



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is unmerited favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us. - Father John Muir

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING OCT. 1, AFTER 8:30 MASS IN PARISH CENTER. ALL ARE WELCOME!

September 24th, 2023

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Mass Schedule

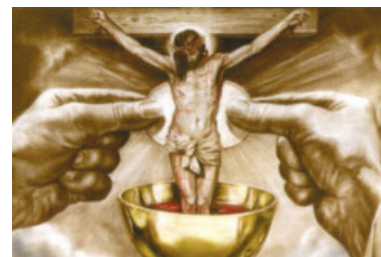
Saturday (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena
Sunday 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
Tue 7pm
Wed-Fri 8:00am

Confession Schedule

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm
Sunday Before 8:30 am mass
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
Tuesday 6:30-6:50pm
Wed-Fri Before 8:00 am daily Mass
Or by appointment, call parish office

Adoration

Wed 5pm-8pm



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30am
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
Thursday 9:00am

Confession Schedule

Sundays after 10:30 am Mass
By appointment - call parish office

FROM OUR PASTOR :

By Hannah Brockhaus
Rome Newsroom, Sep 19, 2023 / 06:10 am

"We have just taken from the safe the reliquary with the blood of our patron saint, which immediately completely liquefied," the abbot of the chapel of the treasury of the Naples Cathedral announced on Sept. 19.



The declaration that the miracle had again taken place was made at the start of Mass by Abbot Vincenzo De Gregorio.

The archbishop of Naples, Domenico Battaglia, held the relic of the blood, moving the glass ampoules to demonstrate the liquid state of the blood to the sounds of strong applause, while the deputy of the wisdom of the people waved a white cloth.

On Sept. 19, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of St. Januarius, bishop, martyr, and patron saint of Naples, Italy. Traditionally, on this day and on two other occasions a year, his blood, which is kept in a glass ampoule in the shape of a rounded cruet, liquefies.

It is believed the miracle has taken place since at least 1389, the first instance on record.

The liquefaction process sometimes takes hours or even days, and sometimes it does not happen at all. In local lore, the failure of the blood to liquefy signals war, famine, disease, or other disaster.

At Mass Sept. 19, Battaglia spoke about the miracle and what it is — and is not.

"Every year we see firsthand how the witness of a man who generously gave his life for the Gospel, until his last breath, until his last drop of blood, is not something of the past, a historic event useful only to write about in some pages of a book," he

The blood of the martyr St. Januarius again liquefied in Naples on Tuesday.

said.

"No," Battaglia continued, "it's a testimony that is present, living, current, and capable of speaking to the heart of every believer, pushing him to more consistency, beyond courage, to a life of giving, steeped in sharing."

He reminded those present that the blood of St. Januarius "is not an oracle to consult and even less a city horoscope whose function is to predict misfortune or fortune for the city. No, the relic we bless is simply a road sign, a finger that points us to the necessity, the urgency, the requirement to follow the Gospel in a radical way, being unreservedly attracted by its liberating beauty, listening with an open heart and mind to its word of life and hope."

Battaglia said the blood of St. Januarius makes him think of the unjust bloodshed that happens every day "whenever a person is wounded, humiliated, not respected in his dignity."

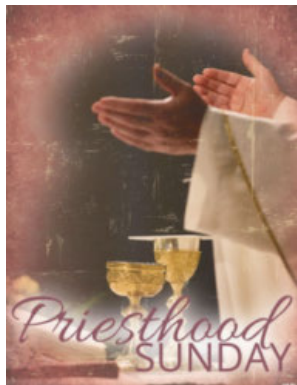
"I believe that the real miracle will take place the day this blood [of St. Januarius] is forever hard, compact, clotted!" the archbishop said. "Yes, I believe that the real miracle will happen when justice kisses peace, when good overpowers evil forever, when the good news of Jesus Christ dries up the pain of the world, illuminates the darkness for good, brings all things to completion, enters so deeply into the hearts of men and women that their words, their deeds, their thoughts will be nothing but goodness, benevolence, beauty."

After the Mass, the relic of St. Januarius' blood will remain on display for veneration in the Cathedral of Naples until Sept. 26 in thanksgiving for the miracle.



PARISH EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9 - 24- RCIA class at the church center 6:00—7:30pm
- 9 - 26 - Adoration after Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for World Peace
- 9 - 27 - Adoration 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Simple Supper 5:30 - 6:30 pm
K - 6 CCD - 6:30 - 7:30, 7th - 12 grade CCD 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- 10 - 1 - Altar Society Meeting after 8:30 Mass in parish center.
- 11-28/29 - All K of C members of are asked to pray a rosary for Perpetual Rosary for Respect Life



Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the priests
who have ministered to us
through our lives,
the ones who baptized us, gave
us communion,
offered absolution, prayed for us,
inspired us,
and nurtured our faith.
May they know your goodness
and our gratitude!
Amen.

**Thank you Fr. Parks for all you do
for our parish!**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

St. Helena's Altar Society would like to thank all of our parishioners and CCD students who supported our fall dinner and raffle in any way. Your help and contributions are so appreciated!

Raffle Winners are:

Quilt: Amber Kingzett

\$100 Cash: Darell Wall, Daryl Monette, Pete Flynn, Angel Gonzalez, Trish Sweeney, Carla VanDyke, Owen R., Jason Miller

\$50 Cash - Jami Svor, Darell Schrum, Bob Radtke, Tim Radtke,

Baskets - Denise Palmer, Angilette Viray, Justin Grueneich, Linda Schaller

KNIGHTS NEWS

ALL members of St Helena Council 13533 are to individually offer a rosary for Perpetual Rosary for Respect Life on NOV 28 & 29 2023 – Thank you for your cooperation!!

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

CIRCLE OFFICERS needed - there will be a sign-up sheet in the church entry. Please consider helping your circle out by volunteering to be a circle chair or caller for 1 month.

Catholic Trivia

Question: What salary do Popes receive from the Vatican for their service?

Answer: None! Popes don't even have a bank account!

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Does your marriage need a boost?
Consider a Retrouvaille weekend!

Weekend Location - Fargo, ND

Start Date - Sep 29, 2023

End Date - Oct 1, 2023

Registration Ends - Sep 29, 2023

Registration Fee -

200.00 USD* (per couple)

Contact Phone (701) 367-0912

Contact Email

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Visit our website for more information and registration.

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Program For Struggling Couples (helpourmarriage.org)

Retrouvaille is a *lifeline* for marriages.....a program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages.

Extending our Prayers and Sympathy to the family of Wayne Johnson, Shirlin Simek's Brother in Law.

Extending our Prayers and Sympathy to the family of Mary Ann Mock, Sister to Dave Eberle.

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Oct 1	5:00 pm	8:30 am
Usher	Volunteer	Vincent Carruth
Collection		Dave Eberle Charlotte
Lector	Volunteer	Daryl Monette
EMHC		Daryl Monette
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Paul & Lori Wald
Altar Servers		Isaiah

Breakfast servers for September

First one on the list contact the others

Oct 1 CYO	Courtney D, Madeline, Mackenzie, Drew, Jaeger S.
Oct 15	Susan D, Joyce G, Marilyn W, Pamela H

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday Sept 17

Adult	980.00
Children	27.00
Plate	155.00
Total	11.62.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday Oct 1 (10:30am)

Lector	Chuck
Gift Carriers	Steve and Christy
Altar Servers	Allen

For the Month of October

Collection Counters	Christy and ALana
Church Cleaners	Amy A and Christy
Altar Society Meeting	Date TBA

God's Gift Appeal 2023

This is MY BODY that is for you

Report as of 9-19-23

St. Helena's: \$7950. 42.11% participation, 41.98% of goal

St. Patrick's: \$13,115.45 39.29% participation, 198.12% of goal

Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. Sept 26

7:00 pm (St. H) +Angie Mastel

Wed. Sept 27

8:00 am (St. H) +Jeanette Stromme

Thur. Sept 28

8:00 am (St. H) +Sr Therese

9:00 am (St. P) +Judy Sturma

Fri. Sept 29

8:00am (St H) Robert and Jenny Sanislo & Fam

Sat. Sept 30

5:00pm (St H) +Fr Michael Parrotta

Sun. Oct 1

8:30am (St. H) +Mem of Eugene Volk

10:30am (St P) All Parishioners

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please Pray

...for all who are sick, elderly or alone

Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Betty Hahne, Ashtyn Hatlewig, Marv Grueneich, Paul Brandenburger, Larry Ulmer, Allan Glynn.

If you or someone you know would like to be added to, or removed from this list please call the parish office.



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