

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 27, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 9/27 11:00	Chuck Cavanaugh+	Pauline Cavanaugh
Wed. 9/30 9:00	The Thelen & Quintus Families +	Alice Quintus
Thurs. 10/1 12:10	Odellia Laux +	Stella Burns
Fri. 10/2 9:00	MaryAnn Whitmer	Carmen Allen
Sat. 10/3 4:00	Donna Barry	Carmen Allen

### Stewardship Thought

Christian Stewardship takes a positive view on money. It sees money not only as a medium of exchange but as a symbol of the person who has it. We are revealed in the way we acquire it, use it, and share it.

### Parish Council Meeting

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on Oct. 8, 2020 at 10:15 am

**In this time of Covid-19 please consider making your offertory donations on-line. Visit our website:**

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Sunday** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11, or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

**Monday** Saint Wenceslaus Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday** Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Wednesday** Saint Jerome Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday** Holy Guardian Angels Jb 38:1, 12-21; Jb 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Saturday** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

### Our Lady of the Mountains

#### Guidelines and Precautions during the Covid-19 Pandemic

We are taking the following precautions to keep everyone safe at Mass.

1. The obligation to attend Mass is still lifted.
2. Social distance of 6ft is observed at all times.
3. Seating is limited to every other pew to facilitate social distancing.
4. Sanitizing hands is encouraged upon entering and leaving. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
5. The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
6. Reusable items in the pews have been removed, such as hymnals and missals.
7. Congregational singing is suspended.
8. All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
9. The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
10. Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.
11. All high-contact surfaces are disinfected after Mass.

If anyone is interesting in working with children's Faith Formation and youth ministry programs it is required to have the "Protecting God's Children" training. Susie Bryson, Safety Coordinator and PGC Facilitator from St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church in Sylva will be having a class at OLM on Saturday, October 3rd following the 4:00 pm Mass starting around 5 pm. This is a 3 hour class and will end at 8 pm. We ask no young children be present, so please arrange for childcare. This will be limited to 10 individuals so please sign up with Bonny Dodge, DRE. Thank you.

### Saint of the Week

ST. JEROME, born in Dalmatia, in 329, was sent to school at Rome. His boyhood was not free from fault. His thirst for knowledge was excessive, and his love of books a passion. He had studied under the best masters, visited foreign cities, and devoted himself to the pursuit of science. But Christ had need of his strong will and active intellect for the service of His Church. St. Jerome felt and obeyed the call, made a vow of celibacy, fled from Rome to the wild Syrian desert, and there for four years learnt in solitude, penance, and prayer a new lesson of divine wisdom.

This was his novitiate. The Pope soon summoned him to Rome, and there put upon the new famous Hebrew scholar the task of revising the Latin Bible, which was to be his noblest work. Retiring thence to his beloved Bethlehem, the eloquent hermit poured forth from his solitary cell for thirty years a stream of luminous writings upon the Christian world.

## Father's Column

### The Liturgiscope

To be clear, "liturgiscope" is a completely made-up word smithed by a priest friend of mine who regularly noticed significance in the timing of events, i.e. on what feast day they occurred. He thus melded the concepts of liturgical calendar and telescope in a sort of alchemy of words and ideas.

What are some examples of the liturgiscope yielding interesting finds? The date of Pope Leo XIII's vision of Christ permitting Satan greater power and time to destroy the Church occurred on October 13, 1884 or precisely thirty-three years prior to the Miracle of the Sun and thus the message of Fatima. Another example is the date of the failed assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II's life, May 13, 1981, or the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, whose Third Secret included the shooting of a Pope.

The liturgiscope is not merely retrospective in orientation, but forward-looking as well. For instance, the upcoming presidential and vice-presidential debates are all occurring on significant feast days: St. Michael the Archangel (September 29, Our Lady of the Rosary/Our Lady of Victory (October 7), St. Teresa of Avila (October 15), and Pope St. John Paul II (October 22). What these dates mean, no one can be sure. However, with the sense of spiritual warfare in the U.S. being quite palpable, to have the first debate on the feast day of the great prince who protects the faithful from spiritual attack is encouraging.

The liturgiscope can be applied to our personal lives as well. For instance, the two dates of my ordinations (diaconate and priestly) occurred on Ember Days. These penitential days were removed from the liturgical calendar in 1970, yet were the traditional days of ordination. I understood these happy "coincidences" as a divine encouragement of my desire to devote my priesthood to restoring the Church's lost traditions.

In sum, the point is not to become obsessed or overly dependent on such connections, if any occur. Rather, noticing how events are inexplicably connected and seemingly orchestrated should deepen our trust in God's perfect providence that governs and directs all creation to its final end. We should also pray to and foster greater devotion towards the saint honored by the feast day.

If you would like to apply the liturgiscope to your life, seek out the printed Butler's *Lives of the Saints*, search online, or download one of several popular Catholic apps, such as iPieta Laudate.

### St. Michael Prayer

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

### Father Barone's Wish List

#### HELP US GET NEW VESTMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH

- \* Black— Payment Donated
- \* Green— Payment Donated
- \* White—Payment Donated
- \* Red—Payment Donated
- \* Violet—\$750
- \* Rose—\$600

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Greg Burlison, James Urbanski, Sandy Powers, Ellen Nolan, Griffin Harper, Nick Klingler, Shawn Webster

**Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray. Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.**

Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.

Helen Pfeifer, John Powers, Fr. Carl Beavers, Earl Goodrow and Ron Simmons, Lee Smith, Harry Vaughn