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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

PERSISTENCE



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Exodus recounts the journey of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to the land promised to their ancestors. It was not an easy journey. In today's reading, they are attacked by Amalek and his soldiers, members of one of the peoples who live in the land through which the Israelites are traveling. Moses was on the hilltop with his arms raised to invoke the LORD's assistance in the battle below, a powerful illustration of the LORD's favor upon Israel. If the soldiers were to lift up their eyes to that hill (see Psalm 121:1), they would be reassured by Moses's presence and posture. Paul urges the Thessalonians to persist in proclaiming the gospel, and Jesus likewise commends the widow for her persistence in pursuit of the justice due her. Whether they preach or pray, the followers of Jesus need persistence through periods of difficulty.

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We all get weary sometimes. So often we face frustration, discouragement, and temptation to despair over what we can't change in our lives, or in the world. Today's readings give us resources to persist in sustaining hope and trusting in God. The reading from Exodus shows us that when our arms get weary, we are not alone, that God provides us companions to sustain us. The letter to Timothy reminds us that we are rooted in scripture, the story of God's past actions and promises for the future. The Gospel passage from Luke gives us the image of a persistent widow, who has a passion in her heart to sustain her relentless efforts to secure justice. This passion, this faith and hope, are God's gifts. But they require ongoing practices of prayer to stay alive and growing. Let us encourage each other in prayer when our arms get weary.

GOD'S PERSISTENCE

Today's Gospel is set within Jesus' instruction to his disciples to prepare for a future after his ascension, and before Christ's final return. The early Church lived in an unjust and violent world, and likely wondered when Christ would return to complete his work. In this context, we hear a parable of a corrupt judge and a widow seeking justice. The widow has no worldly resources to affect the judge, but only her own persistence. And that was enough.

We today also live in an unjust world, and we the Church long for Christ to fulfill God's promises. But we are not asked to wait passively; instead we must join God's work in bringing justice. We can imitate the widow with our persistence in prayer and action to be instruments of peace in our own place and time. These efforts might well extend beyond our own lifespans, but God will inspire new instruments of peace in future generations. God's persistence will be enough.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As long as Moses' hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-13).

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

Second Reading — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

Gospel — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).

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A DEEP BREATH

In today's passage from 2 Timothy, we hear that "all scripture is inspired." The Greek word translated as "inspired" literally means "God-breathed." That is, God breathes God's own life in and through scripture. We can see ourselves also as "God-breathed," as God's creation was the result of God's speech in Genesis, and as the Church received the Spirit from Jesus' breath (John 20:22). God breathes in and through these writings, and in our encounters with each other, to enliven and to transform us.

Using this word, Paul invites Timothy to engage with scripture, to allow it to teach, correct, and train. Scripture is not a set of rules or an answer book, but a breath of God's fresh air. It is the record of flawed human beings encountering a loving yet mysterious God. It is the story of God and humanity where we can place our life stories in dialogue with God's story. Take a deep breath.

Perseverance

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a clever example of why we are to persevere in praying, even if we think the prayer is not being heard. The crooked judge just wanted to get that widow off his back. She was lucky her adversary didn't pester the judge, too; he might have gone the other way. So we can pray to God with even more confidence, because we know that God loves us and will answer our prayers.

St. Paul carries that theme of perseverance even further. He is not just talking about prayer here; he encourages Timothy to persevere in proclaiming God's word as well. That command we may find more challenging than prayer. He tells Timothy (and us!) to "convince, reprimand and encourage through all patience and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2). How can we do that?

"Convince" reminds me that our faith should be reasonable. Not that we can prove all that we believe in a scientific way, but our faith should be realistic; after all, God made the world, so God should know how it works. Jesus' command to love one another, for instance, can be taught much more convincingly by giving examples of love. A mother who hugs her child when he is hurt, forgives him when he is sorry, and encourages him when he feels lost is teaching that command in a way that will be remembered much longer than just telling him to love people. So we can convince others of our faith by showing them examples of love, forgiveness, and encouragement.

Paul also talks about reprimanding each other. That may be what he was thinking when he says that proclaiming the word can sometimes be inconvenient. Most people find it difficult to reprimand someone they are in charge of, much less one who is equal in status. That's where patience comes in. A reprimand can be made patiently and gently, as a sign of concern rather than authority.

Paul lastly mentions teaching. He probably was referring to teaching the Hebrew scriptures and how they were fulfilled in Christ. Parents can do their part by teaching the stories from the Bible, helping children to see God in creation, teaching them to pray, and being good examples of God's love for them. If you send your children to religion classes or the parish school, do what you can to support the teachers so that what the children learn at school is practiced at home. What the children see (or don't see) at home has a much greater effect than a few hours a week in a classroom.

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Last weekend we were blessed to have a visiting priest from Cross Catholic Outreach. More than ever, poor families in developing countries are depending on Catholic missions for assistance with food, water, shelter, medical care and spiritual nourishment. It's not too late to support Cross Catholic Outreach and the efforts of these vital international missions. To participate, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, or text BLESSINGS to 474747.

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OCTOBER 2, 2022

Tithing: \$6,977.58
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
OCTOBER 17, 2022

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
OCTOBER 17, 2022

Monday
8:30am Felix Antonio Hernandez, Maria Olinda Ramirez, Keren Hernandez (D); Altigracia Acevedo (D)
12:00pm
Tuesday
8:30am Mercedes Aquino (D)
12:00pm Peter Trang (D)
Wednesday
8:30am Maria Bravo, Gabriel Guadamud (D)
12:00pm
Thursday
8:30am Acción de gracias por los 15 años de vida de Fatima Maximino Pichardo (D)
12:00pm
Friday
8:30am
12:00pm
Saturday
7:45am
7:00pm Angel Dariel Rodriguez Hernandez (D); Rafaela Rodriguez Guzman (D), Chanelle Berroa (D), Maria Franco, Manuel Baez, Diodoro Perez (D); Zobeida Nazario (D)
Sunday
8:00am Ana Mung (D)
9:30am Nelly Maria Murillo Basquerizo (D); Marcos Esquijarrosa & Rafael Diego Garcia (D); Angel Calemeno (D), Asalon Suarez (D), Nelson Vergara (D)
11:30am People of SNT (D)
1:30pm All Souls (D)

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We pray for the dead:



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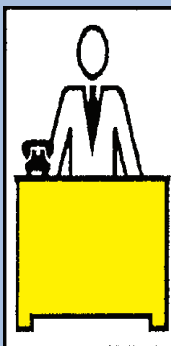
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