



St. Steven's

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome

MISSION

Through actively living the sacraments, our community is made new by Christ to love God and one another.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday—Thursday | 8:00 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday | Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday | 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Confession

Saturday | 3:00 pm—3:30 pm

Other | By Appointment

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend of September 25th & 26th

Raymond Ziefel—(S.I.)

Pro Populo

✠ James Rogan

Monday, September 27th

Elizabeth Mariner—(S.I.)

Tuesday, September 28th

✠ Shelia Schweizer

Wednesday, September 29th

Kowalczyk Family—(S.I.)

Thursday, September 30th

✠ George Conboy



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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

But Moses answered him,
"Are you jealous for my sake?
Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!"
(Nm 11:29)

PSALM:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING:

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become
moth-eaten,
your gold and silver have corroded,
and that corrosion will be a testimony against you;
it will devour your flesh like fire." (Jas 5:3)

GOSPEL:

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.
It is better for you to enter into life maimed
than with two hands to go into Gehenna,
into the unquenchable fire." (Mk 9:43)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Tuesday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and
Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Thursday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church
Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Early in their Exodus journey, Moses taught the young Joshua an important lesson on avoiding jealousy and trusting the Lord's providence. How do you avoid the trap of jealousy and envy?

SECOND READING

James speaks of the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. What do you think should be the believer's proper disposition toward money?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus warns his disciples against the danger of causing other believers to sin. What do you think would motivate a Christian to do this?

BREAKING THE STEWARDSHIP MOLD

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD?

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe “in the resurrection of the body.” Does that mean Christ’s resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus’ resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it’s also a sign of what’s to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It’s an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus’ resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus

broke bread with his disciples? We don’t really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

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WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME
IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS
AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.



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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to



be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster

oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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St. Steven's Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy Cenacle is re-opening after a long period of waiting due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

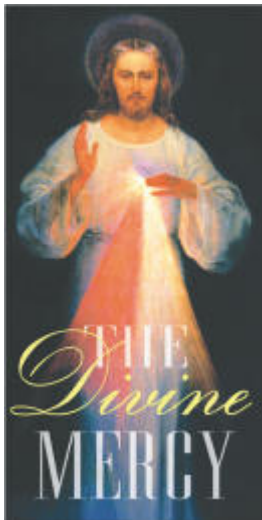
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Our Divine Mercy group will begin meeting the second week of October on **Tuesday, October 12, at 9:30 AM**. The first meeting will be an introductory presentation of a video to acquaint you with the meaning and purpose of belonging to this Mission.

We invite you to come and watch the video. Meet other Parishioners and pray about how you can gain Divine Mercy for yourself and share it with others.



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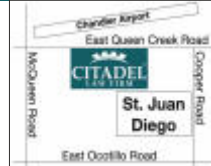
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