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ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

> Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church 6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat 4:00-4:45 p.m. Wed 6:00-6:15 p.m.

Or by request

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REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least three weeks in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least six months in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."



WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary-Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

PSR-Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

Bible Study-Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Did you ever notice how often the angels are referred to during Mass? We commonly meet them in the Confiteor ("I ask blessed Mary, every virgin, all the angels and saints"), prefaces ("with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven"), the Roman Canon ("we pray that your angel may take this sacrifice"), and Eucharistic Prayer IV ("countless hosts of angels stand before you to do your will"). Last week and this week angels abound as we celebrated Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael yesterday and will honor the Guardian Angels on October 2.

September 29 was originally the feast day for Michael alone. Gabriel and Raphael joined him in the 1969 reform of the Church calendar. The celebration of the Guardian Angels has been observed since the sixteenth century in Spain. Pope Clement X assigned the feast to the first free day after St. Michael's in 1670, and there it has remained. Take some time this week to reflect on these, God's messengers and our protectors, and maybe even celebrate with a little angel food cake!

Rev. James Field



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Kathy Johnson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver,

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 30

(Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, October 1

(Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56)

8:00 a.m. Laughlin Family

Wednesday, October 2

(Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Mt 18:1-5, 10)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, October 3

(Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12)

8:00 a.m. Rita Ramos†

Friday, October 4

(Jb 38:1. 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16)

8:00 a.m. Tomas & Abby Landry†

Saturday, October 5

(Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/ Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Jewel Bailey†, Vaughn Gay, Ray Bowen, Sr.†, Fay Vogt†

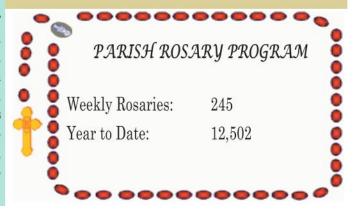
Sunday, October 6

(Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or Mk 10:2-12)

7:00 a.m. Deacon John & Mary Joyce Howard†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Earline Garitty†, Richard Family, Jewel Bailey†, Miguel Iscoa, JaNae Wood†, Rita Ramos†, Cathy Stanford†, Ragusa Family, Helen Story†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish





POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

We pray that each one of us will a hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for † Jewel & Wallace Bailey, Sr. †

EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP

The first reading might be what Jesus was talking about when he scolded the disciples. They wanted to stop an exorcist whom they didn't know. In both cases, whether prophesying or driving out demons, someone wanted them to stop. Why? Because the persons doing those things were not members of the group. In the gospel, the disciples objected simply because they didn't know the ones who were casting out demons. Back in Moses' days, the two "renegades" were actually on the list, they just weren't present with the rest gathered around Moses. Both Joshua and the disciples of Jesus thought they should control who could do God's work and who couldn't.

It reminds me of the pastor sprinkling people with holy water during Easter season. If I didn't feel the water, I was disappointed because I was "left out." But Father was intending to bless everyone; he just couldn't control where the holy water went. I wanted to control the pastor, to make him throw the water more carefully.

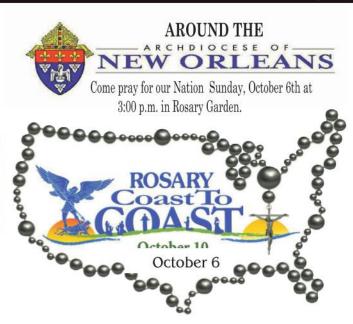
The temptation to control things is pretty common, but we can't be truly at peace till we allow God to be the one in control. God loves all people, even those who don't know him. So if we see someone who has a spiritual gift, it could be God's way of helping that person to know about His love. It might not be prophesying or driving out demons. There are many non-Christians who are very generous or patient or wise, who could come to faith if they realized that God was acting through them. You don't have to bowl them over with evangelistic fervor. Just the observation that you see God's love in them might get them thinking about their faith.

The Apostles Creed reminds us that the Church is catholic, or universal. All are welcome, because Jesus died for everyone. As Moses said in the first reading, wouldn't it be great if God sent his gifts of the Spirit to them all?





Please place a food item for dogs or cats in the box in the back of church or bring to the church office to help feed the animals at the local animal shelter. Monetary donations will also be accepted to help defray the cost of spaying and neutering the animals before adoption and for medical treatment. Items will be brought at the end of October. Thank you!



GOD HELPS US CAST OFF SIN

In today's Gospel, we read that Christ said to His followers: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe [in me] to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." He then goes on to say that if your hand, foot, or eye cause you to sin, you should cut it off or pluck it out. Now, we need not take Jesus literally and begin to chop off body parts. He certainly does not want us to harm ourselves. But He does want us to get rid of the source of sin in our lives.

What does that look like today? It could be a toxic friend who leads us away from Christ rather than to Him. It could be social media or a TV show that causes us to forgo our faith or to do something contrary to the commandments. Or it could be spending too much time on our phone and putting this "idol" before God.

Anything that leads us away from God should be cast away. But that takes a lot of moral courage. It takes us having—and sustaining—the ability to ask God for His help, to take His hand, and to allow Him to lead us. This is especially difficult when others make fun of us, when others call us names or rebuke us for our faith, or when things don't seem to go our way. During these times, we may feel abandoned by those on Earth and by God.

This loneliness can lead to despair. And that despair can pitch us into anger or even resentment, which of course can lead to sinful behavior. And you know what? That's exactly what the evil one wants. In fact, he revels in those feelings because they create distance between us and God. So as we think about driving out the things that cause us to sin, we must remember that those things include the feelings and the thoughts that pull away from our Lord.

That is why a solid prayer life is so vital. When we feel these dark thoughts creeping in on us, when we feel them about to overtake us, or when we notice things of the outside world replacing things of the spiritual world, that is when we must train ourselves to press the proverbial pause button and find a quiet place to pray, to give ourselves to God, to listen to Him, and to tell Him we trust in Him.

Better yet, go see Him in Adoration. Sit with Him. Ask for the courage and the strength to battle the evil affecting you and to cut from your life the things causing you to sin. This is what Christ asks of us. This is how we can grow closer to Him.

By Susan Ciancio



ST. AUGUSTINE'S STUNNING DISCOVERY

Thomas J. Neal

Oh soul, most beautiful among all creatures, you who so long to know the place where your beloved is, so as to seek him and become one with Him, now it has been stated: you yourself are the home in which he dwells. Here is a reason to be happy; Here is a cause for joy; The realization that every blessing And all you hope for is so close to you as to be within you. Be glad, find joy there, gathering together and present to Him who dwells within, since He is so close to you: desire Him there, adore Him there. and do not go off looking for Him elsewhere. there is just one thing; even though He is within you, He is hidden. - St. John of the Cross

These very Augustinian words of St. John burn at the heart of the whole Catholic spiritual tradition.

This is the mystery of mysteries in Christian life: God dwells in the body of a baptized Christian as nowhere else in the whole of creation. St. Paul says your body is a temple (1 Cor. 6:19). More specifically, he says your body is a naos, a "Holy of holies" in which God dwells. This is the same word Jesus uses to describe his own Body as a temple in John 2:19, 21:

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple [naon], and in three days I will raise it up" ... He was speaking of the temple [naou] of His body.

Sit with that thought for a moment. Become aware of this Indwelling in you, right now. It's overwhelming to think about its real meaning for too long.

Yet this truth was the whole end-game of God becoming human. In Mary's womb, the holy Fire that once burned in the Sinai bush, at a distance from Moses, has entered the human heart — forever. The furnace of divine love raging in Sacred Heart iconography is not just a symbol of Jesus' unique prerogative. His Heart is to be our heart, and our heart is to be His Heart.

As Augustine would say: "Nearest now to you, in your deepest depth within, is God; nearer than you are to yourself." But are you with Him?

You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you.

Inadvertently and innocently, there is a danger of exaggerated Eucharistic devotions can overly externalize Jesus' presence as principally "out there," at a distance. We can think, "I normally live miles away from the Real Presence, and so I must drive or walk to so I can finally be near to him again. After enduring a period of absence."

No.

Eucharistic Adoration is wildly powerful, possesses a true majesty and magnificence. But it is given to permit Christ to speak to us in unceasing rhythms: "Seek me within you." In Christ's Eucharistic Presence, we hear him say to us again and again: "Take, eat. Take, drink." Christ consecrates the sacred elements to be consumed. In the Blessed Sacrament Christ yearns/desires/longs to enter more deeply into us, to intensify his union with us; to become more one Flesh, one Spirit with us.

At the end of your time of Adoration, you should go away more aware of what St. Paul calls "the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27). Only then can St. Augustine's words about the Eucharist become real: "Behold who you are, become what you receive."

In the early Church, the Eucharist was called the "mystical Body of Christ" and the Church was the "real Body of Christ" — the Real Presence. Through faith and baptism, you are Christ's real Body — which is why Christ's Eucharistic Body exists to be ingested, that those transubstantiated elements might more fully seal your one-flesh union with Him.

You are a living, walking tabernacle. Naos.

This vision of faith also opens our eyes to greet Christ everywhere around us, in those innumerable and often very unlikely temples He chooses to dwell in. Christ, who is still hidden in mystery, waits to surprise us and shatter our assumptions by unveiling his Face anew in each moment where we least expect it.

The early 20th century British mystic Caryll Houselander tasted this on her way to work one day:

Quite suddenly, I saw with my mind, but as vividly as a wonderful picture, Christ in them all. But I saw more than that; not only was Christ in every one of them, living in them, dying in them, rejoicing in them, sorrowing in them – but because He was in them, and because they were here, the whole world was here in this underground train, not only the world as it was at that moment, not only all the people in the countries of the world, but all those yet to come. I came out into the street and walked for a long time in the crowds. It was the same here, on every side, in every passerby – Christ.

Next time you go to Eucharistic Adoration, share with Jesus your latest sightings of Him.



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