

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 9, 2018

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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



"The World's Greatest Churches"

The Women's Club will continue the video series, "The World's Greatest Churches" after the potluck luncheon this Tues., Sept. 11th, in the hall. Join us for lunch at 11:30 am. If you would like to come just for dessert and video, join us at 12:15 pm. Please use the sign-up sheet near the church entrance if you plan to attend. Bring a friend!



Scripture Study/Adult Education

Our Scripture Study/Adult Education sessions resume on Wed., Sept. 19th, 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 those baptized Catholic, but never received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist; or have been away from the Church for a while. Please come when you are able.

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, George Keenan, Gale Keenan. May they know Christ's healing.



(Sept. 8-14)

- Sat., 5:00 pm- Int. Carol Bader
+Joan Verhaegh
- Sun., 9:00 am- +Terry Therault
+Marie Marino
Living & Deceased
Members of the Monty Fam.
- Sun., 6:00 pm- People of the Parish
- Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service
- Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service
- Wed., 9:00 am- +Fr. Robert Hale
- Thur., 9:00 am- Sick of the Parish
- Fri., 9:00 am- Int. George & Gale Keenan

"The Active Shooter Response"

Several people from our parish will be attending this presentation by the SLO County Sheriff's Office. Learn how to prepare for an Active Shooter scenario—whether it's to Run, Hide, or Fight back. This will take place on Wed., Sept. 19th, 5:00 pm at the Vet's Hall. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.



Men's Club

The Men's Club will meet on Tues., Sept. 18th, at 6:00 pm in the hall. All men of the parish are invited for a great dinner and fellowship. Please sign up near the church entrance if you plan to attend.

Seminarians & Continuing Education of Priests

We are blessed in our diocese with 26 men who have accepted the call to discern and prepare for 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, and room and board for our seminarians, which is approximately \$45,000 per year, per seminarian. Please be generous next weekend when the second collection for the Seminarians and Continuing Education of Priests in our diocese is taken up.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:

Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5779 begins at sunset

Tuesday:

Patriot Day

Wednesday:

Most Holy Name of Mary

Thursday:

St. John Chrysostom

Friday:

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday:

Our Lady of Sorrows



Parish Offerings

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| Plate Collection (Sept. 1/2): | \$2,922.00 |
| Facility Repairs: | \$1,882.00 |

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