

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 2, 2018

The Highest Law

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law



seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.,

Enjoy an Afternoon Video

The Women's Club will continue the video series, "The World's Greatest Churches", after our potluck luncheon on Tues., Sept. 11th. Join us for lunch in the hall at 11:30 am, or dessert and video at 12:15 pm. Please use the sign-up sheet on the table at the church entrance. Everyone welcome!



Attention All Men!

This Wed., Sept. 5th, (and every first Wed.) will be a Men's Club Holy Mass day. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend the 9:00 am Mass.



Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers for the 5:00 pm and 9:00 am Masses. Training is available. Please contact the parish office if you would like to be involved in this special ministry.

Parent Meeting

There will be a mandatory parent meeting for parents of our faith formation children (grades 1-5) on this Wed., Sept. 5th, at 6:00 pm in the hall. You may register your children at that time if you have not already done so.



Masses For The Week

(Sept. 1-7)

Sat., 5:00 pm- +Joan Verhaegh
Int. Chuck Dowdle
Int. Kathy Escobar

Sun., 9:00 am- +Terry Therault
Int. Jim & Ramona Voge

Sun., 6:00 pm- People of the Parish

Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service

Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service

Wed., 9:00 am- +Richard Fleming
Int. Jean Chinnici
Men's Club Members

Thur., 9:00 am- Int. Ramon DeAlba

Fri., 9:00 am- Our Sick & Homebound

Bethlehem Art Works

Beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles made by Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on sale after all the Masses next weekend, Sept. 8/9. Bethlehem Art Works is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to over 100 families each week. The religious articles are made by the suffering Christian families in the Holy Land, and is the primary means of providing for their livelihood. Please take the time next weekend to look at the beautiful rosaries, statues, crosses and nativity pieces.

Parish Offerings

Plate Collection (Aug. 25/26): \$2,922.00

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Adults Seeking Sacraments

Classes begin soon for those interested in becoming Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Please contact the parish office at 927-4816 for more information. It is never too late for the Sacraments!

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 8th; This feast originated in the Eastern Church, and was commemorated in the West as early as the fifth century. Although no one is certain where Mary was born, one ancient tradition cites Nazareth and another, Jerusalem. An occasion for praise and thanksgiving, the feast celebrates Mary's personal sanctity and vocation as the mother of Jesus. As St. Alphonsus Liguori said, "If we wish to recover lost grace, let us seek Mary, by whom this grace has been found. She never lost the divine grace; she always possessed it. (Living with Christ, Sept. 2018)



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Please Pray For The Sick ...Tommye Brennan, Alice Blankenship, John Pollock, Gloria Villalvazo, Karen Gallagher, Irene Hammond, Brad Goforth, Julie Victorino, Victoria Martinez, Harvey Smith, Mikayla Martinez, Carol Bader, John Chisler, Ramon De Alba, Jerry Reynolds, Eric Klemstein, Jerome Weissman, Jean Chinnici, Chuck Dowdle. May they know Christ's healing.