



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 9, 2018

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase “Sunday best” has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it’s a healthy sign that we’re as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man’s origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark’s Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It’s a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you’re stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you’re in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you.

In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us—nation, parish church, occupation, illness—can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the “communion of saints” is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life’s struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint?

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Mass Intentions:

September 8th 4:30 PM: Parishioners
of St Andrew & St Regina

September 9th: Ryder Lewis +
by Mark & Key Bartel

September 10th: Peace and Healing of
Khuyen Segerson

September 12th: Peach and Healing of
Khuyen Segerson

September 15th 4:30 PM: Parishioners
of St Andrew & St Regina

September 16th: Mark J Stevens +
by Stan & Jean Stevens

THOUGHTS

The happiness of your life depends
upon the quality of your thoughts.

—Marcus Aurelius

September 16, 2018

Lectors — Eleanor Michie

Gift Bearers — The Palomino
Family

Eucharistic Ministers — Don Carlson,
Christine Carlson Deacon Jim Moss

Servers — Matthew Carlson, Jose Rodriguez

Sacristans — Con & Christine Carlson

Altar Linens — Sheri Parkinson, Susan
Boothe

Ushers—Men of the Parish



TODAY’S READINGS FOR CYCLE B

First Reading — Be strong, fear not! Here is your
God
(Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you
adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ
(James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute
speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Jody Adams, Mark Green,
Ethel Huffman, Jacob Palomino, Khuyen Segerson,
Ted & Jeanette Thiele, Joe & Stella York

Relatives

Thomas & Kelli Blankenship, Zula Doyle,
Nancy Gambino, Christine Hart and the twin boys
Benjamin and Theodore, Lisa Michelle Kirkpatrick,
Nickolas Kirkpatrick, Asa McCarty, Andrew Morlan,
Emily Ernst Royal

Friends

Susi Bickerstaff, Emma Cupples, Frank DeLuca,
Emily Evans, Eddie Michaels,
The Jeff Melton Family, Joseph Smile,
Fr Robert Ponticello

Coming Events

RCIA Classes: There is a sign-up sheet on the table in
the Narthex for anyone who wants to learn more about
your faith or become a catholic. These classes are
open to everyone.

October 27th, Fall Festival on the Square: As last
year, we will have a booth with baked goods for the
fall festival. Keep watching for updates and sign-u
sheets for baked goods. We will need someone with a
truck to move the tent, tables and chairs to the square
that morning and return them to the church that after-
noon. We will also need men to help set the booth up
and take it down. Ladies and youth, we will need your
help to price and sell the items.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary
Time;
Grandparents Day; Rosh Hashanah
(Jewish
New Year) 5779 begins at sunset

Tuesday: Patriot Day

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Thursday: St. John Chrysostom

Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday: Our Lady of Sorrows

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17;
Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18;
Mk 8:27-35

Weekday Mass Schedule



Monday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 11:30 am
Thursday: 9:00 am
Friday: 11:30 am



Deacon Moss will start
his new classes on
Vibrant Paradoxes
by Robert Barron,
on Tuesday,
September 11th, from
1:00-2:30 pm.

The book is \$10 and you may register in
the office and purchase your book.

Remember

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EDUCATION

The things taught in schools and colleges are
not an education, but the means of an education.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sept 2nd	
Budget	\$2300
Actual	\$2081
Short	\$219