



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Sept 15th & Sept 16th

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24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME -- THE PRIVILEGE OF SUFFERING ***(Phil 1:29)***

"He began to teach them that the Son of Man had to suffer much, be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, be put to death, and rise three days later. He said these things quite openly." —Mark 8:31-32

Jesus is very open about the fact that we will have to suffer and bear our "share of the hardship which the gospel entails" (2 Tm 1:8). He bluntly states that we who follow Him must deny ourselves and take up the cross (Mk 8:34). Suffering is the way of salvation, necessary for the completion of God's plan of salvation. We fill up in our own flesh "what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of His body, the Church" (Col 1:24).

This does not mean that all suffering is God's will. Jesus repeatedly takes people out of suffering by healing and delivering them. Every hospital, doctor's office, and social service agency exists to alleviate suffering. But some sufferings are in the pattern of Jesus' death (Phil 3:10). These we should not relieve but accept as our sharing in the sufferings of Christ.

"See to it none of you suffers for being a murderer, a thief, a malefactor, or a destroyer of another's rights. If anyone suffers for being a Christian, however, he ought not to be ashamed. He should rather glorify God in virtue of that name" (1 Pt 4:15-16)

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, Sep. 16 at 8:30 am—Members of Carson Co. Catholic life Insurance by Aloise Martin

Monday, Sep. 17 at 7:30am- Members of Carson Co. Catholic life Insurance by Aloise Martin

Wednesday, Sep 19 at 6pm +Gerald Dillar By Joan Gulde

Thursday, Sep 20 at 7:30am Intentions of Doris B Cari W by Mike and Marla B

Friday, Sep 21 at 7:30am Intentions of Doris B Cari W by Mike and Marla B

Church Cleaning for September

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea, Krista Johnson, Marissa Clement, Melanie King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna Britten

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Schellon Major, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Willie Mae Barnett, Alice Britten, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, and Alice Britten

Family Chalice Program

Sept 15/16 Clifton and Susan Britten

Sept 22/23 Pam and Cassie Ashford

Sept 29/30 Alice Kuehler

Oct 6/7 Nick Kuehler Family

Oct 13/14 Mike and Marla Britten

Birthdays

Sept 15th Amanda Harvey

Sept 17th Madeline Britten

Sept 19th Thomas Moraniec

Sept 21st Tony Britten , Mike Lister,

Alexander Britten, Bridget Britten and

Coby Eilenberger

Anniversaries

Sept 18th Nathan and Sherri Wieberg

Stewardship Reports

8/26/18, 9/02/18 & 09/09/18

Individual	\$5,940
Loose	\$ 626
Children	\$ 40
Total	\$6,606

8/26/18, 09/02/18 & 09/09/18 Building Fund

Individual	\$1,730
Loose	\$ 232
Total	\$1,962

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Sept 15th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Halle and Hope

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, Sept 16th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Jackson and Trace

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler,
Marla Britten and Joannie Kling

Saturday, Sept 22nd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Stephen and Damon

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

Sunday, Sept 23rd 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'leigh and Carrigan

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michelle Bohr,
Melanie K Britten and Tabitha Eggemeyer

Saturday, Sept 29th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Madison and Ali

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

Sunday, Sept 30th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Kate and Wesley

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Barbara Homer,
Kay Britten, & Susan Britten

Announcements:

Second Collection:

Sept 16th Catholic Charities Appeal

Doris Britten expresses her appreciation for all the beautiful cards, messages, and the breakfast send off. She will be moving on the 20th of this month to Amarillo. Her new address is Park Place Towers, 1300 S. Harrison Rm #1300, Amarill, Tx 79101, Phone # 806-337-4300. She would love to have vistors in her new home.

Announcements:

*Our Bishop is coming to Groom to celebrate Rural Life Mass for Groom and Clarendon on Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018. Kindly reserve the date and participate in the Mass.

*This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 16, 2018. The 2018 theme will be "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

*Each Friday from September 14, 2018 until Friday November 30, 2018 will be a day of Fasting, Abstinence and prayer for Healing and Reconciliation for all victims of sexual abuse of minors. This is not to be under the penalty of sin; as a sign of our solidarity with all victims of abuse and our continued pledge to bring This scourge of evil to an end.

James the Greater: James; his brother John, the Evangelist; and Peter were special favorites of the Lord. They had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, when Jesus' robe and face shined as bright as the sun and the voice of God spoke from the heavens, announcing that Jesus was his only Son. The three apostles were terrified and fell to the ground. Later, when they were coming down from the mountain where this had taken place, Jesus told them that they could not tell anyone what they had seen until after he had died and been risen from the dead. James was called "the Greater" because he was either older or taller than the other apostle named James. One day, James and his brother John made the other apostles angry. The two of them told the Lord that they thought they deserved a special place in his kingdom. They bragged that they would be able to sacrifice their lives, as Jesus was going to sacrifice his. Jesus took the brothers aside. He told them that they did not understand what true service to others meant. He said that anyone who wanted to be truly great had to be the servant of others. Jesus was trying to teach them what he expected of them. Jesus called the two brothers "sons of thunder" because they sometimes lost their tempers. One time the people of a village turned them away. James and John were upset that the villagers would not welcome Jesus. They asked the Lord if he wanted them to call down fire to destroy the village. Jesus had to correct them and remind them that God wants us to act with love. But James and John did learn from everything Jesus taught. They became great examples of faith for all of Jesus' followers. After Pentecost, James stayed in Jerusalem to preach about Jesus even though it was dangerous to be known as a Christian. He was soon arrested and put to death around 44 AD. James was the first apostle to become a martyr for his faith in Christ. Tradition says that his body was taken to Compostela, in Spain, which became a famous place of pilgrimage—"The Way of St. James"—from the Middle Ages onward. Some stories say he traveled to Spain to preach there before his death, but there is no proof that this happened.

