



St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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St. Thomas Midkiff, TX St. Paschal Sterling, TX

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October 18, 2020

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, October 19 (St. Lawrence)

8:00 am + Ed Plagens by Darren and Kim Jost

Tuesday, October 20 (St. Thomas)

8:00 am + Jerome Hoelscher by Billy & Diane Eggemeyer

Wednesday, October 21 (St. Lawrence)

8:00 am + Alfred Schwartz by Kevin & Linda Hirt

Thursday, October 22 (St. Thomas)

8:00 am +Lonnie Kellermier by Dennis & Dee Mat-thiesen

Friday October 23 (St. Lawrence)

8:00 am Matt & Lori Machacek Deployment by Tommy & Karla Hoelscher

Saturday, October 24 (St. Lawrence)

6:00 pm + Walter Halfmann by Roland & Joyce Halfmann

Sunday, October 25

(St. Thomas, St. Lawrence, St. Paschal)

8:30 am + Sandy Wilson by Gary & Sharon Halfmann

10:30 am +Joy Hoelscher by Jimmy & Carolyn Strube

(Live stream)

12:30 For the Parish & Missions

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;

1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

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St. Lawrence Church Ministries

Saturday, October 24

Sacristan: Jennifer Jansa

Readers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers

Sunday, October 25

Sacristan: Chris Matschek

Readers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers

Vocation Cross

Pray for all Seminarians, all Bishops, Priests, Deacons & all religious life. Please also pray for more vocations to the priesthood, religious life and Seminarians of the Diocese.

October 11

St. Lawrence– Harold & Ann Hoelscher
St. Thomas – Russ Eggemeyer Family

October 25

St. Lawrence– Carey & Renee Niehues
St. Thomas – Cody Wilson Family



★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

St. Lawrence

Birthdays: Alfredo Barrera, Letitia Ramirez, Laura Munguia, Blakely Halfmann, Christy Seidenberger, Linda Frysak, Ava Parker and Wyatt Parker

Anniversaries: None

St. Thomas

Birthday: David Alvarado

Anniversaries: None

October Worklist

Wendell & Linda Jones- CH
Bill Schraeder, Manuel Colunga & Ingrid Silva,
Hayden & Courtney Halfmann Scott & Tana
Halfmann, Nora Campos, Justin & Amy
Schwartz, Carol Hoelscher, Ross & Nicole
Womack Saul & Patti Balcazar, Cooper &
Laney McDermott, Tommy & Karla Hoelscher,
Russell & Kim Halfmann, Ricardo Jr. &
Veronica Cura, Donald & Sharon Braden and
Alfredo & Zulema Barrera



SPECIAL COLLECTION

WORLD MISSIONS SUNDAY

Sunday, October 18, 2020

On the above Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us of our baptismal call—to respond as missionaries, saying, “Here I Am, Send Me.” We respond to this call through our prayers and personal



sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the Missions—in places like Uganda where people face food uncertainty and violence...in the Philippines where local clergy face martyrdom...in Oceania where peoples' livelihoods are threatened by climate change...and in remote regions of Latin America where people are hearing the Gospel for the first time.

Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in this week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

CCD NEWS

The CCD program will be on Wednesday October 21 at 5:45 pm.

The great challenge is not to succeed in the world's eyes but to discover what your unique abilities are and offer them to the world in the best way you can.” Matthew Kelly
Taken from: Perfectly Yourself

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

When I am reminded
that everything is a gift from God,
how do I respond?
Do I fudge on what belongs to God as many
fudge on what they owe to Caesar?

ALL SOULS NOVENA

Fr. Chinna will celebrate All Souls Novena with special prayers from November 2-10 and at St. Lawrence and St. Thomas Churches.

All Souls Day envelopes are available on the table at the entrance of the church. You are asked to fill in the names of your beloved departed on the space provided on the All Souls' Day envelope, put in the offering(s) and drop the envelope either in the Sunday stewardship collection basket or give them to parish office. The deadline for submission of the All Souls Day envelopes for the novena is October 1, 2020.

October - Respect Life Month

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is observed as *Respect Life Sunday*.

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

CATHOLICISM:

BOOKS USED

IN THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

In last week's bulletin, the *Roman Missal* (the book used by the celebrant [priest] during the Eucharistic Liturgy [Mass] was explained. In this bulletin, *The Book of the Gospels* and the *Lectionary* will be discussed.

The Book of Gospels: In current Roman Catholic usage, *The Book of the Gospels* or *Evangelary* is codex or bond volume which contains the full texts of the passages from all four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) of the Christian New Testament which centers on the life of Jesus of Nazareth and the roots of the Christian faith. The priest or the deacon reads or chants the Gospels at Mass in the course of the liturgical year. This book has a three-year liturgical cycle—Years A, B, and C. Each liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent.

In the Catholic Church, the reverent act of processing *The Book of the Gospels* from gathering to altar and from altar to ambo is an important part of the Eucharistic liturgical celebration. The deacon is normally the one to carry *The Book of the Gospels* in procession. However, if there is no deacon, a lector might process in with this book, and the celebrant will process the book to the ambo.

As the most visible book to the assembly, *The Book of the Gospels* is meant to convey the power and glory of the word of God in our communities.

Lectionary: The *Lectionary* contains all the Scripture readings including the Gospels from the three-year cycle. When *The Book of Gospels* is used, the first two readings are proclaimed, if possible, by lectors from the assembly from the *Lectionary* while the final reading is proclaimed from *The Book of Gospels* by a deacon or a priest.

FAMILY

As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live.

—Bl. John Paul II

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me. *Cf. Ps 17 (16):6, 8*

Gloria

(When it is prescribed, this hymn is either said or sung:)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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.**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, Cyrus,
whose right hand I grasp,
subduing nations before him,
and making kings run in his service,
opening doors before him
and leaving the gates unbarred:
For the sake of Jacob, my servant,
of Israel, my chosen one,
I have called you by your name,
giving you a title, though you knew me not.
I am the Lord and there is no other,
there is no God besides me.
It is I who arm you, though you know me not,
so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun
people may know that there is none besides me.
I am the Lord, there is no other.

The Word of the Lord

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all you lands.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **R.**

For great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
awesome is he, beyond all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are things of nought,
but the Lord made the heavens. **R.**

Give to the Lord, you families of nations,
give to the Lord glory and praise;
give to the Lord the glory due his name!
Bring gifts, and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord, in holy attire;
tremble before him, all the earth;
say among the nations: The Lord is king,
he governs the peoples with equity. **R.**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life. *Phil 2:15d, 16a*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

The Gospel of the Lord

WORDS AND ACTIONS

When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at what we say.

—Anonymous second-century Christian

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DAILY MEDITATION: MATTHEW 22:15-21

*Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?
(Matthew 22:18)*

These Pharisees and Herodians thought they had come up with a foolproof plan to ensnare Jesus. If he said it was lawful to pay the census tax, the people would turn against him since they hated the tax. If he said it was not lawful, he would be in trouble with the Roman authorities. In order to look sincere, they prefaced their question by flattering Jesus. But Jesus saw right through their plan and called them on it.

Clearly, hypocrisy was something that angered Jesus. In a series of “woes,” he called the religious leaders who opposed him hypocrites for not following the very precepts they were teaching (Matthew 23:13-29). And in his Sermon on the Mount, he warns people not to pray or fast like “the hypocrites” who do it just to look good in front of others (6:5, 16).

The word “hypocrisy” comes from the Greek word *hypokrisis*, which means acting on a stage. When we are hypocritical, we are putting on an act, saying one thing and then doing the opposite. But when our actions betray our words, we have to ask ourselves if we really believe what we say we do.

We are all susceptible to hypocrisy—it’s one of those unfortunate consequences of our fallen human nature. For example, we might lecture our children about not spending too much time on their screens and then spend hours and hours watching TV. Or we may claim that we are a team player at work but then create division by criticizing a fellow coworker.

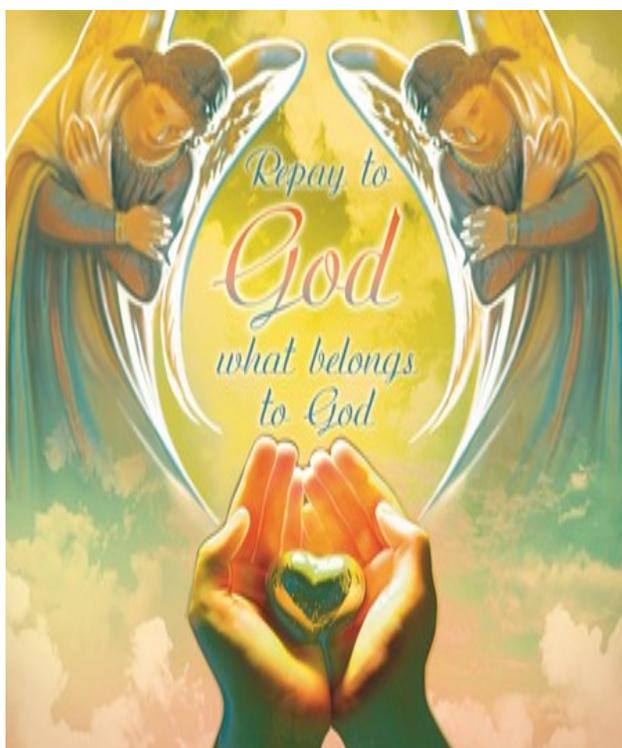
It can be a painful process to search our consciences and discover ways in which our actions aren’t lining up with our beliefs. But the Lord understands our struggles and will forgive us and help us to change. Best of all, the more we are able to authentically live out our Christian beliefs, the more we can become living witnesses to Jesus—and the kingdom he has ushered in.

“Jesus, help me to act on what I say I believe.”

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 7-10

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5



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Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *Cf. Ps 33 (32):18-19*

OR

The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom for many. *Mk 10:45*

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
we may be helped by what you give in this present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.