

August 29th - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 28

9:00am
4:30pm

Sunday, August 29

8:00am † *Manuel G. Ocampo*
10:00am *Paul Limpin (bday)*
12:00pm *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

Monday, August 30

9:00am

Tuesday, August 31

9:00am

Wednesday, September 1

9:00am † *Livawayway Espino*

Thursday, September 2

9:00am

Friday, September 3

9:00am † *Crisanto O. de la Torre*

Saturday, September 4

9:00am † *Ernest Hemmingway*
4:30pm

From the Desk of the Pastor

It is the heart that matters.....

It is not clean fingernails, or clean teeth, or a clear skin that makes a person clean in the sight of God. To be truly clean, is to be clean of heart.

For the heart is what "I am" deep down. It is real me. And while we are all capable of deception, a corrupt heart will sooner or later show itself in the face. At the same time, a clean heart, like a clear mountain lake, shines in the face.

St. Mark presents Jesus' efforts to keep his disciples properly focused in the face of an attempt by the Pharisees and scribes to redirect the way the disciples express their religious commitment.

The religious leaders complain that the disciples of Jesus are eating with unwashed hands. Their excessive concern over ritual purification does not recognize a more serious integral need to purify one's thoughts that are within us and that lead to many immoral actions: Jesus calls their attention to be concerned about our innermost thoughts, evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within.

Jesus looked at the Pharisees and said to them: "These men are no better than white-washed tombs: they are clean on the outside, but inside they are full of corruption". But he looked at Nathanael and said: "Here is a true Israelite, a man in whom there is no trace of deceit".

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

The Church is open for weekend Masses

Saturday Mass at 4:30pm and Sunday Masses at 8am & 10am in English and 12 noon en español

The church is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 7:30am to 1:00pm. We pray the rosary at 9:30am in English and at 11:30am in Spanish. Come and join us in praying the rosary.

The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615 and our liturgical ministers who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church and taking care of the church.

When someone mentions laws and/or commandments, we usually think of them as burdens that we have to bear to be good citizens or church members. But if you listen carefully to the first reading from Deuteronomy, you get the sense that the laws Moses presented to the people of Israel were a gift from God. Moses presents the laws as wise and just, so much so that other nations would praise and envy the Israelites for having such laws. Some of the nations around at the time had kings who used the law to keep themselves in power and make them wealthy. They showed how much God cared for his people, that He would guide them in their everyday lives and hear their prayers. Though God is greater than they could comprehend, he is also nearer than we think. This brings us to Jesus, who shows us the Father and who made the law both simpler and more challenging. Jesus simplified the laws by showing us that loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves was the basis of all God's laws. The challenge is to do more than simply avoid hurting or cheating others. We are to love one another as Jesus loves us. That means reaching out to those in need, forgiving our enemies, caring for the sick or dying. And don't forget about loving God: How often do we even think about Him, thank Him for all we have, or take time to listen to Him? Do we love Jesus so much that we want other people to know him too? If we are willing to accept the challenge to love God and neighbor, we will not have to worry about breaking laws.

Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmask a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

Religious Education Program: CCD 2021-2022 Sacramental Formation Program

The Religious Education program is now accepting applications for school year 2021-2022, for First Communion and Confirmation preparation classes. Classes will resume on September 11th at 10am in Spanish and 1:30pm in English. Classes are held at the old convent building located at, 98 Bosworth Street. For more information please see the Catechists after the 10am and 12noon masses.



Second Collection

Today's second collection is for the Ministries of St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John the Evangelist. Thank you for your continued generous support.

But be doers of the word, not hearers
only, deceiving yourselves.
- James 1:22

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA
August 16th - August 22nd, 2021

Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,306.70
Missionaries Of Jesus.....\$ 257.25

