

The Catholic Community of

Saint Joseph

Masses

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.; Sunday – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Mass in Spanish: Sunday – 1:30 p.m. Holy Days: Check inside of bulletin.

Weekdays: Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday & Friday – 6:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.; Thursday – 8:15 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday – 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.; Sunday – 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

“In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly serve Jesus Christ and His people.”

Parish Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

- ◆ **PARISH STAFF:** Rev. James Hatfield, *Pastor*; Deacon Ronald Fondriest, *Retired*; Ms. Brenda Stilgenbauer, *Pastoral Associate*; Mr. Matthew Nadalin, *Director of Music Ministry*; Mr. Jacinto de Paz, *Hispanic Minister*; Ms. Julie Gatelaro, *Bookkeeper*; Ms. Cindy Teynor, *Director of Religious Education*; Mr. Coleman Boring, *Youth Minister*; Mrs. Betty Bidinger, *Coordinator of Family Life Center*; Mr. Don Ballantyne, *Church and Cemetery Maintenance*
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- ◆ **MARRIAGES** – Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least eight months before any other planning.
- ◆ **BAPTISMS** – Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office.
- ◆ **BAUTISMOS** – Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charlas de preparación en el Centro Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.
- ◆ **NEW PARISHIONERS** – Please register in person at the Parish Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please return to Parish Office or put in collection.
- ◆ **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Please have bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Parish Office:
330-364-6661

**After Hours
Emergency Line:**
330-364-6662

Fax:
330-602-7488

Youth Ministry:
330-364-6661

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330-432-0811

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Catholic Elementary
School:**
330-343-9134

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Catholic High School:**
330-343-3302

St. Joseph Church

Dover, Ohio 44622

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15 and 16, 2018

15 y 16 de Septiembre del 2018

Mass Intentions



Monday, September 17, No Mass

Readings: 443: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 18

6:00 p.m. Dick Farrell

Readings: 444: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 19

6:30 a.m. Special Intention

8:15 a.m. Joseph Monaco II

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 445: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 20

8:15 a.m. Ron Kaser

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Eucharist

Readings: 446: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118/Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 21

6:30 a.m. Orlando Doriche

8:15 a.m. Jim Zeigler

Readings: 643: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, September 22, The Vigil of

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Michael Zifer

Sunday, September 23,

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Richard T. Wenzel

11:00 a.m. Ken and Norina Gold

1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

Readings: 134: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54/Jas 3:16-4:3/
Mk 9:30-37

Ministry Schedules

September 22 and 23, 2018

4:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Tony Incarnato – 1st Reading

Bonnie Edwards – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Kateri Renicker, Beth Cecil,

Janice Cosenza, Lynn Ballantyne, Vicki Avon,

Tim Avon, Jeri Middaugh

Servers: Cade Renicker, Kenton Renicker,

Olivia Brady (Alt: Chloe Contini)

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Maggie Boring – 1st Reading

Bill Bartz – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Boring, Jack Burnham,

Milt Hamilton, Lou Settimio, Andrea Settimio,

John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczirka, Christine Ayers,

Matt Ritzert

Servers: Alex Selinsky, Sydney Selinsky,

John Chaney (Alt: David Maxwell)

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Sally Dooling – 1st Reading

Jim Elco – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Telle, Doug Telle,

Sue Worth, Joe Sciarretti, Stacy Savage, Jack Dooling,

Patti DeVault

Servers: Matthew Dummermuth, Bridgett Deeds,

Nick Williams (Alt: Peter Nguyen)

If you know of a friend or family member who is in the hospital for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.

Offertory for September 8 and 9, 2018

Loose	\$ 2,178.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,600.00
Online Giving	\$ 660.00
Total	\$10,438.00
Contributions needed each week	\$12,192.00

Other Funds:

Capital Improvement	\$ 114.00
Poor Fund	\$ 487.00
St. Joseph Catholic Schools Subsidy	\$ 225.00

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.

Thank you for your generosity.

Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day: Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

Please Note: If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.



Prayer Chain: To place your request on the Prayer Chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063.

Spiritual Notes:

God's servant Isaiah suffers greatly but trusts in the Lord, "my help." His confidence in God allows him to suffer all sorts of indignities: "I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard." For the early Christians, this text foreshadowed Jesus' suffering. But through the ages, others have also suffered because of their vocation. This "Servant Song," along with the others in Isaiah, serves to encourage those who suffer to persevere because God has promised to rescue them. Caesarea Philippi is at the northern border of Israel. After today's episode, Jesus will begin His journey toward Jerusalem, the city of His death. The tone of Mark's Gospel changes as Jesus declared "the Christ" by Peter predicts His coming. Passion, death, and Resurrection as part of God's will for Him. Peter rejects this idea but is rebuked by Jesus because he is "thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." The disciples will only come to understand after the Resurrection. James reminds us that faith and works are found together in the lives of believers: "Faith....if it does not have works, is dead." Our good works are not the source of our salvation but rather are an indication that our faith is alive. Faith is more than giving intellectual assent to a system of beliefs; it is embracing a way of life that is concerned with the welfare of others. James goes on to say that the "faith of Abraham was completed by the works." Our faith is Jesus, who suffered for us, should lead us to perform good works out of gratitude to God. Our works are not the cause of our faith but an indication of it.

For reflection: How do I look at suffering in my life? In the life of others? What does the fact that Jesus chose to suffer for us mean to me?

Please keep in your prayers, Richard "Dick" Farrell, age 67, who died on Thursday, September 6, 2018. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Please also, keep his family in your prayers.

Save the Date

Friday, November 9, 2018

Tenuta Torciano Winery from San Gimignano, Italy is returning to Dover!
More information to follow.

Seating will be limited!

Help is needed! If you would like to volunteer to help with this fun event, please call the Parish Office

7th Annual Tuscarawas County Walk for Life

Saturday, September 29 at 9:30 a.m., beginning at Sacred Heart Church in New Philadelphia, Ohio. This year's featured speaker is Andi Dominick. Andi is a parishioner from Immaculate Conception Church in Dennison, Ohio. Everyone is welcome! Bring the kids!

Employment Opportunity

St. Joseph Church seeks a Pastoral Minister with experience to serve the needs of a growing Latino population in the parish. An excellent working knowledge of Catholic worship is required. Qualifications for the position include, but are not limited to, flexibility, fluent oral and written bilingual communication, public relations skills, interpretation and translation with public officials and other service agencies, advocate for the needs of the Latino families, act as a liaison between Church and school families and ability to educate and catechize Latino families.

The candidate must be a practicing Catholic, exhibit an attitude and behavior for cultivating lifelong learning and development in the faith. Candidates must submit to a standard background screening. Send resume and references, by September 28, to Father Jimmy Hatfield, c/o St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover, OH 44622 or email stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Upcoming Meetings in the Life of the Parish

Secular Franciscans invite everyone wishing to attend the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Prayer, followed by coffee and donuts.

Knights of Columbus: The first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dover. For more information, contact John Kuczirka.

L.C.B.A. Invites everyone wishing to attend the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center - Downstairs Meeting Room.

Crafty Ladies: The first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center - Downstairs Meeting Room. All are welcome to come and share ideas and crafts.

Men's Bible Study Group: Monday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. Please read chapters 22 and 23 of the Matthew Series.

Isabellas: Monday, September 17 at 4:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. ****New Members Welcome****

Bible Timeline Study: Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please read two.

Confirmation Parent Meeting: Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.: Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This week's topic: How can we have faith?



**Tuscarawas Central
Catholic Elementary School**



Spaghetti Dinner Today!

11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Carry-out is available.

**Save the date!! Immaculate Conception School
Steak Fry – Saturday, October 6th**

Dennison Knights of Columbus Hall
Steak Dinner, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Live Entertainment
with Tequila Mary from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Games of Chance – \$25.00 per person/\$40.00 a couple
More details coming soon.

Make plans now to join us for a great dinner and fun
night of entertainment. Tickets will be on sale soon.

**Nominees sought for the Tuscarawas
County Catholic Schools Board of Trustees**

The Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools are seeking
nominees to serve on the Board of Trustees that works
in cooperation with the parishes and diocese in the
operation of Tuscarawas Central Catholic Jr./Sr. High
School, Immaculate Conception School, and Tuscarawas
Central Catholic Elementary School.

Two trustees will be elected to the board this fall to
represent St. Joseph Church and the Church of the Holy
Trinity. Trustees must be members of the parish and
have children in one of our Catholic schools.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Trustees or
nominating someone else to serve, please contact Maria
Dillon at 330-933-1716 or kristyknollfarm@gmail.com.

Two trustees will be elected by parishioners and parents
at a general membership meeting to be held Monday,
October 22, 2018.

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Everyone is welcome!!

**The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's
children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the
needy.**

**Teams, if you need assistance please contact
Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.**

September 19, 2018 – Team A (Mike Comg)
September 26, 2018 – Team B (Sue Capozella)
October 3, 2018 – Team C (Knights of Columbus)
October 10, 2018 – Team D (Lisa Wiegand)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers.



Get Involved in Music Ministry!

Parish Choir: The parish choir is open to all parishioners
high school age and older. Rehearsals are every
Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the church.
This choir sings at the 8:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday
from September through Pentecost, as well as other
major liturgies throughout the year.

Folk/Guitar Choir: The folk choir is open to all
parishioners high school age and older. Rehearsals
are every Thursday evening from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.
in the church. This choir sings at the 11:00 a.m. Mass
approximately one Sunday a month from September
through Pentecost. Instrumentalists are also invited to
join this group.

Teen Choir: The Teen Choir is open to all youth of the
parish in the 7th through 12th grades. The Teen Choir
usually sings at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on the third Sunday
of the month from September through Pentecost.
Rehearsals are scheduled for immediately before the
Mass at which we sing, as well as during the week
when needed.

Funeral Choir: This choir is comprised of individuals
who tend to be available on weekday mornings and
who gather to lend their collective voice in support of
congregational singing at the Funeral Mass in addition
to the cantor. As funerals are scheduled, members are
contacted with the time and date, and a brief rehearsal
immediately before Mass will take place. This choir also
sings at the annual Memorial Mass on All Souls' Day
(November 2).

Instrumentalists: If you play any instrument (guitar,
string, woodwind, brass, or piano), we encourage you
to get involved with our parish music program. We are
always happy to share your talents with the parish for
the glory of God!

New members are welcome at any time in any of our
ensembles. We understand that it can be difficult to
make every rehearsal, but we invite you to come as you
are able! To learn more about Music Ministry at Saint
Joseph, or to get involved, contact Matthew Nadalin,
Director of Music, via phone at the parish office (330-
364-6661) or via email stjosephdovermusic@gmail.com.

Important 2018-2019 Dates

Thursday, September 20 – Rehearsals Begin
Sunday, December 9 – Lessons and Carols
Friday, April 19 – Tenebrae
Sunday, April 21 – Easter Sunday
Sunday, June 9 – Pentecost Sunday



Other Information to Note:

Mass Intentions: Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

Low-Gluten Hosts: If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin deadline: The bulletin deadline is Monday at 12:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Help us to have the correct information

Are you a registered parishioner? Do we have your current phone number? Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and commitment to the life of our parish. If you want to register, there are forms in the Vestibule, simply fill one out and drop it in the collection basket or stop in the Parish Office during the week or on Sunday mornings after the Masses and request a form.

Office of Social Concerns - Action Alerts!

For Action Alerts, visit

<http://socialconcerns.colsdioc.org>

Friends of the Poor Walk: Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the 2018 Columbus Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m. (Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.) It will be held at St. Francis de Sales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. To register, visit <https://www.fopwalk.org/eventlisting>.

Care for the Unborn: Several prolife bills calling for a reduction of abortions will work their way through the Ohio General Assembly and Congress. For updates, visit www.ohiocathconf.org/I/AB/Abortion.htm.

Immigration Reform: With a new Congress, comes a renewed debate on immigration reform. The immigration system is broken. Visit the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants Campaign website for the latest action alerts and education resources, www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

St. Joseph Cemetery

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Don in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.



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Please remember in your prayers all the sick, homebound, and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping with physical or mental conditions.

Please include all those on our prayer lists who have asked for our prayers and those who have no one to pray for them.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

September 2018:

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That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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Lectio Divina

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"On the last day, when the general examination takes place, there will be no question at all on the text of Aristotle, the aphorisms of Hippocrates, or the paragraphs of Justinian. Charity will be the whole syllabus." ~SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE

Monday, September 17 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:1-10 When Jesus had finished all his words to the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave who was ill and about to die, and he was valuable to him. When he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and save the life of his slave. They approached Jesus and strongly urged him to come, saying, "He deserves to have you do this for him, for he loves our nation and he built the synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was only a short distance from the house, the centurion sent friends to tell him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof. Therefore, I did not consider myself worthy to come to you; but say the word and let my servant be healed. For I too am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come here, and he comes; and to my slave, Do this, and he does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him and, turning, said to the crowd following him, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When the messengers returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Meditation: A Roman official boldly sought Jesus with a daring request. What made him confident that Jesus would receive his request and act favorably towards him? Like a true soldier, he knew the power of command. And he saw in Jesus both the power and the mercy of God to heal and restore life. In the Roman world the position of centurion was very important. He was an officer in charge of a hundred soldiers. In a certain sense, he was the backbone of the Roman army, the cement which held the army together. Polybius, an ancient writer, describes what a centurion should be: "They must not be so much venturesome seekers after danger as men who can command, steady in action, and reliable; they ought not to be over-anxious to rush into the fight, but when hard pressed, they must be ready to hold their ground, and die at their posts."

Prayer: O God, who adorned the Bishop Saint Robert Bellarmine with wonderful learning and virtue to vindicate the faith of your Church, grant, through his intercession, that in the integrity of that same faith your people may always find joy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The centurion who approached Jesus was not only courageous, but faith-filled as well. He risked the ridicule of his cronies by seeking help from an itinerant preacher from Galilee, and well as mockery from the Jews. Nonetheless, he approached Jesus with confidence and humility. Augustine notes that the centurion regarded himself as unworthy to receive the Lord into his house: "Humility was the door through which the Lord entered to take full possession of one whom he already possessed." The centurion was an extraordinary man because he loved his slave. In the Roman world slaves were treated like animals rather than people. The centurion was also an extraordinary man of faith. He believed that Jesus had the power to heal his beloved slave. Jesus commends him for his faith and immediately grants him his request. Are you willing to suffer ridicule in the practice of your faith? When you need help, do you approach the Lord Jesus with expectant faith?

Tuesday, September 18 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:11-17 Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up

and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

Meditation: The scriptures make clear that God takes no pleasure in the death of anyone (see Ezekiel 33:11); he desires life, not death. Jesus not only had heart-felt compassion for the widow who lost her only son, he also had extraordinary supernatural power – the ability to restore life and to make whole again. Jesus, however, as an observant Jew incurred grave risk by approaching the bier, since the Jews understood that contact with a dead body made oneself ritually impure. His physical touch, however, not only restored life but brought freedom and wholeness to soul as well as body. This miracle took place near the spot where the prophet Elisha raised another mother's son back to life again (ref. 2 Kings 4:18-37). Jesus claimed as his own one whom death had seized as its prey. By his word of power he restored life for a lad marked for death. Jesus is Lord not only of the living but of the dead as well. Jesus triumphed over the grave and he promises that because he lives, we also shall have abundant life with and in him both now and forever (John 14:19). Do you trust in the Lord Jesus to give you abundant life and everlasting hope in the face of life's trials, misfortunes, and moments of despair?

Prayer: Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: In a number of places the gospel records that Jesus was "moved to the depths of his heart" when he met with individuals and with groups of people. The word "compassion" doesn't fully convey the deeper meaning of the original Hebrew word which expresses heart-felt "sympathy" and personal identification with the suffering person's grief and physical condition. Why was Jesus so moved on this occasion when he met a widow and a crowded funeral procession on their way to the cemetery? Jesus not only grieved the untimely death of a young man, but he showed the depth of his concern for the woman who lost not only her husband, but here only child as well. When a member of the parish dies, how do you respond to the death of a member of the parish? What about the deceased's family members? Perhaps you may not know them well, but as a member of the parish community, should we not pray for the repose of the soul of the deceased, and extend heartfelt compassion and sympathy for the family? Of course we should. For this is an important aspect of community, of belonging to a parish, and what being a member of Christ's mystical body is all about.

Wednesday, September 19 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:31-35 Jesus said to the crowds: "To what shall I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another, 'We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep.' For John the Baptist came neither eating food nor drinking wine, and you said, 'He is possessed by a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

Meditation: So, what do children's games have to do with the kingdom of God? The children in Jesus' parable react with disappointment because they cannot convince anyone to join in their musical medley. They complain that when they play their music at weddings, no one dances or sings; and when they play at funerals, it is the same dead response. This refrain echoes the words of Ecclesiastes 3:4 — there is a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance. Jesus' message of the kingdom of God is a proclamation of good news and of great joy for those who will listen; but it is also a warning for those who refuse. Why did the message of John the Baptist and the message of Jesus meet with resistance and deaf ears? It was out of jealousy and spiritual blindness that the scribes and Pharisees attributed John the Baptist's austerities to the devil and they attributed Jesus' table fellowship as evidence for messianic pretense. They succeeded in frustrating God's plan for their lives because they had closed their hearts to the message of John the Baptist and now to Jesus.

Prayer: O God, who grant us to venerate the memory of the Martyr Saint Januarius, give us, we pray, the joy of his company in blessed happiness for all eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Have you ever sat back and thought about those things that can make us spiritually dull and slow to hear God's voice? Like the generation of Jesus' time, our age is marked by indifference and contempt, especially in regards to the things of God's kingdom. Indifference dulls our ears to God's voice

and to the good news of the gospel. Only the humble of heart can find joy in God's grace and favor. Do you listen to God's word with faith and obedience?

Thursday September 20 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Andrew Kim, Priest and Martyr; Saint Paul Chong, Martyr,
and Companions, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:36-50 A certain Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Meditation: Why did the woman approach Jesus and anoint him at the risk of ridicule and abuse by others? Mary's action was motivated by one thing, and one thing only, namely, her love for Jesus and her gratitude for forgiveness. She did something, though, that a Jewish woman would never do in public. She loosed her hair and anointed Jesus with her tears. It was customary for a woman on her wedding day to bound her hair. Thus, for a married woman to loosen her hair in public was a sign of grave immodesty. It is obvious that the woman was oblivious to all around her, except for Jesus. She also did something which only love can do. She took the most precious thing she had and spent it all on Jesus. Her love was not calculated but extravagant. In a spirit of humility and heart-felt repentance, she lavishly served the one who showed her the mercy and kindness of God. Jesus, in his customary fashion, never lost the opportunity to draw a lesson from such an incident.

Prayer: O God, who have been pleased to increase your adopted children in all the world, and who made the blood of the Martyrs Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon and his companions a most fruitful seed of Christians, grant that we may be defended by their help and profit always from their example. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: No one who met Jesus could do so with indifference. They were either attracted to him or repelled by him. Why did a rabbi invite him to a nice dinner and then treat him discourteously by neglecting to give him the customary signs of respect and honor? Simon was very likely a collector of celebrities. He patronized Jesus because of his popularity with the crowds. Why did he criticize Jesus' compassionate treatment of a "sinful woman" — most likely a prostitute? The Pharisees shunned the company of "public sinners" and in so doing they neglected to give them the help they needed to find healing and wholeness. Jesus makes clear that great love springs from a heart forgiven and cleansed. "Love covers a multitude of sins" (ref. 1 Peter 4:8), "for love is of God" (ref. 1 John 4:7). The woman's lavish expression of love was proof that she had found favor with God. The stark contrast of attitudes between Simon and the woman of ill-repute, demonstrate how we can either accept or reject God's mercy.

About St. Andrew Kim, St. Paul Chong, and Companions: This first native Korean priest was the son of Korean converts. His father, Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839 and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang was a lay apostle and a married man, age 45. Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for an annual journey to Beijing to pay taxes. When Pope John Paul II visited Korea in 1984, he canonized Andrew, Paul, ninety-eight Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were

laypersons: 47 women, 45 men. Among the martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of twenty-six. She was put in prison, pierced with hot awls and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. After Columba complained about the indignity, no more women were subjected to it. The two were beheaded. A boy of thirteen, Peter Ryou, had his flesh so badly torn that he could pull off pieces and throw them at the judges. He was killed by strangulation. Protase Chong, a forty-one-year-old noble, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death. Today there are approximately four million Catholics in Korea.

Friday, September 21 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13 As Jesus passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Meditation: Look at how Jesus' simple two-word invitation of "follow me" changed Matthew's life for ever. Matthew would never be the same person again after his encounter with Jesus. So why did Jesus choose a tax collector rather than a religious-minded person, such as a scribe or Pharisee trained in the law of God? Jesus wanted disciples who were willing to receive his word and be taught by him. Matthew was both willing and eager to jump at the opportunity to follow Jesus and his band of disciples. So what made Matthew so willing to exchange his wealthy business for the uncertain future of working with a missionary preacher – a preacher who bluntly told his followers that they would have to give up the comfort and security of their own homes, lands, and possessions to serve him? The Gospels do not tell us what must have passed through Matthew's mind when Jesus' called him. Matthew very likely had heard Jesus on some occasion speaking to the crowds about God's kingdom and the heavenly treasure that awaited those who chose to follow as Jesus' disciples. When Jesus called Matthew his response was immediate and positive. There was no hint of hesitation or uncertainty. He didn't tell Jesus that he needed some time to think it over. And he didn't go home to discuss it with his family or friends, or consult an advice column, blog or Facebook posting. He just left his office and began to join Jesus' company as one of his disciples. Such a radical change of mind and heart must have startled the whole town. But folks each and every one of us are all called to that same radical transformation of mind and heart which, more often than not, is the first step in taking up Jesus' invitation when he says to each of us "follow me."

Prayer: O God, who with untold mercy were pleased to choose as an Apostle Saint Matthew, the tax collector, grant that, sustained by his example and intercession, we may merit to hold firm in following you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus' defense for associating with outcasts and needy people was quite simple. He likened his ministry to that of a town physician who paid house visits to those who were sick, rather than those who were well. Jesus came to seek out those with the greatest need. Unfortunately, the orthodox of Jesus' day were so preoccupied with their own practice of religion that they neglected to help the very people who needed their care. Their religion was selfish because they didn't want to have anything to do with people not like themselves. Jesus stated his mission in unequivocal terms: I came not to call the righteous, but to call sinners. Just as a true physician seeks healing of the whole person — body, mind, and spirit, Jesus, likewise, offers wholeness of life to all who need God's mercy. Jesus not only heals, but he restores and transforms us and gives us new life in his Holy Spirit. Jesus' two-word invitation "follow me" is extended to each and every one of us. What is your RSVP to this great invitation – the greatest invitation you will ever receive! One that has true rewards in this life, and for all eternity!

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15 y 16 de Septiembre del 2018

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Domingo Septiembre 30 1:30 p.m.

Misas en Inglés

Sábados 4:00 p.m.
Domingos 8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

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Noticias P.S.R.

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Clase de Bautismo: La próxima clase será en el Centro Familiar San José al 330 364 6661 o a los Ministerios Hispanos al 330-432-0811.

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Notas Espirituales

El siervo de Dios en Isaías sufre mucho, pero confía en el SEÑOR, "me ayuda." Su confianza en Dios permite que sufra toda clase de humillaciones: "Di mi cuerpo a los que me golpeaban, mis mejillas a los que me tiraban de la barba." Para los primeros cristianos, este texto anunciaba el sufrimiento de Jesús. Pero a través de las edades otros también han sufrido a causa de su vocación. Esta "Canción Siervo," junto con los otros en Isaías, sirve para animar a los que sufren a perseverar porque Dios ha prometido rescatarlos.

Cesárea de Filipo se encuentra en la frontera norte de Israel. Tras el episodio de hoy Jesús comenzará su viaje hacia Jerusalén, la ciudad de su muerte. El tono de los cambios Evangelio de Marcos como Jesús, declarado "el Cristo," de Pedro, predice su Pasión venida, muerte y resurrección como parte de la voluntad de Dios para él. Pedro rechaza esta idea, pero es reprendido por Jesús porque él "no está pensando como lo hace Dios, sino como lo hacen los hombres." Los discípulos sólo llegan a entender después de la resurrección.

Santiago nos recuerda que la fe y las obras se encuentran juntos en la vida de los creyentes: "La fe ..., si no tiene obras, está muerta." Nuestras buenas obras no son la fuente de nuestra salvación, sino más bien son una indicación de que nuestra fe está viva. La fe es más que una mente sabia un método de creencias; se está adoptando una forma de vida que se preocupa por el bienestar de los demás. Jacobo llega a decir que la "fe (de Abraham) se completó con las obras." Nuestra fe en Jesús, que sufrió por nosotros, nos debe llevar a hacer buenas obras por gratitud a Dios. Nuestras obras no son la causa de nuestra fe, sino una indicación de ello.

Para reflexionar: ¿Cómo me veo en el sufrimiento en mi vida? En la vida de los demás? ¿Qué significa para mí el hecho de que Jesús eligió padecer por nosotros?



Por favor, recuerde en su oración, a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.



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