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Office hours: Tuesday-Friday. 9-12:30pm.

Church Doors are open from 7:30am.-7pm.



Sunday, September 22, 2024

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Staff and Extensions

Rev. Thomas Diaz, Pastor, #4, Day off-Mondays

Chris Giacometti, Office Manager, #1

Mass times: Extension, #2

Jennifer Bedoka, Faith Formation, #3

Sacraments and Devotions

Reconciliation: Sundays 9:45-10:15am. and by appointment.

Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.

Infant Baptism: Two-month notice. Next class not scheduled yet.

Adult Baptism: "The Welcoming Church" starts Oct.6th at noon in the hall mtg. room.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Fr. Tom.

Exposition and Benediction: Thursdays after noon
Mass for ½ hr.

The Rosary: ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

The Divine Chaplet: Tues. after noon Mass

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Sept 21, 4pm.	+Ethel Medlin
Sun. Sept 22, 8:30am.	Ints. of the Parish
10:30am.	Int. of Nathan Patrick
Tue. Sept 24, 12:15pm.	+Robert Colbrook
Wed. Sept 25, 8:15am.	Ints. of the Rivas Family
Thu. Sept 26, 12:15pm.	Int. of Guillermina Torres
Fri. Sept 27, 8:15am.	Int. of Nicholas Patrick
Sat. Sept 28, 4pm.	+Ethel Medlin
Sun. Sept 29, 8:30am.	Ints. of the Parish
10:30am.	Int. of Nathan Patrick

Events for the Week

Sat & Sun Masses **Wear your Sunday Best Again**

Sun. Sept 22, 10:30am. Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass time.

Mon. Sept. 23, 7:30-2 Retreat Cardinal Newman

Wed. Sept 25, noon Monthly Noon Potluck

6:30pm. Executive Board Mtg.

Sunday Readings

Reading I: **Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**, Reading II: **James 3:16-4:3**, Gospel: **Mark 9:30-37**

Sunday Reflection

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus rebukes his disciples for arguing about who among them was first and greatest. But how do we suppose their argument went?

There are two possibilities. **First Possibility:** Each disciple was saying, "I am the greatest!" while the others were saying, "Oh no, you're not! I am!"

Second Possibility: Each disciple was saying to one of the others, "You are the greatest among us!" and that person was saying, "Oh no, I'm not. You are."

Each person is called to strive for greatness by accepting the gifts God gives him

On the first possibility, each disciple is trying to put himself ahead of all the others. On the second possibility, each disciple is trying to be small by putting some other disciple ahead of himself. We are naturally inclined to think that the right possibility must be the first one. That is because Jesus rebukes the disciples, and we unreflectively suppose that Jesus wouldn't want to rebuke them if each one was trying to be small.

But notice that if we adopt the first possibility, then Jesus' rebuke doesn't make sense. On the first possibility, what is wrong with the disciples is that each one is trying to be first. And so, Jesus should rebuke them for trying to be first.

But that is not what Jesus rebukes the disciples for. On the contrary, Jesus gives the disciples a short instruction manual for how to get to be first. If you want to be first, he tells them, you have to be the servant of all. Would Jesus have explained to them how to get to be first if he thought that trying to be first was wrong?

So, the second possibility is the right one. Each disciple was trying to be small, in order to seem humble. But there is no true humility in trying to be small.

As the parable about the talents (cf. Mt.25:24-28) shows, each person is called to strive for greatness by accepting the gifts God gives him and using them to the full. True humility lies in understanding that everything is gift; and everything is meant to be given back, in service of others.

When each person strives for greatness in this way, there is no competition. No one is ahead of the others, no matter how much greatness he achieves. Rather, all together are one in the Lord, and he is Lord over all (Rom. 9:5). This is the way in which being the servant of all makes you first.

Eleonore Stump

Parish Stewardship for Sept 15th: \$4,955, 2nd

Collection for Vocations and Seminary Formation: \$1,456. Thank you!

Annual Ministry Appeal: Diocesan Goal: **\$18,700**, Pledged: **\$58,721**, Money received by diocese: **\$50,726**, Rebate to parish so far: **\$32,026**. Donors: **169 =31 % of the parish**. I thank the 31% who have participated

The Lord blesses a happy giver!

Please pray for our infirmed: Aubrey Adams, Andrea Davis, Patrick Dempsey, Marlene Dentoni, Marcella Dorado, Rosita Faltado, Bill Gardon, Jane Ginn, Jeanette Guidry, Marcelina Morales, Pat O'Brien, Cavan O'Connell, Sione Palu, Nicholas Patrick, The Rivas Family, Lora Sansom, Robert Scarpone, Suad Shami, Jim Turegano, Orinia Vanderlind, Malik Whitehorse, and Marilyn Wills.

Please pray for the souls of Cheryl Burton- Campers and Joe Vargas. Keep their families in your prayers.

The Men's Club will be serving another delectable breakfast after the 8:30 am & 10:30am. Masses, today. This breakfast is free of charge but donations are greatly appreciated. Join us for delicious food and company.

Monthly Potluck. Just a reminder of our upcoming Wednesday Potluck. We are very much looking forward to seeing all of you at SES Hall this Wednesday at noon, in the hall. Please bring a main dish, or dessert to share. Linda, Jo and Larry



The next Wedding Anniversary Mass will be on Sunday, Sept 29th at the 10:30 am Mass.

Please call the office if you plan on coming and being blessed or we will cancel it this month..

We thank: Terry and Linda Cadigan, Vicki Gregorio, and Betty Bishop for the flowers for the sanctuary and Dianne Foppoli for the flowers in the Marian Chapel.



Ministry Schedule for September 21st and 22nd 4 pm.

Lectors: Linda Biondini, Liz Ritchie

EMs: Jovita Bishop, Luisa Bustillos, Linda Mish

Ushers: Olivia Salazar, Janice Dyer

Greeters: Carmen Crisafulli, Beatriz Vega

8:30 am.

Lectors: Phillip Alvarado, Maria Van Anne

EMs: Dave Grundman, Maureen Sheridan Scott, Milambo Gaudence

Ushers: Diane Cook, Mary Thayer

Greeters: Patty Ramos, Diane Van Anne

10:30 am.

Lectors: Mila Morrical, Scott Morrical

EMs: Giovanna DeSimone, Julie LaPlante, Bill Yates

Ushers: Lorraine Datu, Bill Yates

Greeters: Julie La Plante, Sally Shami

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Parish Fundraiser Tri-Tip Dinner

**Fri. Oct. 11th at 5:30-8pm.
\$25 PER PERSON**



For the \$25 you will get: Tossed Salad, Bread, a Baked Potato, Beans, Marinated Tri-Tip, and ice cream. Water, Wine, and Beer will be sold separately. Take out is available for \$30. Buy your tickets after Mass & at the office

Faith Formation Ministry

Quote of the Week: "If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family".

(St. Teresa of Calcutta)

Sunday, September 22nd

9:30-10:25am 1st Year Confirmation Class

10:30am Children's Liturgy of The Word

5-6:30pm 2nd Year Confirmation Class

Wednesday, September 25th

2-3 pm 1st Year First Communion Class/CI

3:30-4:30pm 2nd Year First Communion Class/CI

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10:30am Children's Liturgy of The Word

5-6:30 pm Level 3 Atrium CGS

No Youth Group (5th Sunday of the Month)

Tuesday, October 1st

4-5:30pm Level 1 Atrium CGS

4-5:30pm Level 2 Atrium CGS

Wednesday, October 2nd

2-3pm 1st Year First Communion Class/CI

3:30-4:30pm 2nd Year First Communion Class/CI

Sunday, October 6th

9:30-10:25 am 1st Year Confirmation Class

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of The Word

5-6:30 pm Level 3 Atrium CGS

5-6:30 pm Youth Group

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Welcoming Church On Sunday October 6th at noon, we begin a journey to know and experience our faith. We have three people so far who as adults wish to be Confirmed in the holy Spirit and one person who wants to be baptized. Do you know of anyone who wants to become a Roman Catholic or an adult who wishes to be confirmed and anyone who wants to know their faith more deeply in order to have a stronger relationship with the Lord. Sign up at the table next to the Scrip Table where we are taking reservations for these sessions.

The Gospel According to St John Bible Study begins on Oct 8th at 1 pm in the hall classroom. Every week will be shown on a DVD the actual Gospel of John. We will learn at what his words means and reflect on how the Gospel of John touches our faith. The sessions will be for one hour and all you will need is an appetite for the free lunch, soup or salad. Notes will be provided. Sign-ups for the sessions are full....20 people!

If you do not see your name on the next pages... Donate to the Diocesan Annual Ministry Appeal by Dec 31st.

Envelopes are in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule.

By helping the work of Christ in the AMA, you help the parish

**financially with your dedication and
generosity!**

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Mr. and Mrs. Duane Van Anne
Mr. and Mrs. Teodoro Vega
Mr. and Mrs. Jose Villaceran
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Vondrak
Mr. and Mrs. Randall Vondrak
Ms. Luisa Wagy
Mr. and Mrs. Neil Way
Ms. Barbara Webster
Ms. Kyoung Sook Yang
Mr. and Mrs. William F. Yates

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Ybarra
Ms. Sonia Zuniga

Thank you
participants for
your
thoughtfulness and
generosity!

Pope Francis said that American voters face the choice between “the lesser evil” in the U.S. presidential election during an in-flight press conference Friday on his return from his nearly two-week tour of Southeast Asia. Speaking aboard the papal plane, a chartered Singapore Airlines flight, on Sept. 13, the pope encouraged Catholics to vote with their conscience. Speaking aboard the papal plane, a chartered Singapore Airlines flight, on Sept. 13, the pope encouraged Catholics to vote with their conscience.

“In political morality, in general they say that if you don’t vote, it’s not good, it’s bad. You have to vote, and you have to choose the lesser evil,” he said. What is the lesser evil? That woman, or that man?” he continued, referring to Vice President Kamala Harris and her Republican opponent, former president Donald Trump. “I don’t know. Each one, in his or her conscience, must think and do this.”

CBS News reporter Anna Matranga asked Francis what advice he would give to an American voter who has to decide between a candidate “who is in favor of abortion and another who wants to deport millions of migrants.” Pope Francis replied: “Both are anti-life — both the one who throws out migrants and the one who kills babies — both of them are against life.”

Harris, a Democrat who has made abortion without legal restrictions the centerpiece of her presidential campaign, and Trump, who has called for the deportations of perhaps millions of immigrants who have entered the U.S. illegally in recent years, are locked in a tight contest with just 52 days to go before the Nov. 5 election.

The Holy Father’s remarks about “the lesser evil” refers to the Church’s long-standing teaching that when faced with a choice between candidates who aren’t wholly aligned with the Church’s position on fundamental “nonnegotiable” issues — such as the sanctity of life, marriage, and religious freedom — it is permissible to cast a vote against the candidate who would do the most harm.

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In their [updated voters guide](#), the U.S. bishops state: “The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone.”

Pope Francis also spoke strongly about the topic of immigration, recalling his visit to Mexico’s border with the United States where he offered Mass near the Diocese of El Paso, saying that “to send migrants away” or to not give them welcome is sinful. Sending migrants away, not letting them develop, not letting them have life, is a bad and nasty thing. Sending a baby away from its mother’s breast is a murder because there is life. On these things, we must speak plainly,” he said

The U.S. bishops conference, for its part, has called abortion the “preeminent priority” for American Catholics in its published voter advice. Harris has strongly [defended abortion rights and has emphasized support](#) for reinstating a federal right to abortion.

A Prayer before an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- *Author Unknown*