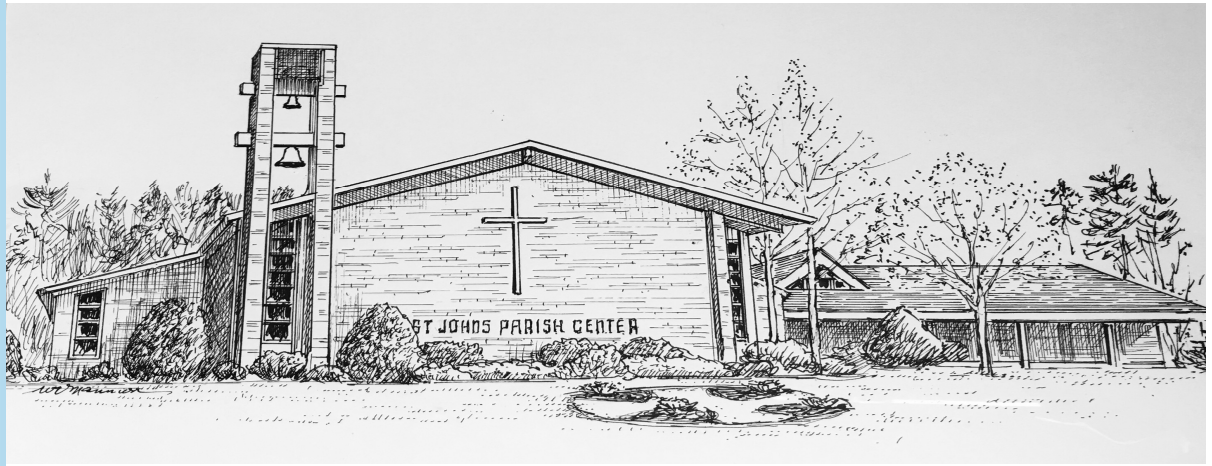




NATURE

The prophet Ezekiel scolds God's chosen people for demanding more than they deserve. Acting like spoiled children, the Israelites complain when their wicked actions lead logically to negative consequences. Nature has built-in punishments for bad behavior: laziness leads to unpreparedness; overwork leads to exhaustion; overindulgence leads to poor health; violence leads to injury. The natural world brims with corrective countermeasures to our poor choices. Why is it, Ezekiel wonders, that we become upset when sin leads to predictable and natural punishments?

Animals never object to punishment, only humans. A wounded gerbil wouldn't shake her fist at the skies and ask, "Why me?" But as Ezekiel knows, human beings complain constantly. Humans are supposed to be more logical than animals, yet we irrationally protest natural consequences that we do not like, such as pain or death. Mysteriously, our bitterness against nature is rooted in our unique capacity for greatness. Unlike every other creature in the universe, we humans are made in the image and likeness of God. We may live in the natural world, but God calls us every minute to supernatural glory. Though we are mortal, God's mercy has destined us for immortality. Our hearts long for perfect bliss unlike anything we will ever know on earth. No wonder we demand so much from God! Preserved for glory as we are, we experience pain when earthly life falls short of our divine expectations. Jesus shows us the antidote for that pain—service. Though we share in the kingship of Christ, we must demonstrate our royalty as Jesus does, by serving others. As Saint Paul tells us, Jesus is God, yet takes the form of a slave—our slave. The Gospel encourages us to imitate Jesus in this way. We may object to being a servant at first, and even grumble about it. But God's strength can help us overcome natural objections and enter gracefully into our supernatural role, heirs to the kingdom of God.

Today's Readings: Ez 18:25–28; Ps 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; Phil 2:1–11 [1–5]; Mt 21:28–32

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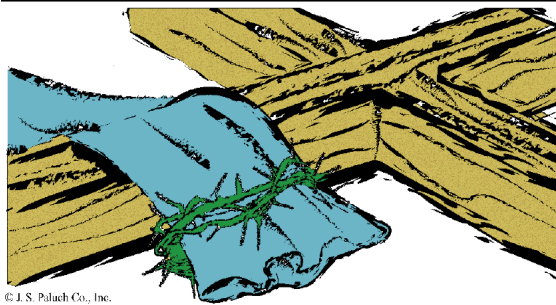
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— *Philippians 2:5*



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- 8 weeks all organs function
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Action: Join in praying for the protection of human life on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 4th. For a listing of parish events including the Life Chain and Rosary Coast to Coast visit the Respect Life Website: <https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/events-2/>



FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

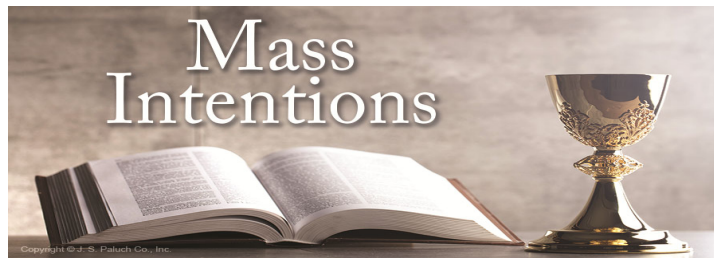
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9/26/20	5:00pm	Maria Luisa Tinti	The Family
9/27/20	8:00am	Deirdra Kelly	Patricia O'Brien & Meryl Meisler
9/27/20	12:00pm	Open Intention	
9/28/20	9:00am	Open Intention	
9/30/20	9:00am	Nancy Silvey and Kathy Coppola	Pat & John Netter
10/3/20	5:00pm	Maria Luisa Tinti	The Family
10/4/20	8:00am	Open Intention	
10/4/20	12:00pm	Barbara Farcher	Rosane & Charles Farcher



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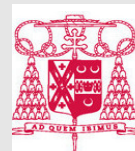


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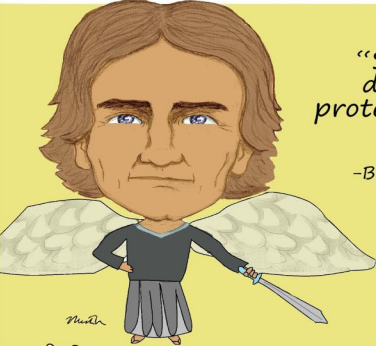
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Migrants and Refugees;
Priesthood Sunday;	Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
Monday:	St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
Tuesday:	Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday:	St. Jerome; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
Thursday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Friday:	The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

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*"St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our
protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil."*

-Beginning of the Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel
*The leader of heaven's forces in their
triumph over the powers of evil.*

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September 29



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