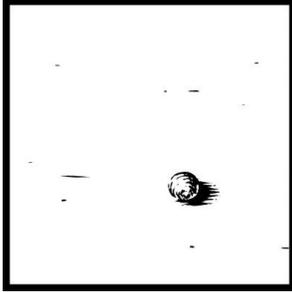


October 6, 2019

Ordinary Time

Twenty-seventh Sunday



If you have the faith the size of a Mustard Seed ...

Stir the Flame of Faith

Faith is the theme in each of today's sacred texts. The prophet Habakkuk had grown frustrated with the lack of faith evidenced in his people's behavior and response to God. He was assured, however, that God hears prayers and never disappoints and that while rash people have no integrity, the just, because of their faith, shall live.

The disciples, fearing they did not have the faith to meet the challenges of discipleship, begged, *Increase Our Faith*. Faith is not quantifiable in terms of pounds. Nevertheless, it is the power that inspires us, enables us to not lose heart and keeps us mindful of God's abiding presence.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 12

2:00 p.m. Lara-Velasquez Wedding

4:30 p.m. Mary Ann & Emil Lev

Sunday, October 13

8:00 a.m. Julia & Anton Stryk

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm: 98

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
for a Special Intention.**



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We thank the following for their recent contribution:

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DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESS

OCTOBER 6 - 13, 2019

***Holy Hour With Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.***



Bishop Cahill has announced a Diocesan Rosary Congress throughout the Diocese of Victoria.

The Diocesan Rosary Congress (October 6-13, 2019) is a time of intense prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament using the Holy Rosary to pray in reparation for the recent scandals in the Church and imploring God's mercy on our country. The theme for this period of prayer comes from St. John Paul II - Pope: *To contemplate the face of Christ with Mary*.

The Congress will open with a Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria at 6:00 p.m.

Our parish will participate in the Congress by having a Holy Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction on Tuesday, October 8th, 6:00-7:00 p.m. All societies and parishioners are encouraged to join in the celebration.

The Importance of Eucharistic Adoration

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

REFLECTION

The Service of Faith

The second part of the Gospel this Sunday does not speak specifically of faith but of *disinterested service*.

In the parable the Servant was doing double duty. Ordinarily, in the ancient world, a person who owned servants designated their allotted tasks; some labored in the fields while others were assigned domestic duties. Even with the heavy burden he was doing no more than was expected of him as a servant. Therefore, he should not have expected even an expression of gratitude from his master.

Jesus' point is clear; those who accept God's gift of faith and the relationship that flows from it are to consider themselves *servants*, no more, no less. The issue in this parable is not how the Master treats the servant but how the Servant understands his role. God is God and Master; we are creatures and servants. Faith affords us the insight to understand who we are, servants in the manner of Jesus, who assumed the role of the servant who suffered, washed the feet of his own, and ministered to sinners. With this example in mind, the implications of the parable are clear. Even if our actions never cause scandal and we forgive those who wrong us on every occasion, we are doing no more than our duty. Our discipleship calls us to keep stirring into flame the gift of faith. This is our duty and honor.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 6 – Samuel MacDonald
October 8 – Gary Cerny
– Georgia Cerny
October 12 – Joshua Hutzler

WEDDING BANNS



Elisa Lara Cisnros & Aaron Gabriel Velasquez

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Annual Meeting Next Sunday, October 13 in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Members are invited and encouraged to attend and participate.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – TODAY



ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

*Come out and join us, in the Parish Hall.
It brings our community together for fellowship.
A free will donation is appreciated.*

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY



Respect Life Sunday is celebrated today. The purpose is to raise consciousness and provide resources on various issues that affect the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

We pray for – and renew our resolve to bring about – a culture of life and an end to the killing of innocent human beings, especially those who are vulnerable due to age, size, health or dependency.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

In October, in a special way, we remember Mary both as Mother of God and as our mother. Let us rejoice that we are children of so great a mother.

The entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. It is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary every day.

ORDINARY TIME

27th Sunday – 34th Sunday (Christ The King)

Introduction: During this period of Ordinary Time the Lectionary readings begin with a continuation of our reflection on discipleship and community and then abruptly change. In the last weeks we see that the mysterious workings of God find their culmination in the establishment of the reign of God and our invitation to enter into the reign.

First Readings: We are told at the onset that faith is the foundation stone of our lives. Later the readings move away from what is expected of us to the unexpected that God accomplishes. The role of prayer is next considered. The final passage that highlights the life of the disciple reminds us of the attitudes that should be ours when we come before God in prayer. We must identify ourselves with the lowly and the needy and humbly bring our petitions before God confident God will hear our prayers.

Psalms: The Responsorial Psalms create an assortment of prayerful responses to God and can be viewed as responding to some theme found in the First Reading.

Second Readings: With the exception of the reading for the Feast of Christ the King, the passages are continuous readings from 2 Timothy and 2 Thessalonians.

Gospels: The Gospel readings are a collection of the teachings of Jesus. The one account of the healing of ten lepers ends with an instructive saying, and the report of Jesus' visit to Zacchaeus is a lesson in action. The teaching itself focuses on four major themes: the question of faith, aspect of prayer, the universality of salvation, and the aspects of the end-time.

AREA PICNICS TODAY

- Sacred Heart Turkey & Dressing Dinner – Flatonia
- Queen of the Holy Rosary Festival – Hostyn
- Saint Mary's Catholic Church Picnic – Pin Oak Community (between Smithville and Paige)