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As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,
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and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

Schedule of Masses

Sunday, 10am at the Schoolyard.
Limited to 100 persons.
Reserve seating at our website.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday

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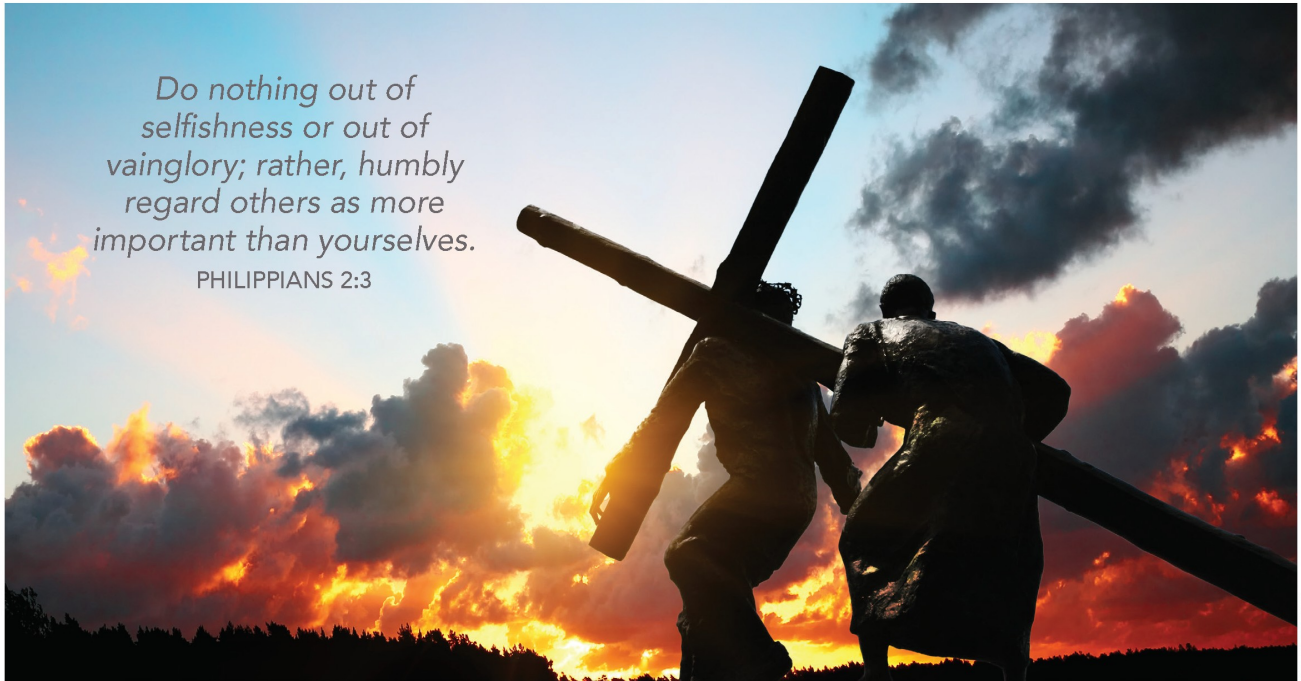
September 27, 2020

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ez 18:25–28

Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5

Mt 21:28–32



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He Emptied Himself

In the Gospels, Jesus seldom teaches doctrine.

Rather, the stories themselves provide examples of how we are to model our lives after him. He was a man for others, a compassionate healer, an understanding friend. As clear as such stories might be, because we can be selfish people, the example they offer us is difficult to follow. If it is hard to follow a man who lived a human life with others, how are we to follow the example sketched by Paul in today's second reading?

Paul declares in Philippians: "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus" (2:5). What attitude is he talking about? Jesus emptied himself of the preeminence that was rightly his as possessing "equality with God" (2:6). He did not demand that they treat him with the reverence and veneration that was due him. Rather, "he emptied himself...he humbled himself" (2:7, 8).

Why does Paul insist on this? It seems the Philippians were having internal problems that were threatening their unity. Various forms of arrogance were tearing them apart: *Don't you know who I am? I am a celebrity. I have more money. I know the right people. And who are you? Who do you know? What can you do?* These attitudes of arrogance infect our communities even today. To this Paul proclaims: If Jesus, who "though he was in the form of God" (2:6) could empty himself of such dignity for the sake of others, you certainly should be able to put aside your trivial vainglory and be "united in heart" (2:2).

Can we?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ In what circumstances does your arrogance raise its ugly head? What do you do about that?
- ★ What might you do to strengthen the bonds of unity in your family? Your workplace? Your parish?

Mass for the Intentions Week

Intention			Requested by
Saturday, September 26	5 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Sunday, September 27	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Bautista Family
	10 a.m.	St John Parishioners	St John Parish
	6 p.m.	Thanksgiving	Bautista Family
Monday, September 28	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Bautista Family
Tuesday, September 29	8 a.m.	Ruth Bronner †	Kathy Klatt
Wednesday, September 30	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	
Thursday, October 1	8 a.m.	Rodolfo Abesamis †	
		First-Year Death Anniversary	Ria Abesamis
Friday, October 2	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Bautista Family
Saturday, October 3	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Bautista Family

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do ? Which son am I more like?

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Ez 18:25-28. Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5.
Mt 21:28-32.

Monday Readings: Jb 1:6-22. Lk 9:46-50.

Tuesday Readings: Dn 7:9-10. or Rv 12:7-12a.
Jn 1:47-51.

Wednesday Readings: Jb 9:1-12,14-16.
Lk 9:57-62.

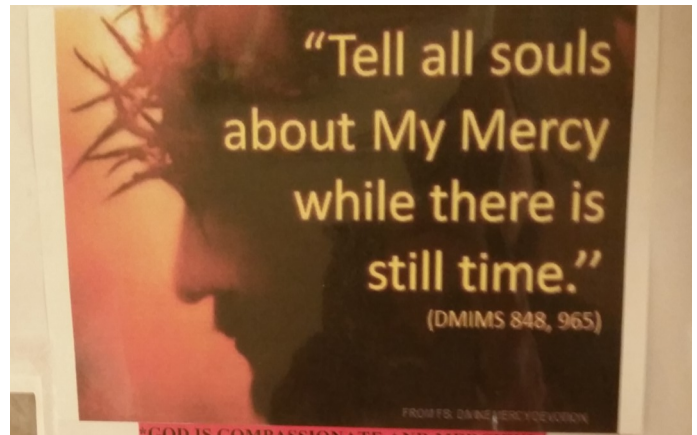
Thursday Readings: Jb 19:21-27. Lk 10:1-12.

Friday Readings: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5.
Mt 18:1-5, 10 .

Saturday Readings: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17.
Lk 10:17-24 .

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration. Daily at the
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Confessions. Sat., 4pm



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Our Lady then spoke: “See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.”



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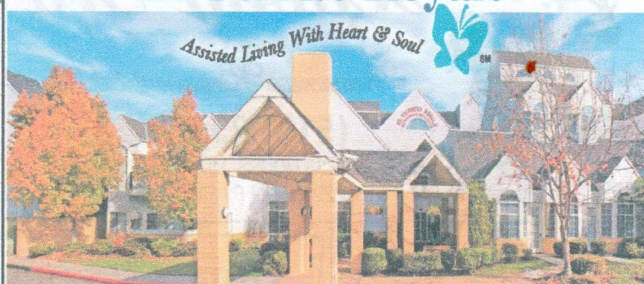
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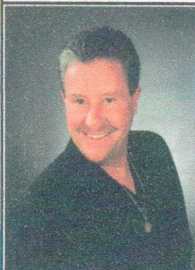
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