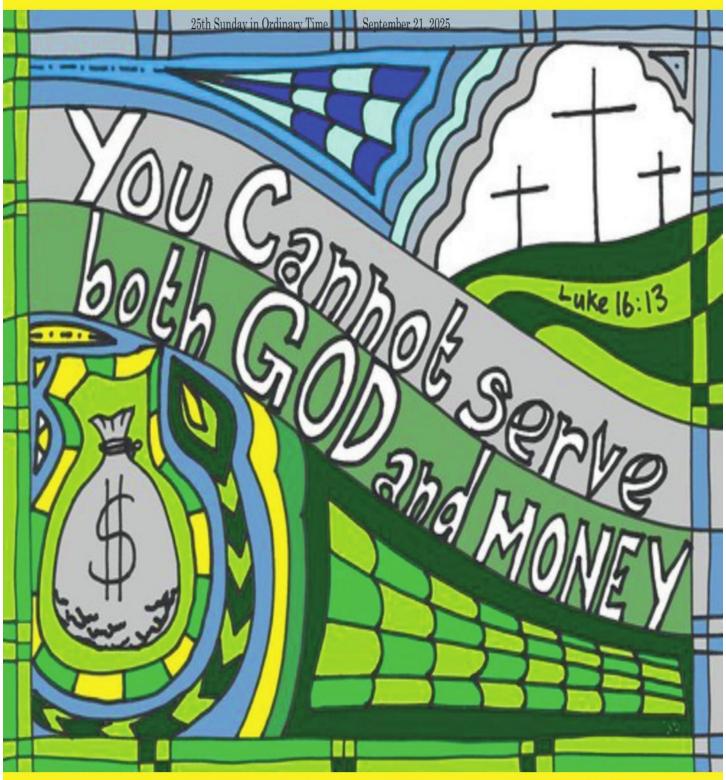
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ABOUT OUR PARISH

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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Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least <u>six months</u> 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."



THE CLEVER CROOK

The parable in today's Gospel is another one with a surprise ending. The crooked steward is commended by his master for being prudent, or clever, trying to protect himself. Jesus did not condone dishonesty. He just wanted us to be just as clever in serving the Lord. Let's look at the first two readings and how they challenge us to do more.

The reading from Amos talks about those "who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor" (Amos 8:4). The challenge here is to ask yourself, "What do I do for the poor?" If all you can think of is to throw some change in the monthly collection for the poor, you're not being very clever. Most parishes have organizations to help the needy and are happy to get volunteers. Imagine what you would do to help someone you loved who was laid off or on disability leave. Do you love Jesus enough to help the poor in his name? Do you ever think of praying for the poor? Not just a quick response to one of the Prayers of the Faithful for the homeless, but actually taking time to pray for those who are unemployed or with jobs that don't pay enough to support a family.

Speaking of prayer, our second reading also challenges us to do more. Paul recommends prayers for "kings and for all in authority" (1 Timothy 2:2). It's easy to pray for friends and family; how much time do we give to prayers for government leaders and executives? Even the leaders with whom we disagree could use more guidance from the Holy Spirit. Paul reminds us that God wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), sinners as well as saints, terrorists and embezzlers, atheists and agnostics. I'll bet you don't spend much time praying for the "bad guys." Yet Jesus said, "Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you" (Matthew 5:44). I can't say I've ever heard anyone say that was their favorite Bible passage. But if Jesus expects more from those who love him, who are we to let him down?

Tom Schmid

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

OCIA —Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 2:30 p.m. Parish Hall

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 22

(Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, September 23

(Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21)

8:00 a.m.

Rick Hodgson†

Wednesday, September 24

(Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, September 25

(Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9)

8:00 a.m. Cinda Melerine†

Friday, September 26

(Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22)

8:00 a.m. Vaughn Gay

Saturday, September 27

(Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45)

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†, Judy Woods†, Patti & Vaughn Gay, Mariana Bonilla†, Mary Davis†, Maurice Provosty†, Linda Lopez, Bruce Guidry† & Family, Debby Oubre & Family, Nick & Dana Cambre, Pam Horton, Dana Bodreaux, Brittany Nolan & Family, Nicole Cavalier & Family

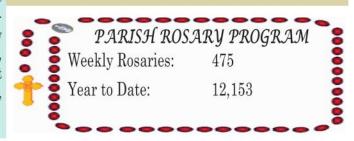
Sunday, September 28

(Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31)

7:00 a.m. Jacqueline Brouillette†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, JC Spiers†, CJ Lightell†, Catherine Schaefer†, May Caballero†, Eydie Richmond†, Pat Cuccia†, Robert & Jimmie Lou Fava, Richard Labourdette†, David Liccardi†, Karen & Gabriel Dickerson, Kern Kittel

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



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POPE INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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BEING PREPARED

My study Bible says the parable in today's Gospel is about urgency and being prepared. The steward is about to be fired so he feels a pressing need to fix his situation. He is praised for this foresight but not for how he did it.

I think a sense of urgency and preparedness are important for us as well. We do not know when our life on earth will end so it is wise for us to always be spiritually prepared. I believe there is a human tendency to recoil from the idea of our own death. We only know this life and while we may believe in eternity with our loving Father and have great hope in it, we don't know exactly what it is. We may desire it, but not yet. Even so, we should still be prepared. There's a saying that goes something like, "Live every day as if it were your last," and there is merit in that sentiment.

We should feel urgency. We should feel a little pressured. We don't know when the end will come so we should feel a sense of wanting to be in right relationship with God and others so that when it does come, we are prepared. We don't want to end up like the steward who realized he hadn't used his time wisely and, as a result, was looking at a not so great future.

Happily, our loving Father will assist us if we ask him. He is a gentle teacher who will show us how to be ready and give us the grace we need to prepare. He wants us to be with Him for eternity even more than we want to be with Him.

By Merridith Frediani

AROUND THE PARISH

PSR—begins on September 21st

Pro-Life Youth Leadership Summit —September 23rd at Old State Capital 9am-2pm

Family Day—September 28th in Parish Hall

Pet Blessing—October 5th 12:00 p.m. by picnic tables

Life Chain—October 5th 2:00-3:00 p.m. by SMH

Rosary Coast to Coast—October 5th 1:00 p.m. on Rosary walk on Parish grounds

Rosary Congress— October 10th 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Church

Rosary Rally—October 11th 12:00 p.m. Poitevent Park

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the oncepersecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the
baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With
more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect
Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later
in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to
celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events;
the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the
Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there
an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

—James Field



Since I am on the topic of Devotional Practices that are questionable, here is an article I found on Zenit Daily Dispatch about whether or not it is ok to allow devotions to be prayed during Mass. The article was from 2007. The priest who answered the question is Legionary of Christ Father Edward McNamara, professor of liturgy at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome.

Q: I have seen noven prayed together by the congregation, led by the priest directly after the Gospel of a weekday Mass. Is this correct? — C.H., Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Q: I was wondering if it is appropriate to insert the Chaplet of Divine Mercy into the liturgy? Our parish recited this after the homily on Divine Mercy Sunday, led by our pastor. It seemed as if a beautiful, but optional, devotion PASTOR'S CORNER was forced on a captive congregation. — L.S., Hutchinson, Kansas.

A: This topic referred to in these two questions is dealt with in the December 2001 document "Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy," published by the Congregation for Divine Worship.

No. 13 of this document states: "The objective difference between pious exercises and devotional practices should always be clear in expressions of worship. Hence, the formulae proper to pious exercises should not be commingled with the liturgical actions. Acts of devotion and piety are external to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and of the other sacraments.

"On the one hand, a superimposing of pious and devotional practices on the Liturgy so as

to differentiate their language, rhythm, course, and theological emphasis from those of the corresponding liturgical action, must be avoided, while any form of competition with or opposition to the liturgical actions, where such exists, must also be resolved. Thus, precedence must always be given to Sunday, Solemnities, and to the liturgical seasons and days.

"Since, on the other [hand], pious practices must conserve their proper style, simplicity and language, attempts to impose forms of 'liturgical celebration' on them are always to be avoided."

Therefore it is incorrect to mingle any devotional exercise such as a novena or non-liturgical litanies within the context of the Mass; this mixing respects neither the nature of the Eucharistic celebration nor the essence of the pious exercise. Novenas or non-liturgical litanies may, however, be recited immediately before or after Mass.

Some readers ask if devotions may be carried out during Eucharistic adoration. The above-mentioned directory suggests in No. 165: "Gradually, the faithful should be encouraged not to do other devotional exercises during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament." It adds, however: "Given the close relationship between Christ and Our Lady, the rosary can always be of assistance in giving prayer a Christological orientation, since it contains meditation of the Incarnation and the Redemption."

Although the rosary is the only devotion specifically mentioned, it is possible that other devotions that can likewise be given a Christological orientation. These include novenas in preparation for Christmas and other feasts, which could be used as vocal prayers and acclamations immediately before Benediction.

This would not be the case for a novena or devotion to a particular saint.

Follow-up: Novenas and Devotions During Mass

In the wake of our column on mixing devotions and Mass a priest from Conway Springs, Kansas, asked for a clarification.

I had written: "[I]t is incorrect to mingle any devotional exercise such as a novena or non-liturgical litanies within the context of the Mass." Our correspondent asked: "Could you clarify the difference between 'non-liturgical litanies' and 'liturgical litanies'? Are the only 'liturgical litanies' those in the sacramentary (e.g., at the Easter Vigil or an ordination)?

I was taught that certain litanies, such as of the Sacred Heart, were approved for use within a liturgy of the Church."

By "liturgical litanies" I referred to the various litanies specifically found in the liturgical books for the celebration of Mass as well as other sacraments (such as baptism, ordination and anointing of the sick) and sacramentals, such as the crowning of an image of Our Lady.

These would be the only litanies used as a specific rite within Mass, although some other forms of prayer, such as the prayer of the faithful and the Kyrie, are also technically litanies.

As our correspondent says, there are other approved litanies that may be used in public worship, such as during exposition (if consonant with the aims of adoration) and other public devotions and novenas. The principal approved litanies are found in the Roman Ritual and are also listed in the Enchiridion of Indulgences (concession 22.2 partial indulgence).

The litanies (liturgical and devotional) thus universally approved are the litanies of the Holy Name, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Precious Blood, Blessed Virgin Mary (those of Loreto and the Queenship, which is used as part of the order of crowning an image), St. Joseph and All Saints.

Many other litanies have been approved either for private use of the faithful or in some cases for particular groups.

Among such litanies are the litany of Jesus Christ Priest and Victim, much beloved by Pope John Paul II, and the litany of Divine Mercy, both of which are often prayed in common. Others, usually prayed privately by individuals, include the litany of the Holy Spirit, of the Infant Jesus, of the Blessed Sacrament, of the Passion, and for the souls in purgatory.

The distinction between private and public use derives above all from the 1917 Code of Canon Law (Canon 1259.2). It forbade the public recitation of litanies that had not been approved by the Holy See. This prohibition included not only the public recitation of unapproved litanies by priests but extended to particular groups of the faithful who prayed in common without an ordained minister present.

This canon has not been retained in the present code. And while the law today is somewhat more flexible, it does not necessarily mean that all litanies formally approved for private use can now be publicly used.

There were and are good reasons for not multiplying the number of public litanies. Canon839.2 of the 1983 Code directs the local ordinary to assure that "the prayers and pious and sacred exercises of the Christian people are fully in keeping with the norms of the Church."





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