
how to follow your Son Jesus.

Expand the horizons of our minds,
that we may grow in wisdom,
understanding, and knowledge;
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

R/. Amen





SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

SUN 8/30	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
MON 8/31	1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
TUE 9/1	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
WED 9/2	1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
THR 9/3	1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
FRI 9/4	1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
SAT 9/5	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
SUN 9/7	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

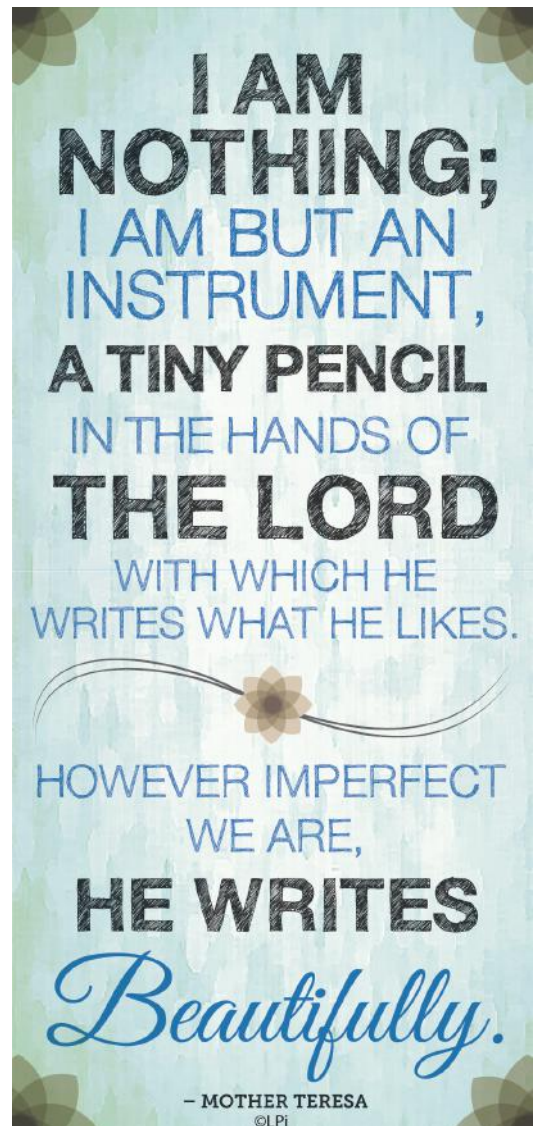
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday:	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

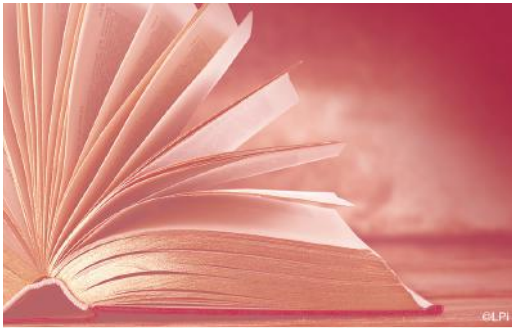
Inspiration for the week

Secular problems require savvy secular solutions. We are trained to solve problems, be successful and productive, and find our way through all that life presents to us. Corporations value those who can decipher the best avenue to take in order to resolve an issue. How do you train and renew your mind? Facts, figures, scientific tools, analytical processes, best practices, and models of varying kinds are at our disposal. If we don't know the full and proper course of action, we can easily find it. But there is a knowledge that goes far beyond all these things that makes a direct claim on the essence of our being. It satisfies a deeper thirst and hunger that keeps us restless until it is satisfied. Our minds, hearts, and souls cannot only be nurtured purely by secular and temporal things. We must seek the enlightenment that comes from God. This allows us to see the value of suffering in order to achieve a greater good and the losing of our very self in the service of something greater. Faith only makes sense if it can bring us to this heightened awareness.



*Lord,
make us
turn to
you.*

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
violence and outrage is my message;
the word of the LORD has brought me
derision and reproach all the day.

(Jer 20:8)



PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God. (Ps 63)



SECOND READING:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the
mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual
worship. (Rom 12:1)



GOSPEL:

Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me."
(Mt 16:24)

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Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Vision of Stewardship

I love the original movie Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. All the way through while I watch the film I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.

A person can't have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us. Don't be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new life in Jesus Christ.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Instruction on Receiving Communion

Question:

How many times a day can a person receive communion?

Answer:

To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church's Code of Canon Law. Here we read, "One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates ..." (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day.

Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase "within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates" is important. It means a) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass and b) we have to be participants in that celebration – we can't simply show up "in time" for communion.

So, when would this rule apply?

For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations. Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919).

We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).

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“What profit would there
be for one to gain the
whole world and forfeit his
life? Or what can one give
in exchange for his life?
For the Son of Man will
come with his angels in his
Father's glory, and then he
will repay all according to
his conduct.”
- Mt 16:26-27

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

In a prayer of lamentation, Jeremiah speaks of the loneliness and isolation of answering his prophetic call. What words of comfort would you offer Jeremiah?

Second Reading

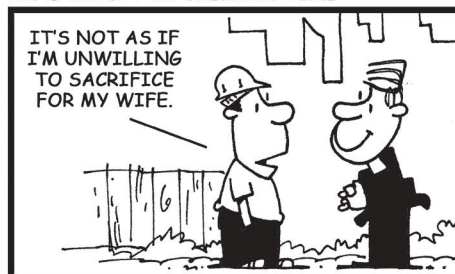
Paul urges fellow believers in Rome to remain focused on pleasing God. What do you find most challenging in this spiritual discipline?

Gospel Reading

Peter and Jesus have an intense exchange of words over Jesus' revelation that as the Messiah, he will suffer and die. How often do you think there was tension between Jesus and his 12 apostles?



22ND 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

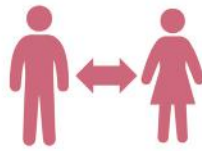
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

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.



“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?”

- Mt 16:24b-26

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FOLLOW



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SHARING THE GOSPEL

If it were up to Peter, Jesus would never have died on the cross. Peter did not want to see his dear friend get hurt. It could have been tempting for Jesus to listen to Peter. But Jesus did not come to be happy or comfortable.

Jesus came to die on the cross and rise again. He came to take your sins away. Jesus gave up his own life so that your life could be saved. He did it for you.

PRAYER

Thank you, Jesus, for giving up your life to save mine.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Every day firemen, policemen and soldiers give up their lives to protect yours. Thank God for them.



Saint Joseph of Arimathea

DATES: FIRST CENTURY
FEAST DAY: AUGUST 31

In all four Gospels, Joseph was the brave Jew who asked Pilate for Jesus' crucified body and buried him. Mark calls him "a distinguished member" of the Sanhedrin, while Luke notes that he "had not consented" to the council's plan. In Matthew he is "a rich man," and John says he is a secret disciple of Jesus "for fear of the Jews." He shares his feast with Nicodemus, another Jew who went to Jesus secretly. From medieval times Joseph was associated with Holy Grail legends.



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