



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

September 9-10, 2017

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23rd SUNDAY - PRICE-CONSCIOUS OR PRIZE-CONSCIOUS?

"Sit down and calculate the outlay..." —Luke 14:28

Jesus tells us to renounce everything exterior and interior: all our possessions (Lk 14:33) and our very self (Lk 14:26). The price of being Jesus' disciple is extremely high: it costs our all. Many choose not to pay the price to be Jesus' disciple. This choice results in disaster. If we won't voluntarily pay the price now, we will pay it later. Our life will be a literal joke (Lk 14:29-30) as we are overrun by the enemy, Satan (see Lk 14:31-32). How sad to not renounce our possessions; when we hold them more valuable than Jesus, they only weigh us down (see Wis 9:15), and "choke" us, preventing us from bearing fruit (Mt 13:22). Jesus tells us to count the cost, or "calculate the outlay," as we make our decision whether or not to be His disciple (Lk 14:28). He told the parable of the treasure hidden in a field with that calculation in mind. The price to purchase Jesus our Treasure is everything we have (Mt 13:44). However, He wants us to also consider the prize, life on high with Him forever (Phil 3:14). Is it hard for you to renounce your hopes for the future? If so, you need to exchange your hopes and dreams for His. When you want what Jesus wants, you'll find you already have everything "through Him, with Him, and in Him" (see 1 Cor 3:21-23). So "fix your eyes on Jesus" (Heb 3:1), then keep them fixed on Him (Heb 12:2). You'll hardly notice the price when you focus on the Prize.

Prayer: Father, grant me a complete change of heart that I may follow Jesus with greater faithfulness, zeal, and love

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, Sept 10--8:30 a.m. Earl Britten
By Loretta Britten

Monday, Sept 11--7:30 a.m. Earl Britten
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Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, and Floyd Schulte

Family Chalice Program

September 9/10 Bill and Linda Bohr
September 16/17 Cobb and Kay Britten
September 23/24 Doris and Johnny Homer
Sep 30/ Oct 1 Corkey, Sandie and Hope Hickey
October 7/8 Jerod and Tami Keesee
October 14/15 Brad and Tabitha Eggemeyer
October 21/22 Pam and Cassie Ashford

Birthdays

Sept 9th Garrett Britten, Rita Poor & Julie Friemel
Sept 10th Leonard Koetting & Eric Torres
Sept 11th Carolyn Brooks
Sept 15th Amanda Harvey

Anniversaries

Stewardship Reports

09/03/17 Stewardship Report

Individual	\$1995.00
Loose	\$369.00
Children	\$24.00
Total	\$2388.00

09/03/17 Building Fund

Individual	\$2085.00
Loose	\$257.00
Total	\$2342.00

Church Cleaning for September

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Melanie Hinson, Krista Johnson

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Sept 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Braxton and Zadyn
Lectors: Cliff Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, Sept 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Jackson and Wesley
Lectors: Marcia Conrad
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler,
Carrie Weinheimer, Joanie Kling

Saturday, Sept 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Saffron
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, Sept 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Grace and Carrigan
Lectors: Nick Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr,
Marla Britten, & Susan Britten

Saturday, Sept 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Lauren and Stephen
Lectors:
Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, Sept 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Wesley and Jackson
Lectors:
Extraor. Com. Minister:

Saturday, Sept 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Halle and Hope
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Announcements:

Fr. Raj Samala is taking vacation to India from September 11th to October 13th. The total duration from USA to India is 25 hours and 35 minutes and from India to USA 28 hours and 15 minutes. It is a long journey. Kindly pray for his safe and sound trip.

The **Parish Council** is looking for volunteers to act as points of contact for different infrastructure systems throughout the grounds and buildings of the Parish. If you have experience or simply willingness to volunteer for one of the positions, or for more information please contact Jason Eugea at 806-335-6805.

Please join the Parish Council for a potluck dinner after mass on Saturday evening September 23rd. For more information please contact one of the Parish Council members.

Christian Mothers: Our first meeting is Sept 11th at 7pm sharp (we know your time is valuable so please be on time.) We will have a salad supper at the Parish Hall. Officers will bring drinks and crackers. Please bring your favorite salad and enjoy the evening. Also please pick your new Christian Mother's Book at the entrances of the Church.

Contact: Cara Ashford at 806-584-6250 or ashfordcar@gmail.com (preferred), if you have information for the bulletin.

Hurricane Harvey: In immediate response to the devastating impact of Hurricane Harvey the Diocese of Amarillo has directed that donations be made on the Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle web site. These donations will be used for the immediate humanitarian needs of victims in the Gulf Coast area. As of Friday, September 1, a total of \$33,440.00 has been received. In addition, a second collection will be taken the weekend of September 9th/10th as well. This money will be forwarded to the USCCB Office of National Collections and be used for long term rebuilding assistance. We thank the people of the Diocese of Amarillo for their generosity and compassion for those in need.

Sep 12: Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast is a counterpart to the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (January 3); both have the possibility of uniting people easily divided on other matters. The feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary began in Spain in 1513 and in 1671 was extended to all of Spain and the Kingdom of Naples. In 1683, John Sobieski, king of Poland, brought an army to the outskirts of Vienna to stop the advance of Muslim armies loyal to Mohammed IV in Constantinople. After Sobieski entrusted himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he and his soldiers thoroughly defeated the Muslims. Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church.

Sep14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Comment: The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

Quote: "How splendid the cross of Christ! It brings life, not death; light, not darkness; Paradise, not its loss. It is the wood on which the Lord, like a great warrior, was wounded in hands and feet and side, but healed thereby our wounds. A tree has destroyed us, a tree now brought us life" (Theodore of Studios).

RCIA The Journey of Faith begins with your questions

What is faith? How does faith grow? What do Catholics believe and why is it different from other faith traditions? How different is it really?

Classes for the Christian Initiation of Adults are available for anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. The process begins with an "Inquiry" period when questions lead to exploration.

Drop in – no obligation, no commitment, no pressure at our Q & A sessions.

The second phase is the "Catechumens" period for those who are interested in becoming fully Catholic. Classes end in the Mystagogy

period, with a focus on how to identify God's special calling and purpose for your life.

If you'd like to take this journey of faith, call the

RCIA Directors:

Tabitha Eggemeyer 806-651- 9176

Krista Johnson 806-223- 6244

Already Catholic?

If you love your faith and would like to help mentor someone on their journey, please sign up to become a sponsor or join the RCIA team.

