June 21, 2020 ❖ 21 de Junio 2020
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time ❖ XII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

FIRST COMMUNION Masses
This schedule may be adjusted as we enter Phase 2 of the “Return to Normal” Guidelines
Tuesday—Thursday, July 7, 8 & 9 at 7:00 pm
Tuesday—Thursday, July 14, 15 & 16 at 7 pm
Tuesday—Thursday, July 21, 22, & 23 at 7 pm
Tuesday—Thursday, July 28, 29 & 30 at 7 pm
Church seating will be limited to First Communicants & Parents
Additional seating (25) to watch the livestreamed Mass will be available in the St. Michael modular classroom. Sign-ups for both locations are REQUIRED.
All Masses will be livestreamed via Facebook

PRIMERAS COMUNIONES
Este cronograma puede ajustarse a medida que ingresamos a la Fase 2 de las Directrices “Return to Normal”
Martes a jueves, 7 de julio, 8 y 9 a las 7:00 p.m.
Martes a jueves, 14, 15 y 16 de julio a las 7 pm
Martes a jueves, 21, 22 y 23 de julio a las 7 pm
Martes a jueves, 28, 29 y 30 de julio a las 7 pm
Los asientos de la iglesia estarán limitados a Primeros Comunicantes y Padres
Todas las misas se transmitirán en vivo a través de Facebook

PRAYER REQUESTS:
♦ For Alma Oliveros: comfort and healing
♦ For answered prayers: Alleluia!
Prayer requests can be submitted through the parish website (www.stpatrickindependence.org) or by calling Chris Block at 503-623-2864.

Catholic Charities
Every year, Catholic Charities provide life-changing services to more than 20,000 Oreganians. With your generosity, our mission is made possible. Send your tax deductible donations to:
Catholic Charities
2740 S.E. Powell Blvd. Suite 1
Portland, OR 97202-9908
Providing Help, Creating Hope

HOW TO GIVE TO THE PARISH
Your collection envelopes and donations can be placed securely in the drop box at the back of church.
Contributions can also be made on-line through the St. Patrick Church website:
www.stpatrickindependence.org/contributions
Please be generous!

COMO DAR A LA PARROQUIA
Los sobres y las donaciones de su colección se pueden colocar de forma segura en el buzón en la parte posterior de la iglesia.
Las contribuciones también se pueden hacer en línea a través del sitio web de St. Patrick Church:
www.stpatrickindependence.org/contributions
¡Por favor sé generoso!

Donations for the Ella Curran Food Bank still needed
FILL THE GREEN CART!
¡LLENE EL CARRO VERDE!
CONFESSIONS
Saturday / Sabado
3:30—4:30 pm
(Also available by individual appointment // Por cita individual con el Padre Kiko)

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
CALENDARIO DE MISAS

Tuesday / Martes  7:00 pm, in English
(for Confirmation only on 6/23 & 6/30)

Wednesday / Miercoles  7:00 pm, en Español
(solo Confirmación 24 de junio y 1 de julio)

Thursday / Jueves  7:00 pm, in English
(Confirmation only on 6/25 & 7/2)

Friday / Viernes  10:00 am, en Español

Saturday / Sabado  5:00 pm, en Español
7:00 pm, en Español
11:00 am, en Español
1:00 pm, en Español

Sunday / Domingo  9:00 am, in English

SEATING IS LIMITED to 25 People
MASS sign-up required
For Saturday & Sunday Mass (in English) and for Daily Mass, call Maria Addessi (503-991-2516)
Anyone who shows up at the church and has not pre-registered will not be admitted.

CONFIRMATION MASSES
(See dates in Schedule of Masses)

♦ Church Seating will be limited to the Confirmation Candidates & their godparents.
♦ Additional seating (23) to watch the livestreamed Mass & receive Holy Communion will be available in the St. Michael modular classroom.
♦ Sign-ups for both locations are REQUIRED. Contact Maria Addessi (503-991-2516) to sign-up.
♦ Daily Masses on these dates are cancelled.

MISAS DE CONFIRMACIÓN

♦ (Ver fechas en Horario de Misas) Los asientos de la iglesia se limitarán a los candidatos de confirmación y sus padrinos.
♦ Asientos adicionales (23) para ver la Misa en vivo y recibir la Sagrada Comunión estarán disponibles en el aula modular de San Miguel.
♦ Se REQUIEREN inscripciones para ambas ubicaciones. Póngase en contacto con Maria Addessi (503-991-

GROUP MEETINGS ALLOWED WITH RESTRICTIONS
Fr. Kiko has announced that parish groups can meet at the Church IF they follow the instructions set by the Parish Council, with the recommendations from the Archdiocese and the Oregon Health Authority.
These include: social distancing, attendance numbers, sign-ups and disinfecting. For the official instructions and required forms, please go to the parish website or contact the parish office.

REUNIONES DE GRUPO PERMITIDAS CON RESTRICCIONES
El P. Kiko ha anunciado que los grupos parroquiales pueden reunirse en la Iglesia si siguen las instrucciones establecidas por el Consejo Parroquial, con las recomendaciones de la Arquidiócesis y la Autoridad de Salud de Oregón.
Estos incluyen: distanciamiento social, números de asistencia, inscripciones y desinfección. Para obtener las instrucciones oficiales y los formularios requeridos, visite el sitio web de la parroquia o comuníquese con la oficina de la parroquia.

ADORATION THIS WEEK
Tuesday / Martes—7:00—8:00 pm
Wednesday/ Miercoles  5:30—6:30 pm
Friday / Viernes  10:30 am—9:00 pm

ADORATION sign-up (per hour) required
by contacting Gloria Cisneros (503-551-2767)
Anyone who shows up at the church and has not pre-registered will be not be admitted.

Livestream of Saturday Mass at Satellite Location
We will livestream the English Mass to a satellite location (San Juan Diego Building, east side) for maximum 10 people with pre-registration, social distancing & mask wearing required. Attendees will be able to receive Holy Communion, too. Please park near modular buildings.

To sign up, contact: Sue Salvo at 503-409-3909.
Weekly Message on the Readings for this Sunday

Recently, we have celebrated solemnities revealing the mystery of God – His nature and His gifts. Today’s Liturgy of the Word is meant to reassure us of God’s continual love and interaction with His creation. In a world where chaos, greed, power and self-interest run amuck, the Divine Presence is often obscured and sometimes appears totally lacking. Fear permeates the very being of mankind as plagues, wars and suffering appear to have a choke hold upon us. Christians, despite what they see, are encouraged to discover God’s presence and are called to profess their reliance upon Him. For the Christian, fear ceases to exist as their faith draws them closer to God. Today’s message assures all that God will triumph over the world in the end; likewise, those whose belief remains firm in Him will triumph, too.

In the first reading from the Prophet Jeremiah, the prophet’s call by God has brought great trials upon him. His role as messenger has not been easy. The natural human belief that being chosen by God, who is omniscient and omnipotent, would make one’s life easier is contraindicated. Instead of an easy life, the Divine call brings hardships and resistance. Nonetheless, faithfulness assures the chosen of Divine assistance despite the worldly opposition. Jeremiah continually cries out to God for assistance in his despair and discovers that Divine Grace is always available. His role as prophet was not what he expected; however, despite the constant persecution and rejection, Jeremiah remains confident that God will triumph over evil. Jeremiah’s faith fortifies him and allows him to accomplish the Divine Will. The prophet is capable to rise above whatever the world inflicts upon him and manages to convey the Will of God. This triumphant outcome of good over evil is the subject of the second reading from Saint Paul to the Romans.

In this selection, Paul explains how evil entered the world through the sin of Adam. This temporary triumph of evil was destined to be surpassed in the Divine Plan through Jesus, the Christ. The apostle to the Gentiles explains that through the grace of Jesus, a greater effect upon mankind takes place. Through God’s grace, Jesus’ effect restores life upon all to a degree that is greater than it originally had been. The trials and tribulations of mankind are insignificant and endurable if one’s faith is steadfast. It is faith in God that eliminates the fear of persecution and the adversities presented by the world. God’s love is constant and always available to strengthen the disciples of the Lord. Paul reminds the Romans that they can and will triumph over the oppression that they experience.

Finally, in the Gospel of Matthew Jesus conveys to his disciples the fact that they need not fear anything. Christ meticulously explains that nothing is hidden from God and that, in the end, all actions and motives will be revealed. With this knowledge, their works and words should reflect the Gospel. The false accusations and motives of their enemies will be revealed. The Lord urges his followers to be bold and to proclaim His message “on the rooftops”. The fear of death or persecution should not hinder them as these only affect the body; rather, disciples of the Lord should be on guard to protect themselves from those who would destroy the Spirit that God has given them. Jesus affirms that he will personally acknowledge those who are faithful but will deny those who deny him. This final triumph of the Faithful is assured for those who put their trust in Him.

In today’s world, where evil appears to have the upper hand, Holy Mother the Church desires us to trust in the ultimate victory of God, too. In a society where fame, fortune, power and pride hold a tight rein on our actions, the Church wishes us to grasp the mechanisms, the Sacraments, so as to resist worldly lure. Utilizing these tools, Holy Mother the Church urges the modern disciple of the Lord to hold fast to their faith. In a society where worldly attachment is encouraged, Christians are summoned to the “rooftops” to proclaim their faith through love and selfless actions. These sacrificial actions bear witness to Christ who set the example on the Cross. It is the epitome of Agape love and binds us to the Divine.

We are called to walk with Christ, bearing our own crosses and displaying to the world the joy found in giving and sacrifice. We need to remember that all our actions and motives are seen by the One who judges. It is this judge, Jesus, who promised to acknowledge us to His Father if we acknowledge Him to the world. Thus, our lives need to be lived in union with Him who sends us forth to transform the world into His Kingdom. As we continue onward in Ordinary Time, we are urged to grow in the Lord and to walk with Him in our world, today. It is walk without fear. It is a walk with trust. It is a journey to our Heavenly reward.

Deacon Rob

Saints of the Week:
June 21: Ralph
June 22: John Fisher
June 23: Agrippina
June 24: John the Baptist
June 25: Euroasia
June 26: David
June 27: Emma