



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

September 8, 2019

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PRICE-CONSCIOUS OR PRIZE-CONSCIOUS?

"Sit down and calculate the outlay..." —Luke 14:28

Jesus tells us to renounce everything exterior and interior: all our possessions (Lk 14:33) and our very self (Lk 14:26). The price of being Jesus' disciple is extremely high: it costs our all.

Many choose not to pay the price to be Jesus' disciple. This choice results in disaster. If we won't voluntarily pay the price now, we will pay it later. Our life will be a literal joke (Lk 14:29-30) as we are overrun by the enemy, Satan (see Lk 14:31-32). How sad to not renounce our possessions; when we hold them more valuable than Jesus, they only weigh us down (see Wis 9:15), and "choke" us, preventing us from bearing fruit (Mt 13:22).

Jesus tells us to count the cost, or "calculate the outlay," as we make our decision whether or not to be His disciple (Lk 14:28). He told the parable of the treasure hidden in a field with that calculation in mind. The price to purchase Jesus our Treasure is everything we have (Mt 13:44). However, He wants us to also consider the prize, life on high with Him forever (Phil 3:14).

Is it hard for you to renounce your hopes for the future? If so, you need to exchange your hopes and dreams for His. When you want what Jesus wants, you'll find you already have everything "through Him, with Him, and in Him" (see 1 Cor 3:21-23). So "fix your eyes on Jesus" (Heb 3:1), then keep them fixed on Him (Heb 12:2). You'll hardly notice the price when you focus on the Prize. Prayer: Father, grant me a complete change of heart that I may follow Jesus with greater faithfulness, zeal, and love.

Mass Schedule

*The mass schedule is temporarily changed:

Saturday, Aug 3 - Sept 14.....7:00pm
Sunday.....8:30am
Clarendon Mass schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30am

Confession:
By appointment only

There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in September

Information

Marriage Preparation:
Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

Baptisms:
Call the rectory for an appointment.

Communion:
Homebound or the ill, call Father Raj at 248-7584 or cell 806-316-4146.

Anyone unable to come forward for communion, let Father Raj know before Mass. Those ill or homebound, please contact Father Raj to arrange for communion to be brought to your home on weekdays or weekends.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions will resume when Father Raj returns from vacation in September.

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Lynita Brown, Phillip Ollinger, Dee Martinez, Shane King, Libby Howard, and Portia Thurman.

Family Chalice Program

September 7-8.....Alice Kuehler
September 14-15 Michele & Rodney Bohr
September 21-22.....Nick Bohr
September 28-29.....Linda & Bill Bohr
October 5-6.....Donna Barnett
October 12-13.....Nick Ashford Family

Church Cleaning for September

Marla Britten, Debbie Ollinger, Sandra Britten, Mary Treadwell, Pam Ashford, Tami Keese, Cara Ashford, Sharon Britten, Sherri Wieberg, Waymth Britten, Lori Connelly, Nicole Kuehler, Loretta Britten, Tabitha Eggemeyer, Shelley Britten and Britney Britten

Stewardship Reports

09/01/19 Stewardship Report

Individual	\$2,944
Loose	\$ 229
Children	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$3,173

09/01/19 Building Fund

Individual	\$ 400
Loose	\$ 173
TOTAL	\$ 573

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Sept 7, 2019 at 7:00pm

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lector: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Ministers: John Connelly and Jan Britten

Sunday, Sept 8, 2019 at 8:30am

Servers: Jackson and Wesley

Lector: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Ministers: Nicole Kuehler, Barbara Homer and Tabitha Eggemeyer

Saturday, Sept 14, 2019 at 7:00pm

Servers: Braxton and Zadyn

Lector: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Ministers: Kevin Brown and Jan Britten

Sunday, Sept 15, 2019 at 8:30am

Servers: Kate and Maci

Lector: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Ministers: Joannie Kling, Vanessa Eugea and Sandie Hickey

Saturday, Sept 21, 2019 at 5:30pm

Servers: Stephen and Tucker

Lector: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Ministers: John Connelly and Kevin Brown

Sunday, Sept 22, 2019 at 8:30am

Servers: Alex and Damon

Lector: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Ministers: Melanie K Britten, Tabitha Eggemeyer and Sharon Britten

Saturday, Sept 28, 2019 at 5:30pm

Servers: Saffron and Hope

Lector: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Ministers: Sandie Hickey and John Connelly

Sunday, Sept 29, 2019 at 8:30am

Servers: Ali and Carrigan

Lector: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Ministers: Michele Bohr, Marla Britten and Susan Britten

Announcements

Faith Formation Classes have started on Wednesday evenings. Choir practice for K-6 at 5:30pm, followed by the rosary, and classes from 6:45-7:45pm.

Join adult bible study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, Jeff Cavin's *The Great Adventure, Your Journey Through the Bible* series *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom*. For further details please contact Clifton Britten @ 517-8747 or 248-7559.

Christian Mothers will meet, Monday, September 9th at 6:30pm in the hall. Please bring a salad to share, officers will provide crackers and drinks.

Looking to deepen your relationship with God, renew your spirituality, give new meaning to your prayer life and Sunday Liturgy, and to build lasting friendships? Registration for the October Women's ACTS Retreat is now open! The Retreat will begin at 6:30pm on Thursday, October 17th at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center in Amarillo. It will end on Sunday, October 20th. For more information and to register online, visit actsamarillo.org or talk to Cari Weinheimer (806) 626-5608

Second Collections

September 15 - Catholic Charities Appeal

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 9..Garrett Britten, Julie Friemel
and Rita Poor

September 10.....Leonard Koetting and
Eric Torres

September 11.....Carolyn Brooks

Thought of the week: Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

Sep 12: Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This feast is a counterpart to the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (January 3); both have the possibility of uniting people easily divided on other matters. The feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary began in Spain in 1513 and in 1671 was extended to all of Spain and the Kingdom of Naples. In 1683, John Sobieski, king of Poland, brought an army to the outskirts of Vienna to stop the advance of Muslim armies loyal to Mohammed IV in Constantinople. After Sobieski entrusted himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he and his soldiers thoroughly defeated the Muslims. Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church.

Sep 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross: The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

Quote: "How splendid the cross of Christ! It brings life, not death; light, not darkness; Paradise, not its loss. It is the wood on which the Lord, like a great warrior, was wounded in hands and feet and side, but healed thereby our wounds. A tree has destroyed us, a tree now brought us life" (Theodore of Studios).