

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



September 27, 2020—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Office: M-Th 9AM-12PM; 12:30-2PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Saturday: 5 PM
Wednesday Mass: 9 AM
Anointing of the Sick: By Appt.
Confession: Friday 4:00—5:00 PM

Rosary begins 30 min.
before all Masses

ALL PARISH EVENTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

*The church may be opened upon request
during office hours for those wishing to
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DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS, ALL MASSES ARE BY RESERVATION ONLY AND WILL BE HELD ON THE ST. COLUMBAN CAMPUS

MISSION STATEMENT - WE ARE A CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY THAT SEEKS TO PLACE GOD FIRST, TO KNOW HIM, AND TO GROW IN HOLINESS TOGETHER. WE STRIVE TO LIVE THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE EUCHARIST, IN OUR TEACHING AND WAY OF LIFE.

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Mass Intentions

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

Sept 30—Vicente Susuico 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, Ray Wilson, Lindy Parse and all those in harm's way.

Rest in Peace: Clint Johnson, Isaac Adler

Financial Stewardship

St. Columban St. Peter

Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
Sept 20	\$3,233	\$372

From a homily on the Gospels by Saint Gregory the Great, Pope

The word "angel" denotes a function rather than a nature

You should be aware that the word "angel" denotes a function rather than a nature. Those holy spirits of heaven have indeed always been spirits. They can only be called angels when they deliver some message. Moreover, those who deliver messages of lesser importance are called angels; and those who proclaim messages of supreme importance are called archangels.

And so it was that not merely an angel but the archangel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary. It was only fitting that the highest angel should come to announce the greatest of all messages.

Some angels are given proper names to denote the service they are empowered to perform. In that holy city, where perfect knowledge flows from the vision of almighty God, those who have no names may easily be known. But personal names are assigned to some, not because they could not be known without them, but rather to denote their ministry when they came among us. Thus, Michael means "Who is like God"; Gabriel is "The Strength of God"; and Raphael is "God's Remedy."

Whenever some act of wondrous power must be performed, Michael is sent, so that his action and his name may make it clear that no one can do what God does by his superior power. So also our ancient foe desired in his pride to be like God, saying: *I will ascend into heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of heaven; I will be like the Most High.* He will be allowed to remain in power until the end of the world when he will be destroyed in the final punishment. Then, he will fight with the archangel Michael, as we are told by John: *A battle was fought with Michael the archangel.*

So too Gabriel, who is called God's strength, was sent to Mary. He came to announce the One who appeared as a humble man to quell the cosmic powers. Thus God's strength announced the coming of the Lord of the heavenly powers, mighty in battle.

Raphael means, as I have said, God's remedy, for when he touched Tobit's eyes in order to cure him, he banished the darkness of his blindness. Thus, since he is to heal, he is rightly called God's remedy.

The Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael is September 29

Pax et bonum
Fr. Dean

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For daily Mass readings and Event Calendar please see our Monthly Insert, found in the narthex and on our website.

Faith Formation

**All Faith Formation classes
resume October 4th!**



**All students
must pre-
register this
year!**

Please contact Katie Hennigan for
more information.

katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org
360-458-3031x3

R.C.I.A.



The first class
will be Tuesday
October 6th at
6:30PM in
Religious Ed
Bldg. Rm 103

All Adult Learners Welcome!

For more information, please
contact Katie Hennigan
360-458-3031x3 or
katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you are interested in baptizing your
child and would like more information,
please contact Katie Hennigan in the
Parish Office.

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Bonus Bulletin Content!

To save on printing, some extra bulletin
content will now be exclusively found in
the online edition of our bulletin, which is
also emailed weekly to parishioners.

Sign up at
flocknote.com/saintcolumbanyelm or visit
our website saintcolumbanyelm.org

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

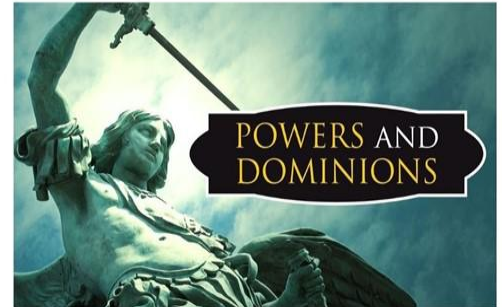
- ◆ Masks will be required and only
persons from within the same
household will be seated
together.
- ◆ Please arrive at least 20 minutes
early for Mass. You will be
checked in by a Greeter and then
seated by an Usher.
- ◆ We recommend you bring your
own missal with you for the
readings as they will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

Knights of Columbus
No events until further



Women's Club
Coffee Hour and all other
events suspended until further
notice.

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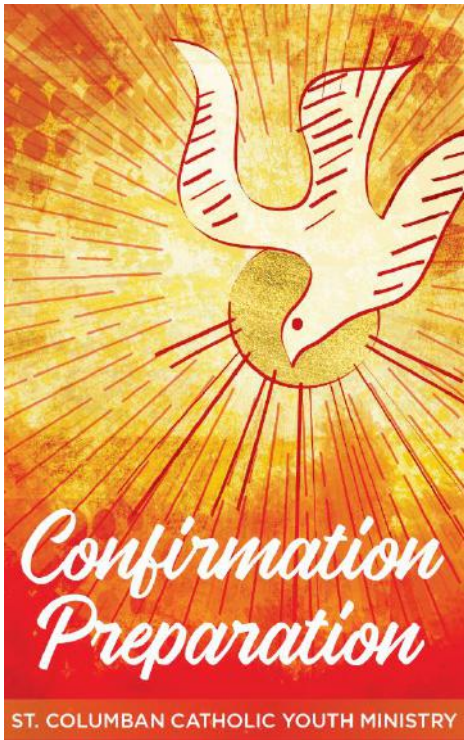
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know by September 30th.*

*Otherwise, we will take you off the
list of those who receive envelopes.*

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Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation Gr 6-12

Come Sunday October 4, 12-1:15pm to Register In-person, drop-off forms, ask questions, and pick up Student Textbooks



We will be offering two (2) courses this year:

Confirmation Year 1: 6th-7th Graders and older Youth who have not started Confirmation preparation

- Meets once a month on the 2nd Sunday of the month
- Will be offered in-person (all safety protocols will be met) and virtually over Zoom (additional permission form required)
- Confirmation will be scheduled for Spring 2022, Date TBD
- **First Day of Class Sunday October 11, 12-1:15 PM**

Confirmation Year 2: 8th-12th Graders who attended Year 1 classes in the 2019-2020 School year

- Meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.
- Will be offered in-person (all safety protocols will be met) and virtually over Zoom (additional permission form required)
- Confirmation will be scheduled for this Spring, approximately May/June 2021, Date TBD
- **First day of Class is Sunday October 18, 12-1-15 PM**

Fee per student to offset the cost of textbooks is \$30, payable to St. Columban and due to the Parish Office

Registration Instructions: Every student will need to re-register this year

1. Register using the online form: <https://bit.ly/2RS6rXi> link also on our website
2. Complete the following permission slips, available at the Parish Office or found online at <http://www.saintcolumbanyelm.org/confirmation/>

Due by First Day of Class:

- Copy of Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)
- Sacramental Prep Fee - \$30 per student, to cover cost of materials
- Youth Ministry Emergency Information Form (Physical signature required)
- Online Class Permission Form - If you elect your teen to take classes over Zoom

Due by March 2021

- Confirmation Sponsor Form with their parish pastor's signature and parish stamp

3. All families must schedule an interview (via Zoom, phone, or in person) with Chad before the end of the calendar year to discuss the requirements of the two-year program. Email or call to schedule an interview chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org or 360-458-3031 x4.

Timeline (Full class calendar will be given on first class day):

- Sunday October 4, Turn-in Forms and pick up textbooks
- Sunday October 11, First Class Day for First Year Confirmation Students
- Sunday October 12, First Class Day for Second Year Confirmation Students

POC: PA for Youth Ministry Mr. Chad Lucero: chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org or 360-458-3031 x4.

Volunteer Opportunities!



Facilities Maintenance

This ministry maintains our church, hall, and religious education building and ensures the grounds look beautiful each week. There are a variety of outdoor tasks to be done including mowing, weeding, and pruning. Indoor tasks include vacuuming, floor polishing, cleaning bathrooms, and sanitizing. Professional skills are also welcome!



Altar Society

Our Altar Society in conjunction with our Facilities Maintenance, cleans the church every Thursday at 9AM and after each Mass. Volunteers are always needed for vacuuming, dusting, and sanitizing. The Altar Society also takes care of all the linens used for Mass and the flower arrangements.



If you have time and talent you would like to donate to either of these ministries, please contact the parish office at 360-458-3031 ext. 5 or send an email to parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org with your contact information and availability.

DISCIPLESHIP *Invitation*



CALLED TO SERVE *as* CHRIST

A campaign for our
PRIESTS, SISTERS & FAMILY OF FAITH

DURING THIS CAMPAIGN, PLEASE ACCEPT THE CALL OF JESUS TO:

- ✓ Spend time in quiet prayer each day welcoming Jesus more fully into your life. Ask yourself daily: to whom is Christ calling me to bring his love, mercy, forgiveness and hope? Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to guide your actions.
- ✓ Join your parish community each Sunday for Mass – in person or virtually – and consider preparing for Mass by reflecting on the Sunday readings. Families could do this together. You can find the Mass readings at the U. S. Catholic Bishops website (www.usccb.org).
- ✓ Be a missionary disciple of Jesus in your own family, workplace, neighborhood, and parish community.
- ✓ Thank God for all the blessings in your life. Ask yourself: how am I being called to serve as Christ served? How can I find Christ in each person I encounter today?

It is Archbishop Etienne's hope and prayer that the *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign will not only reach its monetary goal, but will also bear spiritual fruit in the Archdiocese of Seattle, as together we rediscover the call each one of us received at Baptism: to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus.



The Lord Jesus continues to call disciples to the Kingdom, and though we have means at our disposal for today's needs, we must also look forward and recognize the responsibility we have to generations yet to come. In his grace and mercy, Jesus calls and sends disciples on his mission of mercy and love. The *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign is an expression of our deep gratitude to those who have gone before us, especially our bishops, priests, and religious sisters, for the tireless ways they have lived out their vocations for the Lord and for us.

For the son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.
– Mark 10:45

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At Home with Faith

Being humble keeps us grounded. Instead of leaving us vulnerable to the false pride or shame that can come from comparing ourselves to other people, humility teaches us to ground our identity on our relationship with God.



One of the hardest things about school and other social activities is the way in which our children are tempted to compare themselves to others. Sometimes, this leads to a lack of confidence as they think of themselves as less gifted than others. Sometimes, it leads to a false identity founded on their self-image as the smartest, strongest, etc. Whether it leads to shame or pride, being obsessed with ourselves isn't healthy.

A better approach is grounding our identity in our relationship with God. No matter what happens, we can always rely upon the dignity that comes from being daughters and sons of our loving Father in heaven.

Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The one who turns away from sin will live.

Psalms 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

The Lord guides the humble to justice.

Philippians 2:1-11

Humbly look for the good of others.

Matthew 21:28-32

We must hear and obey the will of the Father.

At Home with Faith

Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Talk with your children about being grounded in humility.

- **Ask them if they think they were made by God.** Give them time to answer this question. We want them to be confident of their answer.
- **Ask what they think it means to be created by God.** However they answer, you can gently help them understand that they were made in the image and likeness of God, that they were intentionally created and loved into existence by God.
- **Share with them that even though we were made by God, we still make mistakes.** Recall your own experiences of making mistakes as a child - maybe a time you treated your brother or sister poorly and felt guilty. Then share how you came to terms with the fact that you are still God's creation, even though you make mistakes.
- **Tell them how you experienced forgiveness.** Follow up on your story with an account of how Jesus came to you when you made a mistake and forgave you. Let them know the difference between humility and guilt: humility is when we turn to Jesus and ask for his forgiveness, whereas guilt instills hopelessness and despair.



The word humility, like the word human, comes from the Latin root “humus,” meaning earth or ground. When St. Paul describes Jesus' humility in his Letter to the Philippians, he reminds us that Jesus became a human being. Just like Adam in the book of Genesis, Jesus became a creature formed out of the earth.

It's fair to say that being humble “grounds” us in an awareness that everything we have is a gift from God. This grounding can be very helpful for our children when they come to terms with their self-image. A self-image founded on comparing ourselves to others is vulnerable to unhealthy extremes like pride or shame.

In contrast, an identity grounded in our relationship with God cannot be shaken whether we experience success or failure. If our children learn to think of themselves as children of God, they become more like Jesus: humble, but confident in the love of the Father.

Is your family in need of some calm?

Finding Calm in the Storm
Practical Ways to Find Peace at Home
September 24 or October 20, 2020 at 7 PM

A webinar on creating a more grounded, peaceful home life.

To learn more and register, visit us online:

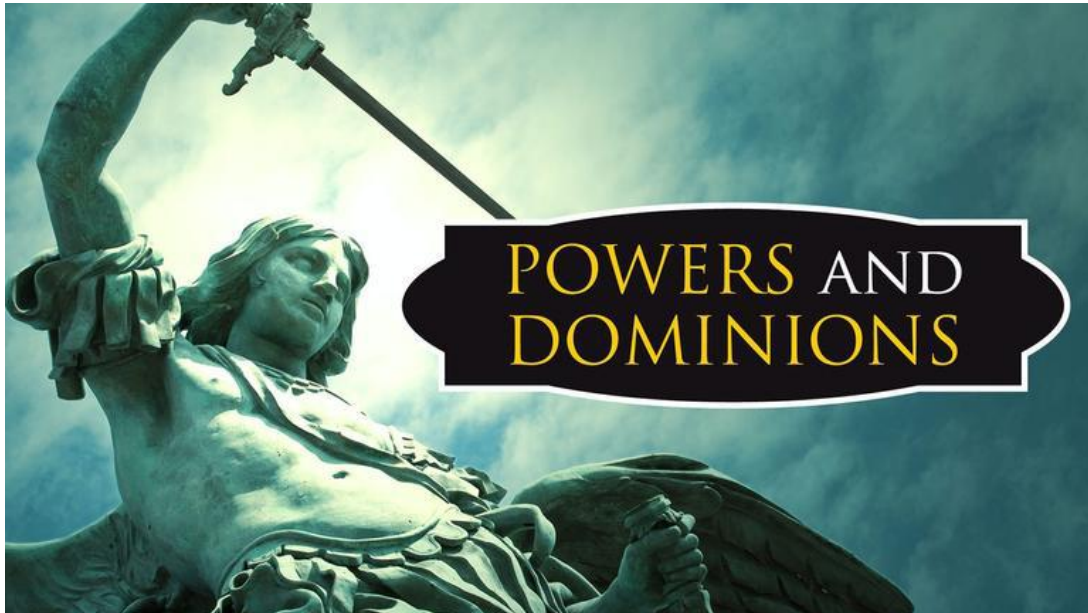
<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlarchdiocese.org/find-calm>

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Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 29

These archangels, messengers sent by God, are the only ones named in the Bible. In the Book of Daniel, Michael is called “the great prince”; in the Letter of Jude, he argues with the devil over Moses’ body; and in the Book of Revelation, he leads the battle against Satan. He is patron of the sick, radiologists and mariners. Gabriel explains Daniel’s visions to him in the Book of Daniel, and in the Gospel of Luke announces to Zechariah and Mary the births of their respective sons. He is the patron of messengers and telecommunications and postal workers. Raphael guides Tobiah in the Book of Tobit; he is patron of the blind, physicians and travelers. The church created their joint feast after the Second Vatican Council.



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Changing Your Mind

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.

In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.



I SHOULD HAVE DONE MY HOMEWORK... I'LL DO IT NOW.



Sometimes we decide not to obey God. But if we are sorry afterwards and do what is right, God will not look at the bad things we did. On the other hand, if we do good things and then change to doing bad things, then we have decided to turn away from God, and we will be punished for our sins.

Answers to puzzle on front page: The one who said he would not. Across: 2 far 4 dove 7 committed 8 is 9 just 11 virtue 14 say 15 sins 17 and/or 19 live 20 Lord Down: 1 because 3 inquiry 4 die 5 says 8 it 10 turns 12 must 13 shall 14 since 16 if 18 all

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The Kids' Bulletin

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In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard. Which one did what his father asked?

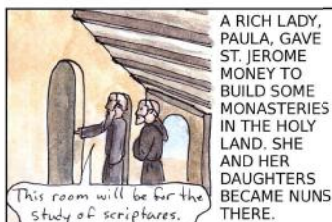
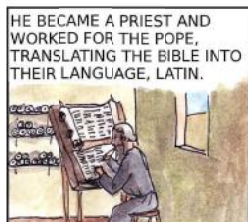
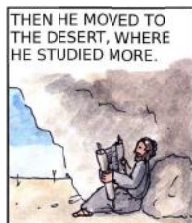
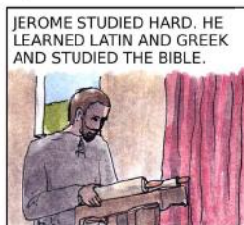
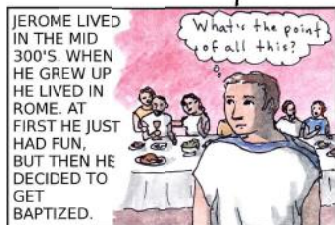
Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



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Saint Jerome September 30



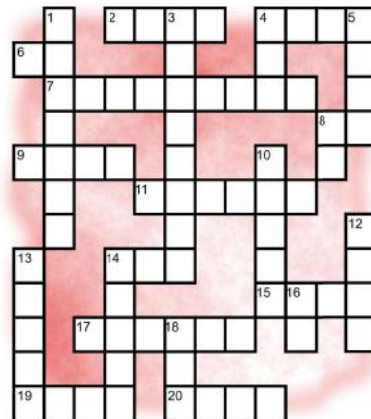
SAINT JEROME DIED AS AN OLD MAN. HE IS CONSIDERED A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH BECAUSE HE DID SO MUCH TO HELP PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM ST. JEROME THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY.

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Ezekiel 18 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the reading and the puzzle. a=across & d=down.

- COMMITTED
- INIQUITY
- BECAUSE
- UNFAIR
- VIRTUE
- URNS
- SHALL
- SINCE
- MUST
- LORD
- SAYS
- JUST
- DOES
- IT
- IS
- IF
- HE
- DIE
- ALL
- SAY
- FAIR
- SINS
- LIVE



Thus _____ (5d) the _____: (20a) You _____, (14a) "The Lord's way is not _____!" (2a) Hear now, house of Israel: _____ (8a) it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways _____? (17a) When someone virtuous _____ (10d) away from _____ (11a) to commit _____, (3d) and dies, _____ (8d) is _____ (1d) of the iniquity he committed that _____ (6a) _____ (12d) die. But _____ (16d) he turns from the wickedness he has _____, (7a) and _____ (4a) what is right and _____, (9a) he shall preserve his life; _____ (14d) he has turned away from _____ (18d) the _____ (15a) that he committed, he _____ (13d) surely _____, (19a) he shall not _____. (4d)



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

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

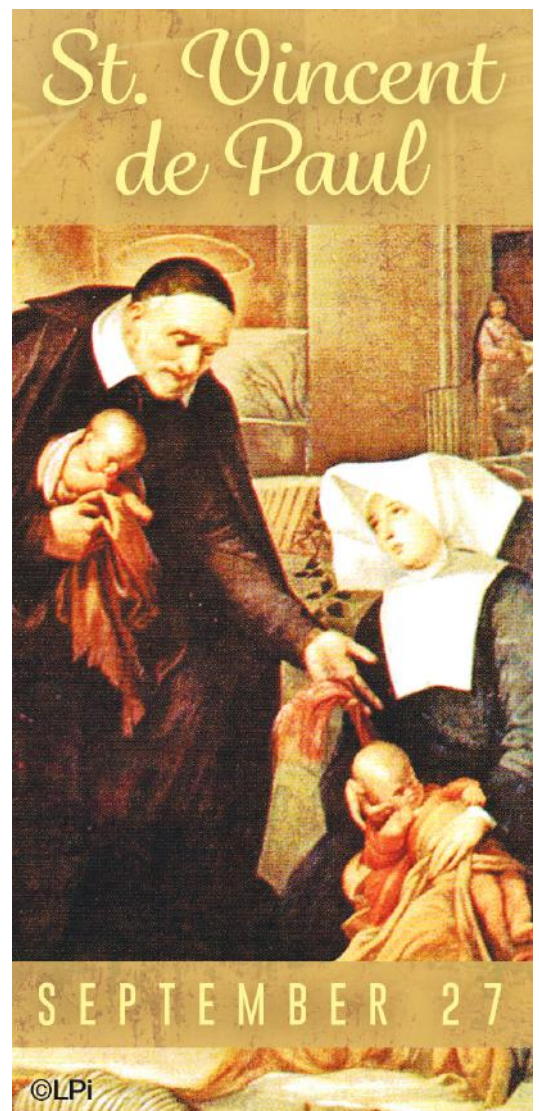
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

- Sunday:** 26th 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:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

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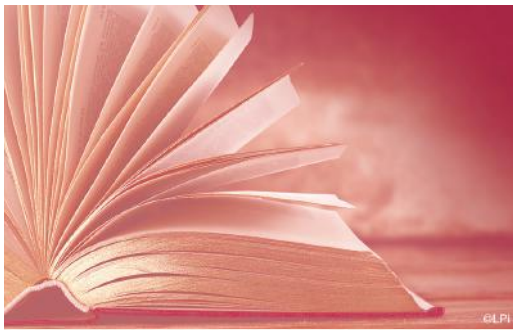
Inspiration for the week

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

"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)

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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“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

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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.



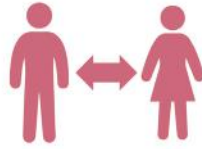
Wash Your Hands

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.”

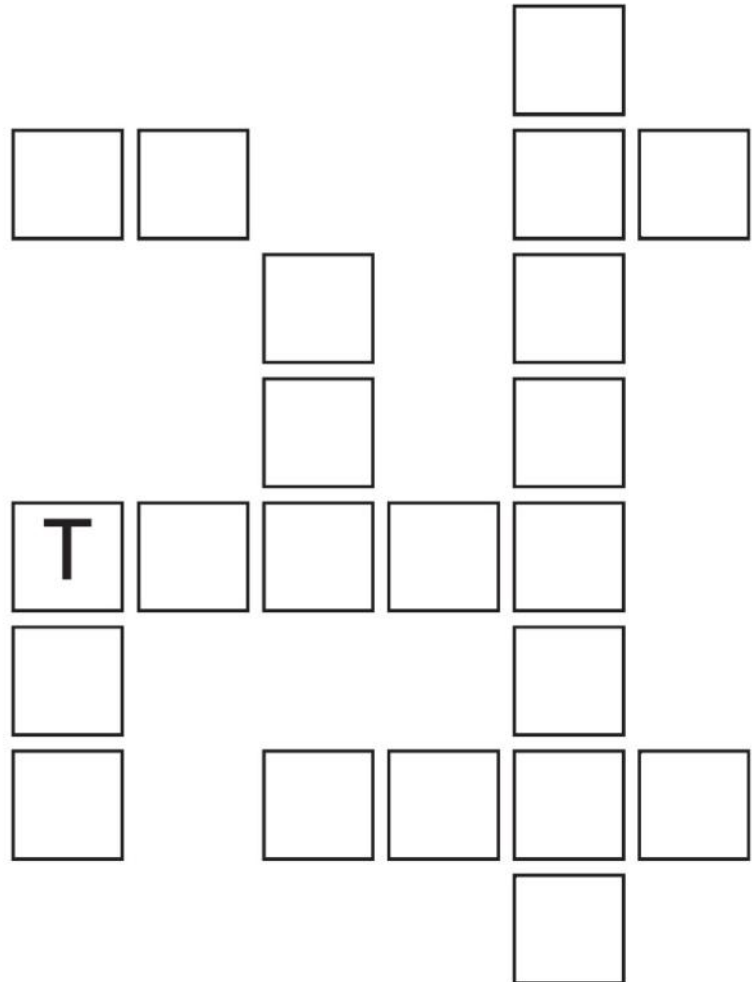
- Mt 21:31

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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:
Go and work today in the vineyard.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

God wants you to change your way of behaving after you hear his words. He wants you to say you are sorry and believe in him. He wants you to be a better person. He wants you to choose good over evil. Write your favorite Bible verse. Stick it on your mirror or your lunch box. When you know it by heart and do what it says, then get a new verse. That will make God smile.

PRAYER

God, I want to listen to your words.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will ask my parents to read the Bible to me every day.



The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPT 27, 2020



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Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees

In his Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020, Pope Francis reminds us, “If we encounter them, we will get to know more about them. And knowing their stories, we will be able to understand them. We will be able to understand, for example, that the precariousness that we have come to experience as a result of this pandemic is a constant in the lives of displaced people.

Learn more about the U.S. Catholic bishops commitment to immigration reform and to creating a culture of welcome in which all migrants are treated with respect and dignity at JusticeForImmigrants.org.

Respect Life Month Begins this Week!

October is Respect Life Month!

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating throughout October. Learn more about upholding the sanctity of every human life at respectlife.org/respect-life-month.



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