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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST



All three readings today support—each in its own way, of course—a reflection on the humanity of Jesus Christ and how that humanity played a key role in the drama of our salvation. Although not chosen specifically to coordinate with the other two readings, today’s second reading does in fact carry forward the theme of Christ’s humanity in a remarkable way. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews highlights the solidarity that exists between Jesus and us, precisely because in his human nature Jesus has known the same sufferings and testing that are our own experience. Because he can “sympathize with our weaknesses,” we can “approach the throne of grace to receive mercy.” For the author of Hebrews, the humanity of Jesus was an essential requirement for his redemptive death, as well as an invitation to us to find in Jesus someone with whom we can identify in our daily struggles.

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Today’s Old Testament selection, from Isaiah’s “Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant of God,” describes God’s Servant as one who “gives his life as an offering for sin” (Isaiah 53:10) and celebrates the mighty power of that self-offering: “through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear” (53:11). As always during Ordinary Time, this Old Testament reading prepares us for today’s longer form Gospel. Jesus incarnates the redemptive suffering that Isaiah foresaw in the offering of God’s Servant, as well as the covenantal restoration that the Servant’s sacrifice achieved. The reading from Hebrews confirms our finding peace in continually learning from Jesus, whatever our deepest flaws and trials: for Jesus, our “great high priest” (Hebrews 4:14) is not “unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,” for Jesus was “tested in every way” that we are (4:15).

SELF-EXAMINATION

Knowing that Jesus’ throne of glory is also a “throne of grace,” from which Jesus bestows “mercy and grace for timely help” (Hebrews 4:16), today’s Gospel suggests sincere self-examination: How do we approach Jesus and make our requests? What do we ask for: what Jesus wants us to do or, like James and John today, do we demand “whatever we want” from Jesus? Does the world in which we live and work focus our hearts on glory to the right and power on the left? Or does “the cup we drink,” “the baptism” we’ve received inspire us to gladly become servants of all, like the Jesus who has made us his disciples? Do we also avoid imitating the “indignant ten” other Apostles who rebuked James and John? Or are we also quick to see the errors of others and rash in passing judgment on them? How do we live in response to Jesus who gave his life “as a ransom for many”?

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Gospel — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

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MISUNDERSTANDING JESUS

Throughout this part of Ordinary Time, Mark’s Gospel tracks the disciples’ progressive misunderstanding about Jesus’ mission and the nature of discipleship. We heard Jesus make two predictions about his Passion on Sundays in September, and just before today’s Gospel episode, Jesus informed the Twelve: “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise” (Mark 10:33–34). Despite Jesus’ three predictions and his definition of “glory” and “power” as serving others in humility, James and John still imagine Jesus as bound for a glorious earthly messiahship. How moving that Jesus, rather than scolding James and John as he had previously rebuked Peter, instead begins teaching them patiently, “You do not know what you are asking” (10:38).

Great Service

In Mark's gospel, he has a short description of the Last Supper, without the washing of the disciples' feet found in the gospel of John. Today's passage has a similar message. While James and John seem to be close friends of Jesus, they obviously have not learned what it means to follow him. But they think this is the time to ask for their share in the glory of Jesus' Kingdom.

Jesus doesn't make any promises of worldly glory, but he does promise a share in his suffering. When he goes on to remind them of how Gentiles rule over people, they probably thought he was going to let them do the same. Imagine their surprise when he told them that the greatest of them would be the ones who served the rest.

They still did not understand that Jesus had to suffer and die to complete his life mission. They probably did not know what Jesus meant about their being baptized in death as Jesus would. But then how many people today know that leadership is a form of service? Whether you are head of a family, or of a nation, you were given that authority by God. And God expects leaders to not only direct those under them, but inspire and encourage them to do better. Parents do more than correct their children: They also guide them, love them, protect them, and sometimes even let them learn from their mistakes.

This connection of leadership and service is all inclusive. A manager is called to help his employees do their jobs better, not by badgering, but by giving the support they need. Government leaders are called to serve all constituents, not just the ones who donate to their election fund. Military leaders must support their troops with respect as well as discipline. God calls Church leaders in a special way to service of their flock: to protect the weakest members, to give an example of Jesus' love to all, and to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in both clergy and laity. Anyone who lives a life of loving service can be "greatest" in the Kingdom of God.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

Visit the parish office for more information.

Confessions are by appointment only. Please call 718-295-6800 for an appointment time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

OCTOBER 18, 2021

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
 Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OCTOBER 18, 2021

Monday
8:30am Noel C. Rodriguez (D); Romulo Anibal Berges (D); Samuel Tonje (D)
 Souls of Ancestors
12:00pm
Tuesday
8:30am Romulo Anibal Berges Perez (D)
 Maria Ninh (D)
12:00pm
Wednesday
8:30am Ramon Agosto Cabrera (D)
 Maria Ninh (D)
12:00pm
Thursday
8:30am Joseph Thanh (D)
 All Souls
12:00pm
Friday
8:30am Anastacio Montero, Juan Bautista Hernandez, Keren Hernandez, Rosa Caines (D); Carlos Cabrera, Josefa Santos (D), Mejoria de Luz Pelaez (L)
12:00pm
Saturday
7:45am Giuse Hâu & Maria Cam (D)
7:00pm Maria Franco, Deodoro Perez, David Baez (D); Luis Ramon Corona (D); Amparo Cuautla & Eugenio Rebollar; Petra, Abelino, Josefina Taveras
Sunday
8:00am People of SNT; Jason Richard Hyde (D)
9:30am Nelly Maria Murillo Baquerizo (D); Diego & Concepcion Garcia; Pedro Garcia Gabino (L)- cumpleaños
11:30am Therese Huong (D)
1:30pm Maria Ninh (D)

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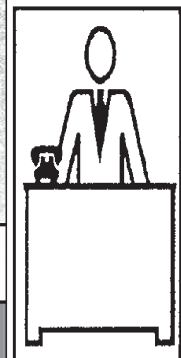
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