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September 20, 2020



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:16

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WELCOME

We are glad you are here!

If you would like to join the parish,
or if you are not Catholic and have questions
and would like to learn about the faith, please call the parish office.

Notes from Father Tom...

Saint Anselm School is off to a wonderful start. Everyone is so cooperative with all the covid procedures. It is really very edifying to see the children just taking everything in stride.

Fall begins this week on Tuesday. It seems so different without some of the usual events that take place at this time of year.

Those who are attending Mass in the church have probably noticed attendance is increasing gradually. With that being the case we are adjusting things slightly so that we can safely accommodate everyone who wants to be there. In the next couple of weeks we will probably re-mark at least some of the long pews so that some individuals and couples could sit in the middle of the pew while others will still be on the ends of each pew. We are also looking at when we can restore the distribution of Holy Communion to its normal place in the liturgy. We are continually talking about what we are doing and how things need to be adjusted. If we err, we try to err on the side of safety.

We will be talking about Christmas soon. Normally there are between 1500-2000 people here at 4:00 on Christmas Eve. Obviously we cannot do that this year. I will check with the diocese to see if they have recommendations, but whether they do or don't we will plan the best we can. Remember at Easter we were not yet back to having public Masses. Stay tuned and feel free to offer suggestions.



Father Tom

† THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Monday, September 21, 2020 *LiveStream @ 9am* ~
Claudia Gabriel

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 *LiveStream @ 9am* ~
Lyda Williams

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 *@7pm* ~ Public & Streamed
Raymond Grisard

Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 24, 2020 *@9am* ~ Public & Streamed
Goldie Koesel

Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 25, 2020 *LiveStream @ 8:30am* ~
Edward & Jeannette Szypulski

Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 26, 2020 *@4pm* ~ Public & Streamed
Bill Sanders & Samantha Craine

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest



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*Catechists are people who keep
the memory of God alive;
they keep it alive in themselves
and they are able to revive it in others.*



Notes from Sister Noel ...

Last week we had our Catechist Meeting with a focus on learning the Google Classroom Program. Each catechist had their own readiness level in learning each step of the Program. When I asked, should we meet again? They answered that it was not necessary. It was time for them to play with the basics and go to the next step. We are providing Tech help at any time.

This brought home to me the reality that there is a time to learn from others but it is essential that we invest time in learning it on our own. That means we need to personally internalize the information and that calls for focus and discipline but in time it becomes more natural for us and then we begin to play with it in a new way on our own.

It may connect to a particular experience for you. Isn't it true in many areas of our life, we need to learn the basics but then it is up to each of us to practice and delve deeper for further growth of any kind. Persistence is called for.

It connected to prayer and our relationship with God. Having learned our basic prayers over the years, we may need to find new ways to communicate with God. It may be to venture into Gospel passage by reading it and finding who are we in the story. Sit with that. What is it telling me about me and my own relationship to Christ or our neighbor? What do I need from Him at this time? Talk to him within your heart. How can I act on what I have learned? Ask God for His assistance.

Another way to pray a Scripture passage may be to read it once. Pause. Read it a second time. What word jumps out to you? Pause and reflect. Read it once again. What phrase jumps out? Take time to talk to God about what it is saying to you and in what way will you act on the message. End with thanking God for being with you in the message.

Prayer is also our on-going talking to God throughout the day. Whenever we hear ourselves say, "What am I going to do?" or "How can I do this?", are we talking to ourselves or to God who accompanies us. That is prayer, too.

I'll bet you are praying more than you know. Now take the time to **listen to** what God is saying to you. It makes a difference.

Sister Noel Murry OSU

To "be" catechists!
Not to "work" as catechists.
Catechesis is a vocation:
"being a catechist",
this is the vocation,
not "working" as a catechist.

Pope Francis,
Congress on Catechesis



Catechetical Sunday, September 20, 2020
*We pray for our catechists this year
in the home, classroom and virtual classroom.*

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Congratulations to all who have received
First Holy Communion this weekend*



**Julia Finomore
Giavanna Kocsis
Michaelann Laramee**

Reflection on Good and Evil

Question: If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer: The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

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Marriage Moments

September 21 is *International Day of Peace*. World peace is good but probably feels impossible these days. Yet married couples learn a lot about peacemaking. What's one thing you've learned about resolving an argument? Share it with someone today.

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If you would like to be a member of our parish, please complete this form, and place it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office and someone from the parish will contact you.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

____ I am interested in the marriage annulment process.

As we celebrate Masses during this time of pandemic, we will set the schedule according to need both for public and online services.

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Reflecting on "A Hidden Life"

A Hidden Life opens up a dialogue about the role of the individual on the faith journey. Throughout the film, Franz is motivated by a burning desire, a need to take a truly heroic road. He grapples with whether or not he, personally, can cooperate with the institution he is being asked to cooperate with. Of course he never judges or insists, that his road is the only road. He does not cast his personal motivation to take the most heroic road on all of his neighbors and fellow townspeople. He is very quiet and humble about his soul-searching. However, eventually he recognizes that his conscience is calling on him to go above and beyond the ordinary.

Franz goes to Church authorities several times; they offer him support but they do not insist that he must die. Neither his pastor nor the bishop force him to take extraordinary measures. They do provide strengthening support and consoling presence at each of the most painful moments. The viewer notices the Cross on the wall in multiple tense scenes, witnessing to the presence of the Cross in one's daily life. However, Franz's personal faith journey, his own conscience, calls him to something truly heroic.

Terrence Malick often attempts to respond to deep questions about life. In this film, perhaps he is asking: What gives meaning to life? Malick does not state this explicitly, or respond to it directly. Instead, he tries to "show" an answer through the heroic actions of one person. When a character in the film growls at Franz "What difference does it make???" Malick is conveying something much deeper; Does what we do matter?

So, what gives meaning to life? Although simply the opinion of one man who happens to be the director of this film, *A Hidden Life* responds to this question in a profound way. Personally taking a stand and living out in a concrete way the beliefs that one professes gives Franz the peace he yearns for, knowing that he is responding to God's call in his life without reservation.

Deacon Cameron



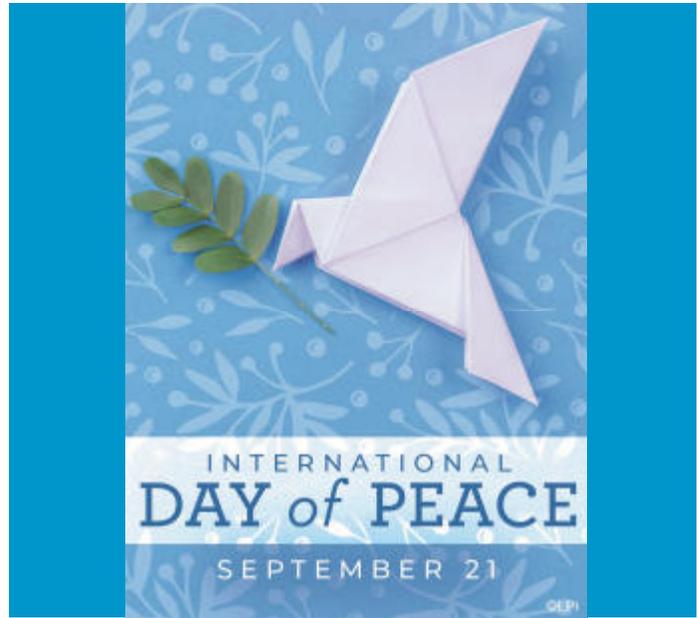
GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ September 20, 2020

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay. ©LPi



Gimme a Break

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both.

As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, "Oh, my God! Help me!"

At once, everything froze in place and, as the atheist hung in mid-air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, "I thought you didn't believe in me?"

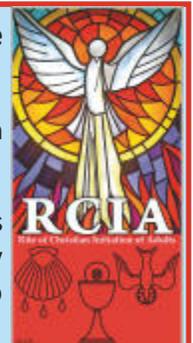
"Come on, God, gimme a break!" the man pleaded. "Two minutes ago, I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!"

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Do you have questions about the Catholic Church?

Have you or someone you know been thinking about becoming Catholic?

Do you have questions about what is required to be baptized? If already baptized, do you wonder how to go about joining the Catholic Church?



Here at St. Anselm we are happy to help you explore your options. We will try to answer your questions and offer guidance as to how you might proceed.

Call Sister Maryellen at the Parish Office to schedule an initial in-person meeting as well as a phone conversation. 440-729-9575 or cell 216-407-1836.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg you to have compassion on all those mentioned below, Amen

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U.S. Veterans
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Patricia Ahern
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David Anderson
LuAnn Anderson
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Tina Arnold
Kevin Austin
Ruby Azevedo
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George Bates
Victor Bernot
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Sally Bovineing
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Haley Burgman
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Mary Lou Burton
Children at St. Jude's
Hospital
Mark Chambers

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Josephine Colitto
Colleen
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Hank Collette
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Shirley Warren
Bob Wright

REST IN PEACE ~ NANCY PAZDERAK

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please remember in your daily prayers these individuals, who have been and are called to the priesthood.

Sunday, September 20, 2020 ~ Father Sweany
Seminarians at Borromeo/St. Mary
Monday, September 21 ~ Carlos Rojak
Tuesday, September 22~ Luke Rose

Wednesday, September 23~ Timothy Rubeling
Thursday, September 24~ Joshua Stecz
Friday, September 25 ~ Giles Webinger
Saturday, September 26 ~ Brendan Welsh



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