

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 10, 2017

God's Watchers

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us.

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Women's Club– Pivotal Players



Our final subject for Bishop Barron's Pillars of the Church series will be Michelangelo. We have really enjoyed the journey through England and Italy so far. This series has inspired us in many ways. Parishioner Sue Nash will lead the final presentation on Tues., Sept. 12th. Bring a dish to share for lunch at 11:30 am. Presentation begins at 12:30 pm sharp. Tell a friend or neighbor! For more information, or if you need a ride, call Dianne Dougherty at 927-2434.

Scripture Study/ Adult Education

Our Scripture Study/Adult Education sessions resume this coming Wed., Sept. 13th, at 9:30 am in the hall. This is for Catholics who would like to enrich their faith. It is also for those interested in becoming Catholic, or have been baptized but never received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation; or have been away from the Church for a while. Please join us when you are able.

In Need of Prayer: Tommye Brennan, Alice Blankenship, Joshua Martinez, John Pollock, Cherie Snow, Althea Soto, John Chisler, Judi Doctor, Ryan Kelez, Gloria Villalvazo, Karen Gallagher, Suzanne Hughes. May they know Christ's healing.



(Sept. 9-15)

Sat., 5:00 pm- Int. Nancy Green
Sun., 9:00 am- Living & Deceased Members
of the Monty Family
Int. Tina Quaschnick
Sun., 6:00 pm- +Juliana Benitez
+Cesilia Tripi
Int. Gloria Villalvazo
Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Wed., 9:00 am- Sick of the Parish
Thurs., 9:00 am- Those Serving in Our Military
Fri., 9:00 am- Int. Wanda Helgeson

Parish Offerings

Plate Collection (9/2-3): \$3,098.00
Hurricane Harvey Relief: \$1,348.00

God Bless You for Your Support!

Food Pantry Needs...

- ◇ Small Jars of Peanut Butter
- ◇ Canned Soup with Pop-Top Lids
- ◇ Canned Fruit with Pop-Top Lids



Please bring these by the parish office!

Men's Club News

The next meeting will take place on Tues., Sept. 19th, at 6:00 pm in the hall. All men of the parish are invited for a great meal and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet near the church entrance for those who would like to attend.

Saints and Special Observances

Monday:

Patriot Day

Tuesday:

The Most Holy Name
of Mary

Wednesday:

St. John Chrysostom

Thursday:

Exaltation of the Cross

Friday:

Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday:

Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian



Seminarian & Continuing Education of Priests Collection– Next Weekend

We are blessed in our diocese with 25 men who have accepted the call to discern and prepare for the priesthood, as well as many amazing and dedicated priests currently providing spiritual nourishment in our parishes. The decision to pursue God's call and enter the seminary is an expensive one. The diocese bears the cost of tuition, room and board for our seminarians, which is approximately \$45,000 per year, per seminarian. A gift from every family at Mass would help educate our seminarians and pastors for another year.

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