September 16, 2018 | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint George
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Oscar Martin Picos, Pastor
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Catechetical Sunday - September 16

The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God.

“The word of God nourishes both evangelizers and those who are being evangelized so that each one may continue to grow in his or her Christian life.”

On Catechetical Sunday those who the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

On this special day we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

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.

Domingo Catequético - 16 de septiembre

El ministerio de la Palabra es un elemento fundamental de la evangelización en todas sus etapas, porque implica la proclamación de Jesucristo, la Palabra eterna de Dios.

"La palabra de Dios nutre tanto a los evangelizadores como a los que están siendo evangelizados para que cada uno pueda seguir creciendo en su vida cristiana". (Directorio Nacional de Catequesis [NDC] [Washington, DC: Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, 2005], n. ° 17).

Este fin de semana, aquellos a quienes la comunidad ha designado para servir como catequistas serán convocados para ser comisionados para su ministerio.

El domingo catequético, no solo destacamos el trabajo de los catequistas en las parroquias y escuelas, sino que también encomendamos a los padres y tutores y los alentamos a tomar serio su papel de hacer de sus hogares católicos un lugar donde la fe se transmita a la próxima generación.

El domingo catequético es una oportunidad maravillosa para reflexionar sobre el papel que desempeña cada persona, en virtud del bautismo, al transmitir la fe y ser un testigo del Evangelio. El domingo catequético es una oportunidad para todos de volver a dedicarse a esta misión como una comunidad de fe.

(Image and information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2018)
The Cross is seen in many different ways by many different people. It may be symbolic of pain and suffering for some, yet hope and promise for others.

"... The cross was Jesus’s voluntary acceptance of undeserved suffering as an act of total solidarity with all of the pain of the world. Reflection on this mystery of love can change your whole life."¹

The Cross may be ignored or rejected by those who choose not to believe in or follow Jesus, nor the path He lived and walked while on this earth. It also may be ignored or rejected by those who say they believe but cannot embrace their own cross.

"Where we spend eternity is 100 percent under our control. God’s Word makes our options very clear: we can cooperate with the grace that Christ merited for us on the cross, or we can reject it and keep to our own course."²

Why should we expect our lives to be any different than Jesus’ life here on earth? He suffered many trials and temptations. He suffered agony and humiliation. He suffered death. His death brought redemption to us and our sinful ways so we might share eternally a life of peace and happiness with Him.

Pain and suffering are inevitable facts of life. Whether we accept or reject them is entirely up to each of us. The Cross can be something we reject and ignore, or it can be a symbol of hope in a God who loves us so much He suffered and died so we might live in eternal peace with no more pain and suffering.

"Lord Jesus Christ, who for the redemption of the world gave your life completely even unto death on a cross, we lift up your glorious cross as our sign of salvation. Through your infinite love, you transformed the hated cross, an instrument of humiliation and suffering, into the holy cross, a symbol of victory over the powers of sin and death. For this reason, we wear the holy cross around our necks, hang the cross in our homes, and now sign ourselves with that cross, + in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."³

¹ Eager to Love by Richard Rohr
² Deep Adventure by Bear Woznick
³ Saint Junipero Serra’s Camino: A Pilgrimage Guide to the California Missions by Stephen J. Binz

~Carole Drake, Director
Stewardship and Engagement
If Jesus asked us today, "Who do men say that I am?" (Mk 8, 27), how would we answer? When Peter answered, “You are the Christ”, Jesus commanded him and the other disciples not to tell anyone about Him (Mk 8, 30). The moment when Jesus would declare that He was the Messiah had not yet arrived (Lk 22, 70). His role as Messiah and Savior was to be transmitted to the Jewish people and the world through a progressive pedagogy. After His death, His disciples would follow His command and travel the world preaching His message. Now, more than 2,000 years later, why does the number of people who truly accept and follow His message remain relatively small?

Every baptized Catholic shares the joyful duty to preach the Gospel to every creature throughout the world, declaring and recognizing Jesus as the Son of God Who came into the world for our salvation (Mk 16:15). This call to the preaching of the Good News is all the more urgent when we consider the way the Lord’s message is misused and misinterpreted. So what is stopping us from fully accepting God’s Word and sharing it with others?

The difficulty for many people is that the Good News is inextricably woven with Christ’s passion and death on the cross. Human nature makes it hard to accept an agonizing death as “Good News”. When Jesus began to teach His disciples that He must suffer greatly, be rejected and killed, and rise after three days, Peter could not accept it. Understanding his friend’s reaction, Jesus told Peter to free his mind, for he was “thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” (Mk 8, 33). Then He summoned the crowd with all His disciples and told them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it." (Mk 8, 34-35).

Here, then, is the way to follow Christ and make Him known: we must let go of our ordinary way of thinking, attachment to worldly things, and embarrassment about sharing our faith. We must take up our cross and follow Him.

Hoy día nos encontramos con situaciones similares a la descrita en este pasaje evangélico. Si, ahora mismo, Dios nos preguntara “¿quién dicen los hombres que soy yo?” (Mc 8,27), tendríamos que informarle acerca de todo tipo de respuestas, incluso pintorescas. Bastaría con echar una ojeada a lo que se ventila y airea en los más variados medios de comunicación. Sólo que… ya han pasado más de veinte siglos de “tiempo de la Iglesia”. Después de tantos años, nos dolemos y —con santa Faustina— nos quejamos ante Jesús: “¿Por qué es tan pequeño el número de los que Te conocen?”.

Jesús, en aquella ocasión de la confesión de fe hecha por Simón Pedro, “les mandó enérgicamente que a nadie hablaran acerca de Él” (Mc 8,30). Su condición mesiánica debía ser transmitida al pueblo judío con una pedagogía progresiva. Más tarde llegaría el momento cumbre en que Jesucristo declararía —de una vez para siempre— que Él era el Mesías: “Yo soy” (Lc 22,70). Desde entonces, ya no hay excusa para no declararle ni reconocerle como el Hijo de Dios venido al mundo por nuestra salvación. Más aún: todos los bautizados tenemos ese gozoso deber “sacerdotal” de predicar el Evangelio por todo el mundo y a toda criatura (cf. Mc 16,15). Esta llamada a la predicación de la Buena Nueva es tanto más urgente si tenemos en cuenta que acerca de Él se siguen profiriendo todo tipo de opiniones equivocadas, incluso blasfemias.

Pero el anuncio de su mesianidad y del advenimiento de su Reino pasa por la Cruz. En efecto, Jesucristo “comenzó a enseñarles que el Hijo del hombre debía sufrir mucho” (Mc 8,31), y el Catecismo nos recuerda que “la Iglesia avanza en su peregrinación a través de las persecuciones del mundo y de los consueños de Dios” (n. 769). He aquí, pues, el camino para seguir a Cristo y darle a conocer: “Si alguno quiere venir en pos de mí (…) tome su cruz y sigáme” (Mc 8,34).
EVENTS and MASS INTENTIONS

Please visit our website for more announcements or email us at sgcc.bulletin@gmail.com for questions or submissions.

PARISH EVENTS

Monday
7:00 pm  RCIA
7:00 pm  Holy Hour
1000am  Everyday God (begins Sept 17)

Tuesday
9:00 am  Marian Hour
12-4 pm  Bridge Group
7:00 pm  Neo Catechumenal Way
7:00 pm  CCD
First Tuesday
6:30 pm  Women’s Group (Sept-June)
6:30 pm  Knights of Columbus (Sept - June)
Second Tuesday
1:30 pm  Mass at Veterans Home, Ivins

Wednesday
10:30 am  Bible Study
1200pm  Bulletin Deadline (11 days prior to publication)
6:30 pm  Holy Spirit Prayer Group
7:00 pm  Classes Bíblicas
7:00 pm  Holy Hour & Benediction

Thursday
9:00 am  Way of the Cross of the Unborn
Second Thursday
1:30 pm  Mass at Sterling Court, St. George
Third Thursday
6:30 pm  4th Degree K of C

Friday
7:00 pm  Holy Hour, Spanish
First Friday
8:00 am  Anointing of the Sick at Mass
Last Friday
9:00 am  Eucharistic Adoration begins

Saturday
7:00 pm  Neo Catechumenal Way
First Saturday
8:00 am  Mass in Honor of Our Lady
9:15 am  Walk for Life (Oct-May)
After last Friday
6:00 am  Eucharistic Adoration ends with Mass
First Weekend
At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection
Third Weekend
At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

Sunday
9:00 am  CCD
1100am  CCD
500 pm  Rosary
First Weekend
At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection
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Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of

COACH RAY ODETTE

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9/15
5:00 pm  Coach Ray Odette
5:00 pm  Ken Odette
5:00 pm  Dolores Palotta
5:00 pm  Coach Mike Esplin
All military service personnel, living and deceased
7:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Sunday 9/16
9:00 am  Deacon Willie
11:00 am  Deacon Mark
1:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Monday 9/17
8:00 am  Jack Kincaid

Tuesday 9/18
8:00 am  Bob Kowalski by Karen

Wednesday 9/19
8:00 am  Coach Ray Odette

Thursday 9/20
8:00 am  Matthew Smith
7:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

Friday 9/21
8:00 am  Tom Eckroth
LOOKING AHEAD
Sept 17 “Everyday God” begins 10:00 am, Scanlan FL2
Sept 18 SGCWG Luncheon, Harmon Santa Clara, 1:00 pm
Sept 22 A Taste of Carmel: Carmelite Spirituality and YOU, 2:30 pm, Scanlan FL2
Oct 9 SGCWG Luncheon, Harmon Santa Clara, 1:00 pm
Oct 20 Thrift Store Fall Festival

Parish Mission
November 11-13
Facilitated by Tracy Earl Welliver

Saint Therese Gift Shop
We are now OPEN during the week. Come in and look around at the variety of once loved items which have been donated by fellow Parishioners.

We also have a variety of Holy Cards, Crucifixes, Statues, Children's books, Rosaries, Auto Devotionals, and much more. If you don't see what you need, I would be happy to see if I can special order the item(s) through my catalogs.

Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and after all weekend Masses.

Contact: Sharon Rawlins at 435-688-1948

“Everyday God” Retreat
Monday, September 17
10:00-12:00 noon
Scanlan FL2

Diocesan Priests - Retirement Fund
This weekend, the second collection will be for the Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund.

Thank you for assisting in the dignity of their retirement and in honoring their lives of service.

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 16

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1 Cor 11:26b]/ Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [3]/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are one community nourished and transformed by the Eucharist. As the body of Christ, we are led by the Holy Spirit to know, love and serve God and one another.

Somos una comunidad alimentada y transformada por la Eucaristía. Como cuerpo de Cristo, somos guiados por el Espíritu Santo, para conocer, amar y servir a Dios y unos a otros.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

2018 Diocesan Development Drive (DDD) August 31st Update

Our goal $98,000
Collected 56%
Balance Due $42,780
Percent of Parishioners contributing 13%

A few new people contributed during the past several weeks. Thank you so much!

Many of you are contributing on a regular monthly basis. We thank you so much for your faithfulness in helping our parish strive to reach our goal!

Identified in last month’s article was the fact our seminarians benefit from this annual drive because they are unable to earn much, if any, income during their formation for the priesthood. Our assistance for tuition, room and board, transportation and a modest monthly stipend are appreciated by these men who are in formation.

If you have attended Daily Mass recently, you have heard Father Sébastien invite those of us present to pray for vocations, asking God for good men to step forward, offering their lives in faithful, dedicated service, fulfilling God’s will, for which each of them is called.

As Stewards of Saint George Catholic Church, our own relationship with God should prompt us to recognize His generosity in our lives. This generosity we have experienced from God should also encourage us to share with those who have less and need our assistance.

As I was preparing this update, I became curious regarding the DDD effort in our mission churches of Hurricane and Kanab. Both communities have exceeded their DDD goals for this year; each has contributed 110% and will thus receive refunds of 75% of the excess monies contributed.

Hurricane has 110 families, 24% of whom have contributed to DDD. Kanab has 61 families, 33% of whom have contributed. We have 2,021 families.

Every DDD gift or contribution is important! Help us be that ONE parish that can boast 100% member participation!

~Carole Drake, Director Stewardship and Engagement

Parish Thrift Store

Can you donate a few hours of your time? The Thrift Store has a need in our receiving area, and for stockers and drivers. It’s a great way to support our church and make new friends. Call Jackie or Diane, 435-673-1029.

After Mass Coffee and Donuts

We need someone to be in charge of coordinating coffee and donuts after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Sunday Masses each week. For details, please contact Sandra at the Parish Office, 435-673-2604.

Tienda de Regalos Santa Teresita

Ahora estamos ABIERTOS durante la semana. Pase y mire la variedad de artículos de segunda mano, que han sido donados por otros feligreses.

También tenemos una variedad de tarjetas Sagradas, Crucifijos, Estatuas, Libros infantiles, Rosarios, Devociones automotrices y mucho más. Si no ves lo que necesitas estaremos más que feliz de ver si puedo hacer un pedido especial de los artículos a través de mis catálogos.

Horario: martes a viernes, de 10:00 am a 2:00 pm y después de todas las Misas del fin de semana.

Contacto: Sharon Rawlins al 435-688-1948

Sacerdotes Diocesanos - Fondo de Retiro

Este fin de semana, la segunda colecta será para el Fondo de Retiro de los Padres Diocesanos.

Gracias por ayudar con la dignidad de su jubilación y por honrar sus vidas de servicio.

¡El mundo necesita el Rosario!

Ven y únete a nosotros a las 5 pm todos los domingos en la iglesia para rezar el Rosario.

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