August 30, 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Spanish Masses

None scheduled at this time.

Weekday Mass

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 12:00 Noon

Holy Days

as announced

Parish Office Hours

Office Closed until further notice.
Please leave a voice message or send an email.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

by Appointment only due to Covid 19

Baptism

Please call the office.

Marriage

Please contact the office a minimum of six months prior to the proposed date for an appointment and information about marriage preparation.

Anointing

Please call the office.

Communion of the Sick

Due to CoVid 19 Communion to the Homebound is suspended at this time.



SAINT CYRIL CHURCH

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Please call the office for reservations to attend Mass.

Reservations accepted Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm. Masks are required at all masses.



Our Music Coordinator, Danielle Jagelski, finishes her ministry with us at St. Cyril at the end of August. It is sad news for us as we will miss her gifts that she has shared with us.

But we know this is an exciting time for her as she ventures forth to New York to continue her studies. We wish her well and may God's blessings always be at her side.

Thank you Danielle.

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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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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



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.

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Facilities Update

Due to the pandemic much of the maintenance work had been put on hold but is now beginning to pick up again.

- Parish Hall Roof We met with the original contractor, Woodburn Construction, to discuss a few roof construction flaws that have developed.
 They have graciously agreed to pay for the necessary corrections so the roof will drain and breathe properly.
 - Griffith Roofing will begin tearing off the roof and making all necessary repairs beginning in the second or third week of September. This is a very large and expensive endeavor for our parish.
- Septic Tank
 As we reported previously, the Parish Office is still on a septic tank system. The tank has be compromised and is no longer working. Since we are within the Wilsonville City limits, we are required to decommission the tank and connect to the city sewer system rather than replace the tank. We are working with the City and hope to remedy this issue in the coming weeks.

Thank You!

We are so grateful for those who have continued to send in their weekly contributions during the pandemic. Although we are not able to gather as before, our financial responsibilities remain. Thank you again for your generosity and may God richly bless you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

We would like to welcome families back to our Religious Ed. Program. Next Sunday, September 13th is the deadline to register for RE classes and youth groups which begin on **September 20th and 23th.** This year, due to safety measures, no one can be admitted to class unless they have registered. Every person entering the hall must be signed in each week with a current phone number for contact tracing to meet the safety requirements of the Archdiocese of Portland.

Also, facemasks are to be worn by teachers, parents, and students. Social distancing is required just like in the church. Classrooms and the main hall have been set up to meet that need. We are asking parents to bring their children to the hall side door by the parking lot for class. Teachers will escort children within the building and return them to parents who will pick them up outside. Parents who would like to stay with their child in class will need to sign in at the door and wear a facemask. There will not be any gathering in the hall for adults during class. Following these new procedures should lower the chances for exposure to the Coronavirus. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our parish children safe.

Late registration delays your child's attendance at class. For more information on registering for classes and downloading forms please visit our website: https://www.stcyrilparish.org/religious-education-1. Emergency Health and Registration forms should be mailed to our office with your tuition payment and not brought to class. Questions? Email Mary Ellen at re@stcyrilparish.org or leave a message at the office at 503-682-2332.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Sept. 5 5:00 pm + Leslie Magin
Sun. Sept. 6 8:00 am Our Parishioners
10:30 am General Intentions

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