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Catholic Church

Mass Intentions

August 24th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina August 25th: Dorothy Konz + by Gary and MaryAnn Maness August 26,th: Celebration of Sheila Kirkpatrick's Birthday by Kathleen Kirkpatrick August 27th: Intentions of Father Anthony Onyekwe on his 24th Anniversary in the Priesthood August 30th: Dorothy Konz + by Gary and MaryAnn Maness August 31st: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina September 1st 9:00: Dorothy Konz + by Mark & Kay Bartel

WEEKLY OFFERING

Aug 18th Budget \$2100 \$1243 Actual \$857 Short

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 25, 2019

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed by healed.

— Hebrews 12:12-13

WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old divi-

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TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR C

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER **Parishioners**

Grant Adams, Joyce Franckowiak, Ethel Huffman, Gigi Lui, Marietta Smith

Relatives

Michel Amrhein, Thomas Blankenship, Christopher Butler, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

As announced on August 4th, that when we receive instructions • from the Diocese on what end of year financial information we can post, we would do so. The comptroller sent an email on Monday. ◆ The End of Year summary is on the bulletin board.

Liturgical Ministers

September 1, 2019 Lectors — Mark Bartel Gift Bearers — Mr & Mrs Gary Maness Eucharistic Ministers — Carmen McDaniel, Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Sheri Parkinson Servers — Alonzo Rodriguez, Melanie Sadler Sacristans — Carmen McDaniel

Altar Linens — Sheri Parkinson, Susan

Booth

Ushers—Men of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;

Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Thursday:

Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;

Mt 25:1-13

1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30 Saturday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Sunday:

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Mass Schedule



Monday: 9:00 am Tuesday: 11:30 am Wednesday: 11:30 am Thursday: 9:00 am **Friday:** 11:30 am Sunday Vigil: 4:30 pm **Sunday**: 9:00 am 1:30 pm Spanish

Coming Events

The office will be closed on Monday, August 26th. Please note change in Mass time.

Tuesday, 27th: Father Anthony will say Mass at 11:30 in honor of his 24 years in the priesthood.

Sunday, Sept 1st: Spanish Mass at 1:30.

Sept 1st: No PRE classes due to Labor Day weekend.

The office will be closed Sept 1st through Sept 10th.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Monica Wednesday: St. Augustine

Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

GRACE AND STRUGGLE

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.