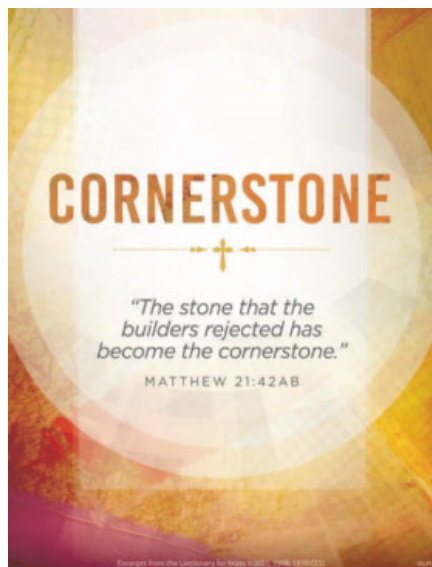




27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to disagree with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a totally undeserved inheritance. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus

reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is not deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve. — Father John Muir

Fr. Parks is in Silent Retreat from Oct 8 through Oct 18. Please keep him in your prayers through this time. In case of an emergency contact Fr. Miller in LaMoure or Fr. Miller in Edgeley

October 8, 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 :

'My Grandmother Witnessed Great Fatima Sun Miracle'



"Fatima means a lot to this family," writes Maria Amaral of Keswick, Ontario.

"My grandmother was born in 1907 and was there for the Miracle of the Sun [October 13]. She had traveled miles to get there as our family is from southern Portugal in the Algarve region. Our Lady of Fatima is therefore especially loved and revered. Here's a picture of my grandmother. The younger lady is my mom, her daughter. My grandma's name was Joaquina or Jacqueline as most Canadians were unable to pronounce 'Joaquina.'

"I think she was about ten when the Miracle of the Sun occurred and she was as mesmerized and transfixed to her spot as everyone else around her.

"The thing is, she told me that even though there were thousands of people there on that particular day, she felt as if she was there alone with the children [Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco].

"She said that the Miracle of the Sun was terrifying. When it began to rain, she thought of fleeing to drier areas but it would have been futile as there were no dry areas. Besides, there were far too many people and she was just a little girl. There was also something she felt the need to tell me.

"She was unable to move. Even though her brain instructed her to run from her spot, she was absolutely unable to put one foot in front of the other. It was almost as if her shoes had been glued to the ground. So she gave up listening to her brain and began to listen to what her heart was telling her and that was to pray. She didn't have a rosary, so she prayed with her fingers.

"She didn't see anything but did feel a slight breeze, and as sudden as the rain began, it stopped and that's when she said the sun decided to dance in the sky, her words.

"Not only did it hover, it flitted from side to side and danced up and then back down. At one time, she was sure everyone was going to die on the spot because she said the sun was crashing down on top of all the people gathered there. It literally seemed like gravity

was pulling it down.

"Then suddenly, like a yo yo, it was yanked back up into the sky leaving the ground bone dry.

"Everyone's clothes were also dry and there were those who hadn't brought any umbrellas or protection. Everyone was dry. As she looked around, there were children present who no longer required their walking supports. There was one lady who suddenly was able to see when she had been born blind, as the story went, but she had to be believed because there were others who knew her and confirmed it.

"She saw very exultant people with complete joy on their faces and others who wore scowls. I remember her saying she couldn't understand how anyone could be miserable in such a place and especially after what had happened.

"That day changed her, but being a small child, she didn't realize how much her beliefs would influence everyone else she came into contact with.

"My grandmother's story is a wild one and my mom's even wilder. The experience at Fatima only cemented my grandmother's love for the Blessed Lady. Her love for Mary, our Holy Mother only intensified and led to our family having a great love for her. But remember that my grandma was only ten when this happened and little did she know that only a mere five years later, she was to undergo huge trials that were either going to further enhance her love and desire for Heaven or turn her into a bitter and cold woman.



- Fr. Parks in a silent retreat Oct 8—18th.
- 10 - 8 - RCIA class at the church center 6:00—7:30pm
- 10 - 11 - 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
- 11-28/29 - All K of C members of are asked to pray a rosary for Perpetual Rosary for Respect Life

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Priests & Marriage Counseling

Question: How can a priest counsel people about marriage when he has never been married?

Answer: If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one's counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience. But you don't need personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests.

Essentially marriage is a relationship and we've all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest's training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon. Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage. ©LPi

Saint John XXIII, Pope | October 11

Saint John XIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on November 25, 1881, in a small village in Italy. He was ordained in 1904 and later earned a doctorate in canon law. During World War I he served as a stretcher-bearer and chaplain for the Italian army. Beginning in 1925 he served as a Vatican diplomat, first in Bulgaria, then in Greece and Turkey. From 1935 through the Second World War he helped save thousands of Jewish people. In 1944 he was named papal nuncio to France. He was named cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953. A quiet pastoral life passing into retirement, however, was not in God's plan for the saint.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected Pope in 1958 and took the name John.

His papacy was short, but full of action. He transformed the Vatican, calling for openness, a spirit of ecumenism, and the setting aside of politics. He called the Second Vatican Council in the fall of 1962, the first meeting of its kind in almost a century, setting the agenda to work for the spiritual regeneration of the Church. His efforts changed the face of the Catholic Church. At the same time worked diligently and publicly to ease tensions during the Cuban missile crisis, pleading with leaders for the end of the Cold War.

Saint John XXIII's kindness, sense of pastoral care, and works of reconciliation and peacemaking made him beloved not only to Catholics but to people around the world. He died on June 3, 1963. He was beatified in 2000 by St. John Paul II, and canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.

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.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's kingdom is open to anyone who will produce its fruit. He offers it to every single one of us. We must be ready to bring forward the goodness of God into each and every day.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What does an anchor symbolize in Catholicism?



Answer:

An anchor symbolizes hope.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer when Persecuted

Dear Lord,

When we encounter those who disrespect our faith, at school, at work, in our communities, give to us Your grace.

Root Your truth deeply into our hearts, so that we can speak and act and rest in You. Amen. ©LPi

ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Oct 15	5:00 pm	8:30 am
Usher	Volunteer	Matt Thorpe
Collection		Rick Ulmer Ross Seefeldt
Lector	Volunteer	Michele Thorpe
EMHC		Matt Thorpe
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Davis Family
Altar Servers		Annah

Breakfast servers for October

First one on the list contact the others

Oct 15	Susan D, Joyce G, Marilyn W, Pamela H
Oct 29	Knights of Columbus

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday	Sept 24	Oct 1
Adult		561.00
Children		48.00
Plate		61.00
Total	\$2622.00	\$670.00

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ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday Oct 15 (10:30am)

Lector	Amy A
Gift Carriers	Denny and Virginia
Altar Servers	Porter, Katie
Rosary Leader	Amy A

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 9-29-23

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. Oct 10 **Mass at Mundelein**

7:00 pm (St. H) +Juliet Kelly Parten

Wed. Oct 11 **Mass at Mundelein**

8:00 am (St. H) +Fr Richard LaCorte

Thur. Oct 12 **Mass at Mundelein**

8:00 am (St. H) +Sylvester and Marie
Radermacher

9:00 am (St. P) +

Fri. Oct 13 **Mass at Mundelein**

8:00am (St H) +Alois Vetter

Sat. Oct 14 **Fr Glover for Wknd Masses**

5:00pm (St H) +Pat Pearson

Sun. Oct 15

8:30am (St. H) +Kathy Eberle

10:30am (St P) All Parishioners

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