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Mass Intentions

Sept 19th: Parishioners of St Andrew
and St Regina

Sept 20th: 53rd Anniversary for Stan
and Jean Stevens

Sept 21st: Intentions of Tom O'Bryant
by Debbie O'Bryant

Sept 26th: Joyce Franckowiak +
by Mark & Kay Bartel

Sept 27th: Parishioners of st Andrew
and St Regina

Liturgical Ministers

September 27, 2020

Lectors — Lois Freeland

Gift Bearers —

Eucharistic Ministers —

Sacristans— Mary Alyce Fiechtl

Altar Linens — Sheri Parkinson and Susan
Boothe

Ushers—Men of the Parish

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2020

Turn to the LORD for mercy;
o our God, who is generous in forgiving.
— *Isaiah 55:7*

DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over time, the severe form of one-chance penance collapsed under lack of enthusiasm for its burdens and its public nature. As ordinary Christians prayed for the great sinners, it must have occurred to them that they were sinners no less, and they required a form of penance also. The Irish came to the rescue, never having had a public form of penance, but inventing a system called "tariff penance," which was completely private, available to everyone, and wildly popular. After a detailed confession, priest and penitent would lie on the floor before the altar and recite a number of psalms. The priest then pronounced a judgment, a tariff, giving a task or a prayer to complete before reconciliation.

The surviving guidebooks for confessors make for hair-raising reading as the sins of which the Irish people were supposedly capable were catalogued and keyed to penances. Cattle or sheep rustling might require stripping down to sing psalms in an icy brook, for example, or adultery could be the occasion for rolling in a thicket of thorns. All of this might have stayed in Ireland had not the monks had a desire to travel, blazing across Europe with their theology and their rituals, and their sense that Christians needed strong medicine for sin and the assurance of God's forgiveness.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Sept 13th

Budget \$2100

Actual \$2659

Bldg. \$0

Over \$559

TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalms — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Gary Adams, Grant Adams, Joe Bobak,

Ethel Huffman, MaryAnn Maness

Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

AUTUMN

Listen! The wind is rising,
and the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
now for October eves!

—Humbert Wolfe



Autumn begins

Decree from the Most Reverend Bishop David Talley:

And so, as of the 4th of October 2020, please know the following:

FIRST of all, please note that the dispensation from the obligation to attend holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will end on the 4th of October. As all know, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate at Mass (canon 1247)". Starting with the weekend liturgies of 10-11 October, I ask all Catholics to renew the spiritual obligation, to join in fellowship at their parish for holy Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. We need to come back to the Sunday celebration of holy Mass. We need to come back to the strength of each community of faith.

All C.D.C. guidelines for personal hygiene are to be followed (hand washing and sanitizing). Facial coverings (masks) are to be worn while at the parish or mission, through the 15th of November.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9;
Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32



Mass Schedule

Monday: 11:30 am

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 11:30 am

Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

HUMILITY

No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small.

—Anonymous

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Matthew

Tuesday: Autumn begins

Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Saturday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian;

Blessed Virgin Mary