

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 17, 2021**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for October 24<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jeremiah 31:7-9*

Whom would you like to bring back to God and Church?  
Pray for this person through the week.

*Hebrews 5:1-6*

For what sin is God dealing with you patiently?  
What offering or sacrifice will you make to atone for your sin?

*Mark 10:46-52*

For what defect would you ask Jesus, "Have pity on me?"  
What would you most want Jesus to do for you?

**WEEKDAY MASSES October 19 - 22**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Brayden Schwartz & +Peter & Neva Bachman

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Gerry Waltz

Thurs: NO MASS TODAY FR. IS OUT OF TOWN

Fri: 10:30 am **Maple Manor** +Oscar, Peggy & Greg Beauchamp (No Public is Allowed)

**WEEKEND MASSES October 23 - 24**

Sat: **5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** People of the Parishes

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Vic & Lea Waltz

Reader: Colin Fetsch

EMHC: Holly Lyons

Sun: **8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Richard & Evelyn Schill

Reader: Darlene Brooks

EMHC: Darlene Brooks

Musicians: Bob & Choir

**St. Michael's - Wales** NO MASS AT WALES TODAY

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic

Reader: Dennis Horpestad Daughters

EMHC: Carla Horpestad

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Wil & Sue Schill

Fr. Michael Hickin's cell phone: 701-891-1238

Website for St. Alphonsus Parish - <http://www.stalphonsuslangdon.com/>

Confessions: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays after Mass or by appointment

**Weekly Reflection for October 10, 2021:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$7,589.08
Intentional Givers	\$450.00
Plate	\$187.00
Children	\$27.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,253.08</b>

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus starts his teaching here by telling James and John that there are matters that are not his to decide on. He takes this further when he speaks about his own role: this is not a glorious, all-powerful figure, despite being the Son of God, but a suffering servant, as prophesied by Isaiah, who will serve God's purpose by making the ultimate sacrifice – that of his life. He “offers his life in atonement”, as Isaiah puts it or, as Mark's Gospel says, “as a ransom for many”. It is in fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah that Jesus is hinting at what is to come as well. For rather than having James and John on his right and left in glory, he will die on a cross with a thief on either side.

There is no fear in Jesus here, even though he has, in the verses that precede today's Gospel passage, foretold his own death. Mark says Jesus had been striding ahead of the disciples on the road to Jerusalem, suggesting a confidence and enthusiasm for the task ahead, while the disciples were both amazed and afraid. And it is then, as Jesus speaks of his own death and his rising again, that James and John tell him that they want to be with him in glory. They are getting ahead of themselves. For the Christian, the journey of life means not glory but serving others. That is Jesus' mission for himself and his followers, and it could be more demanding. After all, Jesus tells James and John: “The cup that I must drink you shall drink” – something that hints at what is to come. For later, during his passion in the garden of Gethsemane, as Jesus grows aware of what torment is to come, he asks his Father: “If it is possible, let this cup pass me by.” For those, including the apostles, called to follow Jesus unto death, they too will have to drink from that cup. Jesus will rise to glory, but first his mission must be accomplished and his disciples must also undertake that mission. Jesus' comment that it is not his choice who will be at his side suggests that someone else – God the Father – will allot those places.

Taken from The Living Word

### **29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (MARK 10:45)*

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY** Two weeks ago, we viewed Catholic Charities ND, “Planting Seeds for Our Future”. Envelopes are in the pews to use to support CCND.

Of the many services Catholic Charities sponsors, one that is widely appreciated is Counselling.

Often times, the first step to becoming a happier and healthier person is to seek counselling. People seek counselling services for many reasons. If you've been struggling or need help making an important decision, or are looking for extra support through a challenging life situation, or desire to talk through a major event, CCND counselling is there for you.

They have 5 counsellors statewide, one of whom, Barb Boesl, we're blessed to have right here in Langdon. These professionals have as their goal to help you discover your true potential by focusing on your strengths and helping you improve your weaknesses. They'll support you as you work toward your goals and provide effective and compassionate care for you.

They provide individual therapy, couples counselling and family therapy for people of all ages regardless of sex, race, color, religion, political view, national origin, social status, financial resources, or inability to pay for services.

Beginning Experience of Eastern North Dakota would like to announce the upcoming - Beginning Experience Weekend, Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND November 19-21 of 2021. The BE Weekend is a Friday evening to Sunday afternoon program for adults grieving the loss of a love relationship through death, divorce, or separation. It is presented by people who have suffered the loss of a loved one. They are willing to share their experience to help others. Team members lead participants through a program of presentations, personal private reflection and small group sharing. The B.E. Weekend is our core program and the foundation of the Beginning Experience ministry. If you or someone you know could benefit from coming to the BE Weekend, please contact the following for an application: Bonnie at (701) 318-0949 or Marlene at (218) 998-4300 or call the BE line at (701) 277-8784 and leave a message for more information.

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

No Mass on Thursday, October 21, Fr. has a meeting in Fargo also there will be No Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 26 & 27 Fr. will be at a retreat.

Altar Society meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

St. Edward's Country Store donations are due (\$75.00). Put in collection plate with "Country Store" on the check or envelope.

Religious Education has started but you can still register. It's not too late, Class is from 6:30 to 7:30pm on Wednesday nights. For more information you can contact Carla Horpestad at 701-370-0594.

Looking for a few volunteers to take communion to the home bound. If you are interested in helping please contact Fr. Michael.

**St. Alphonsus Altar Society Fall Supper will be on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** at the St. Alphonsus Cafeteria. Serving will be from 4:00-7:00pm with ham, turkey and all the trimmings. The cake walk starts at 4:00pm. Prices are \$12.00 for adults, \$5.00 students (K-6), \$3.00 preschool and Take-Outs \$13.00. Raffles tickets are being sold.

Knights of Columbus Knight of the month for October is Jeff Kram.

**Fellowship Hall Cleaning for October** - 16 – Nancy Downs; 23 – Diane Schill & Sue Schill; 30 – Marie Mack & Vicki Samuelson

Please pray for Holden James Mack who was injured in a bad traffic accident. Funds to help with medical expenses can be given at Gate City Bank. Thank you

Nekoma Lutheran and St. Edward's Catholic Churches in Nekoma will be putting on their annual Noon meal on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> serving from 12:00 – 3:00pm at the Pain Reliever. Please bring a dessert and come and help if you can. Thank you

**PARISHIONER INPUT ON INTERIOR DESIGN** - We are currently transcribing feedback from 80+ entries. Next week, Parish Council will discuss the results and announce our next steps.

Great thanks to all who've participated in this important process. We value your thoughts and appreciate the opportunity to learn from you.

We all know everybody has to work together. This involves compromise. I've watched myself change and move thanks to the input of many as the process has unfolded. It doesn't hurt to keep reminding ourselves of words from Pope St. John XXIII quoting the great St. Augustine: "**In essentials unity, in nonessentials liberty, and in all things, charity.**"

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** is currently underway. During the 10:30 Mass, children are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall during the Readings and homily at Mass. We will continue to indicate this time of departure with a little invitation for the next few weeks.

**ALTAR SERVERS AND GREETERS** I would like to alert all teachers and parents in St. A's school and our Religious Ed program and Youth Group that we are looking for young people, grades 4-12 to serve at the Altar. Sign-up sheets remain in the vestibule of the church for both Altar Servers and Greeters.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE ND** - 12:05 Rosary, Tuesday thru Saturday, in the KC Park.

"Our defence of the innocent unborn needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection." Pope Francis.

**SEARCH RETREAT** Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and real way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up Nov. 5-7, 2021 at Maryvale Convent in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults, 16 and older are invited to attend. Details and application at [www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm](http://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm) or call Dori at 952-210-2219. Applications due by Monday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.