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September 19, 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Year of Saint Joseph

LIVING OUR FAITH

In today's gospel Jesus tells the disciples, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Jesus calls them away from their petty and destructive argument of who among them is "the greatest" and instead asks them to look outside of themselves and their fragile egos.

In these middle chapters in St. Mark's gospel, Jesus predicts his passion three times. Each time the disciples refuse to accept his words. As we heard last week Peter rebukes Jesus, today the Twelve begin jockeying for position in a hierarchy they have constructed in their own minds and we'll hear in a few weeks James and John demand to be given places to sit at Jesus' right and left hand when he enters into his glory. Each time Jesus redirects the disciple's attention from glory and power to servanthood. As he tells James and John, "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant."

If the Twelve needed to hear this message again and again, how often must we have it repeated in our lives. Jesus calls us to a radical new way of life. We are to renounce every form of control over others, to refuse privilege, and to leave behind competition, for there is no place for any if these in the kingdom of God. This is difficult. We seem to be hardwired to seek success and to desire the good opinion of others. But Jesus gives us a simple practice to help us on our path of ongoing conversion. When we empty ourselves of pride and jealous grasping, space opens up for us to receive the gift of Christ found in every person, especially the poor, the weak and the vulnerable.

Questions for the week: *In the gospel the disciples argue about who is the “greatest.” At times a comparative attitude (instead of a contributive one) can impede our efforts to build the kingdom of God. When has this been true in your life? What can I do to be received into the kingdom with open arms?*

COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE

As you have probably already heard, Sullivan County is an area of substantial Covid-19 transmission.

The CDC recommends that all in these areas, vaccinated or unvaccinated, should resume wearing masks indoors.

That being the case, I am asking and urging that all of us resume wearing masks until this current threat passes.

Thank you for your cooperation as we live through this together.





This Sunday's Hymns (10AM Mass)

- #231 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine
- #305 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
- #195 How Great Thou Art
- #245 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



Readings for This Sunday – September 19th

- Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
- James 3:16-4:3
- Mark 9:30-37

Readings for Next Sunday – September 26th

- Numbers 11:25-29
- James 5:1-6
- Mark 9:38-43, 45; 47-48

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list for the sick, please contact the Parish office. We kindly ask that you do not request a name to be included without the express consent of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. While the request may be very well-intentioned, we want to respect people's right to privacy.

We ask for prayer for Charles Thomas and his ministry, Betty and Robert Friedland and Steve Nicoli.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEARLY DEPARTED

We ask our good and gracious God to welcome our dearly departed into his Kingdom, and to bestow his peace and consolation on the family and friends who mourn their passing.

WEEKLY OFFERING (September 12th)

Sunday Collection: \$2876
We Share Online Giving: \$142.84
Total: \$3018.84

Thank you!



BAPTISM

Our Parish Family welcomes
Mia Marie Hutchens
to the Christian community!
May Maria continue to grow in grace and love
of the Lord!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our Parish family congratulates
***Delilah Flores Serapio, Makayla Fuentes
Serapio, Courtney Bonsick
and Alexander Mollema!***
These young members of our community
received the Lord in the Eucharist for the first-
time last weekend!
May they continue to grow in faith and love of
our Lord!



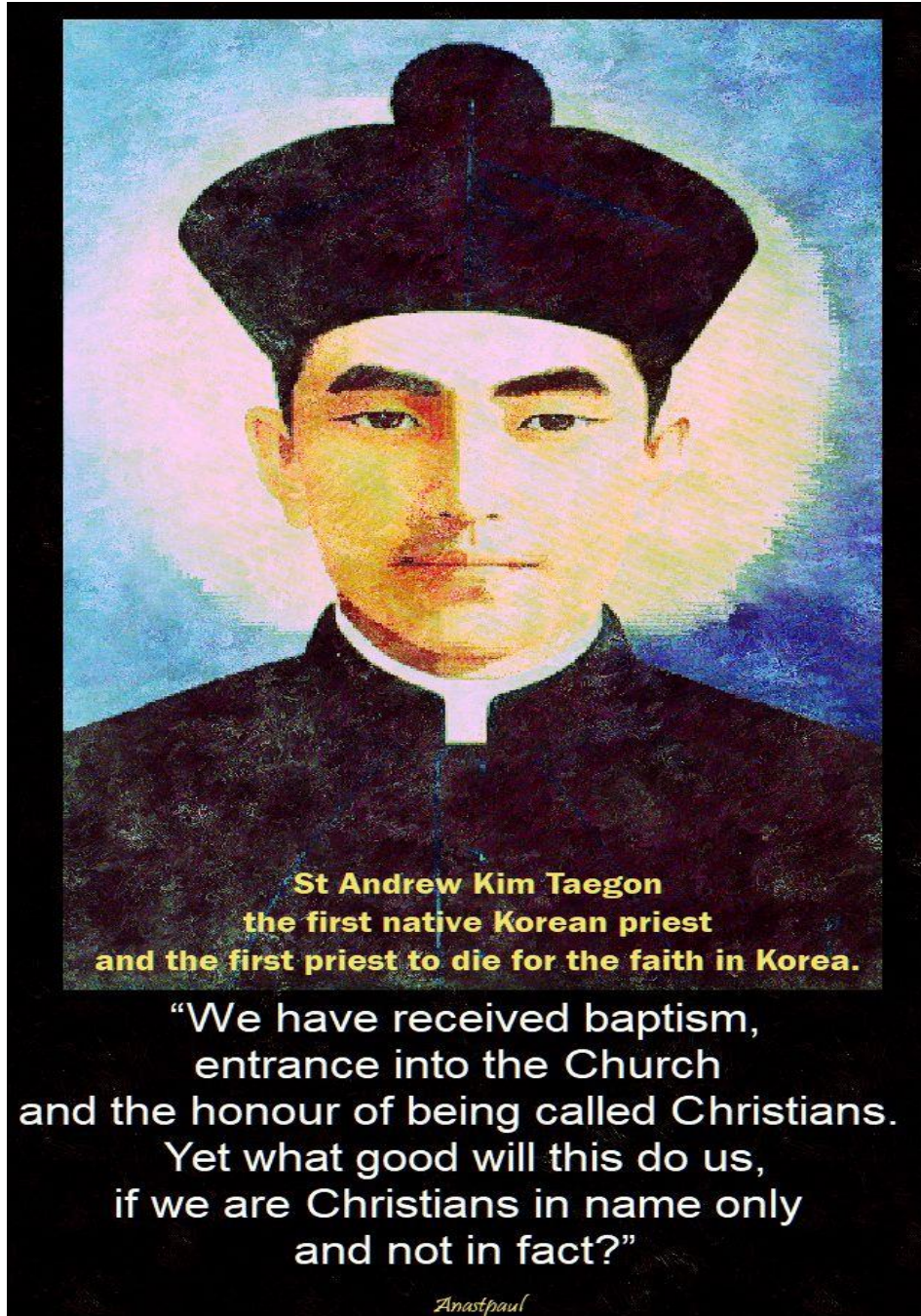
QUINCENERA

Our Parish family congratulates
Vivian Ordonez Cabrera
on the occasion of her Quincenera!
May she continue to grow into the woman God
created her to be!

Blessed Feasts!

Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions

Feast Day: September 20
Patron Saints of: Korean Clergy



St. Matthew the Apostle

Feast Day: September 21st

Patron Saint of: accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, security guards, and stockbrokers

Go and learn what this means,
"I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE."
For I have come to call not
the righteous but sinners.

~ *Matthew 9:13*



SAINT Matthew the Apostle,
PRAY FOR US



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2021 MARYKNOLL STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

Topic: “Sharing Good News”

1st Place Prize: \$1,000 per division

2nd Place Prize: \$300 per division

3rd Place Prize: \$150 per division

ASSIGNMENT

Today the world seems full of “bad news” stories that tell of people expressing hatred, violence, discrimination and other evils demonstrating the worst of humanity. But there are many people who are making the world a better place.

Write an essay sharing a “good news” story from your own life and explain how it reflects the “good news” message of Jesus.

ENTRY

Entries should be 500–750 words.

Note: Spelling and grammar count. Students may:

1) submit essays online by completing the form ([found](#) on the website) (if 13 or older)

OR

2) mail essays to the address below. Mailed essays should be typed or neatly handwritten in ink and stapled, each attached to an ENTRY COVER SHEET available on the website.

ELIGIBILITY

Students in grades 6–8 (Division I) and grades 9–12 (Division II) are eligible.

DEADLINE

Entries must be submitted online or postmarked by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021. First place essays will appear in the Summer 2022 Maryknoll magazine.

All winning entries will be published online at MaryknollSociety.org/Winners by **April 1,**

2022 For more educational and catechetical resources, please

visit <https://discoveryourneighbor.org/>.

MAIL TO

MAIL TO: 2021 Student Essay Contest, Division __, P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302

Call: 1-914-941-7636, ext. 2487

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MASS TIMES



Saturday evenings at 7 PM:

Mass in Spanish

Sunday mornings at 10 AM:

*Mass in English ***

Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM:

Mass in English

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 AM

Mass in English

*****We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Mass on Facebook Live
(Communion will be available after Mass for those who wish to come to the Church to
receive the Eucharist.)***

SUNDAY EVENING MASS REMINDER

Our Sunday evening Mass is celebrated at 5:30PM.

This Mass tends to be less crowded and therefore may be a good choice for those wanting to attend Mass with fewer people.

WEEKDAY MASS

Mass will be celebrated on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30am.

PARISH CHILDREN'S SHOP

Our Parish Children's Shop has reopened!

Our Summer Hours are:

Wednesdays and Saturdays

9AM -12PM

We are also accepting donations of new or gently used items!

PARISH CLOTHES CLOSET AND FOOD PANTRY

Just a reminder we are ***OPEN*** every Wednesday and Saturday morning from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

