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TWENTY - NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT BENEDICT

OCTOBER 18, 2020

SAINT SCHOLASTICA



St. Scholastica Parish
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Fr. James W. Lowe CC, Administrator

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Holydays	8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE

Parish priest must be contacted six months prior to date of intended marriage.

BAPTISMS
Contact Fr. James W. Lowe, CC

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday-Saturday Mornings: Immediately Following Mass
Saturday Evening Mass: 3:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.
All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

ROSARY
Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

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FR. JAMES W. LOWE, CC



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever had someone ask a loaded question that was intended to trick you into saying something you will later regret? I have! On one of these occasions, I was sitting at the dinner table with a large family. One of the children asked, “Father, what do you think of the movie “Hunger Games?” Notice the open-ended nature of this question. I enthusiastically replied, “I love the Hunger Games” and proceeded to give all the reasons why I loved the series of movies. Then I looked over at mom and dad and noticed a very serious look on their faces! I quickly discovered that I had been set up! Mom and dad had forbidden the children from watching the movies since they are violent. It was a classic example of foot in mouth syndrome. Now I answer loaded questions with a question of my own, “Why do you ask?” Being asked loaded questions is not limited to children at the dinner table trying to trick Father Jim into supporting their cause to watch the Hunger Games. Jesus was very familiar with loaded questions. The Gospels are full of examples of the pharisees asking such questions.

“Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion, for you do not regard a person’s status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?”

Jesus knew right away that this was a loaded question. He knew they were trying to trick him.

“Knowing their malice, Jesus said, ‘Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax.’ Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, ‘Whose image is this and whose inscription?’ They replied, ‘Caesar’s.’ At that he said to them, ‘Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.’”

Notice that Jesus answered their question with a question. He turned the table around and revealed their motives to everyone listening. To respond in this way requires wisdom and knowledge of the truth. Jesus has a major advantage on us in this category since He is the source of all Truth! However, we can grow in wisdom and knowledge of the Truth by knowing Jesus and studying His teachings. An ongoing encounter with Jesus and a daily study of the Word of God and the teachings of the Church is essential for survival in the world within which we live. We are constantly confronted with people who want to manipulate the narrative to lead us down a path contrary to the truth of the Gospel.

Friends, this is why our bishops have given us the document, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship”. It is a powerful document written by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It’s purpose is to equip all Catholics in our nation to continually form our consciences based on the objective truth of the Gospel and the teachings of the Catholic Church. This ongoing formation of our consciences will equip us to respond like Jesus in the Gospel. When people come at us to challenge what we believe, we can respond with conviction and give intelligent reasons for what we believe and why we believe it.

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Having a well-formed conscience is also necessary when electing our leaders. We must know how they plan to vote on all issues and whether or not we can support the way in which they plan to vote on those issues. Please take the time to prayerfully read “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship”. I promise it will be extremely helpful every time you are faced with a loaded question about a contentious issue. It gives a very thorough breakdown of what conscience is and what it isn’t. It also gives a very thorough breakdown of the Catholic Church’s teaching on many important moral issues. You can download a PDF through the USCCB website. <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf>

Please know that each of you remain in my daily prayers.

Fr. Jim Lowe, CC

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, God affirms to Cyrus the Great, the powerful king, that *I am the Lord, there is no other*. In St. Matthew’s Gospel, the evangelist, through Jesus, reminds us that while God expects us to pay our just share of government taxes, our true loyalty is to Him. His Truth and teaching should reign supreme in our lives. When government promotes and supports immoral threats to all human life, Christian marriage, human rights, and other injustices, we as Christ’s followers are bound to take a stand against this misuse of funds and authority. St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Thessalonian community, recognizes the struggles the faithful have in following Christ. These struggles have continued to occur in every era. As we seek to make stewardship a way of life in today’s hostile, secular culture, we must, in a spirit of evangelization, make Jesus and His moral teaching the center of our lives. Consider joining your parish’s faith formation program or taking classes at Sacred Heart Major Seminary to strengthen your knowledge of Jesus’ moral Truth.

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TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS



Isaiah 45:4-6

Psalms 96

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21



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Tuesday, October 20, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Jerry Kirsch by Kerry and Jody Kirsch

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

8.00 a. m. † John Hrymak by Kerry and Jody Kirsch

Thursday, October 22 , 2020

8:00 a.m. † Helen Cherfoli by Kerry and Jody Kirsch

Friday, October 23, 2020

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Joleen Duprey by Kerry and Jody Kirsch

Saturday, October 24, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Kathleen Kirsch by Kerry and Jody Kirsch
4:30 p.m No Intention

Sunday, October 25, 2020

10:00 a.m. For Parishioners

LITURGY OF THE DAY

Undoubtedly we have spent much of the past week doing things others have asked us to do: work for our bosses, errands for our spouses, homework for our teachers, care for our children or parents. Hopefully we have spent part of the past week also doing the things God asks of us, though they may overlap quite a bit with the rest. Here and now, however, we dedicate this time to God. Let us reflect on all the gifts God has given us and lift our hearts and voices in thanksgiving and praise.

Two famous rulers dominate the readings today: Cyrus the Great and Tiberius Caesar. In the first reading we hear Isaiah extol Cyrus as God's anointed. Cyrus was not even Jewish, but he liberated the Jewish people when he conquered Babylon so Isaiah considered him sent by God. In the Gospel, Jesus distinguishes God's role from Caesar's when asked by the Pharisees about paying taxes. As we listen to the word of God, let us think of what belongs to God in our lives.

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



Here I Am, Send Me! Today, on World Mission Sunday, we respond, "Here I Am, Send Me," to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to mission in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world.

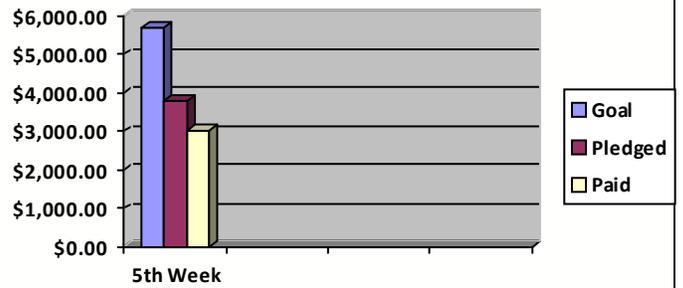
As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

The annual St. Scholastica Memorial Mass will be held on Sunday, November 1st at the 10:00 Mass. If you have family members or friends who have died, and you would like to have them remembered at this Mass, please send their names to the Parish Office. You may call the office at 313-531-0140 or E-mail your request to ehjbey@yahoo.com.



CSA



Follow the Parish CSA Progress Here.

Each week CSA donations will be updated in the bulletin. Please consider making your donation soon. Any funds received in excess of our target will be returned to the Parish. Your gift will be greatly appreciated.



We continue to pray for our sick and homebound parish members, Bruce Henderson, Elma Thorpe, Annie Laurie Shannan, Courtney Atlas, Eileen Clark, Sandra Moulton, Christopher Staff, Margaret Porath, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Marian Hubbard, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, William Walker, Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen, Victoria Crowe, Dennis Lund, Matthew Onwudingo, Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Ellen Casey, Denise Goodine, Jonathan Jackson, Gwendolyn Dickerson, Yolanda Stephens, Suzanne Ross, Thomas Norfolk, Bennie Bailey, Julie Hacker, Michele Mooney, Robert Weed, Jerome Bies and Annie Stacherski.

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

PRAYER for the NEXT PHASE of UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

HEAVENLY FATHER,

Thank you for the abundant graces of Synod 16: for awakening in us the vision and resolve to become again your Church on mission, eagerly working together to “make disciples of all nations,” according to our commission from the Lord Jesus.

Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit, as a new Pentecost, to guide us in our next phase in our movement to Unleash the Gospel. By his power at work in us, transform our parishes into bands of joyful missionary disciples.

COME HOLY SPIRIT:

Set our hearts on fire to share the Good News of Jesus with all those who stumble in darkness, who hunger for hope, who thirst for eternal life. Above all, grant us the boldness and courage of the apostles to put the mission above all else, so that our community becomes the spark to ignite the fire of divine love that transforms this time and this place into the Kingdom of Heaven.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelization, and her mother, our Patron, St. Anne; and in the spirit of Blessed Solanus we thank you ahead of time for “accomplishing in us far more than all we ask or imagine.”

We ask all of this in the all-powerful name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever.

AMEN



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Let us ask our God to hear our prayers and petitions on behalf of those who are in need.

For the pope, bishops and priests, may they inspire in all people the desire for a true relationship with Christ, we pray to the Lord...

For a renewed commitment of the world's leaders to peace and justice for all God's children, we pray to the Lord...

That God's people may be active in carrying out their civic responsibilities, and may choose leaders who will build a society that respects all human life, we pray to the Lord...

For the protection and safety of those who protect and defend our nation, we pray to the Lord...

For those in our community who aspire to live lives worthy of the call we received at baptism, we pray to the Lord...

For those who have died, especially Thomas Wilson, Mary Madigan, Kathy Surowiec and Kathleen Kirsch, and those who mourn for them, Let us pray to the Lord.

For the Intentions of this Mass, we pray to the Lord . . .