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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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Parish Staff: Ext. 2
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Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (OCT. 28TH & OCT. 29TH)

Donation	\$6,608.00
Donation Online	\$1,090.00
Maintenance Fund	\$30.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$7,728.00



"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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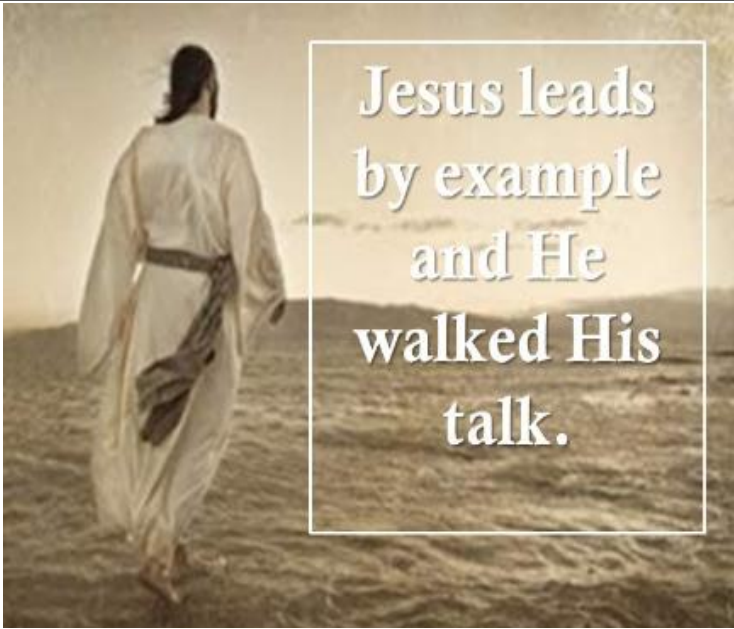
CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Tom Ngo

He is a newly certified catechist from our Parish, who has completed the Catechist track of the Archdiocese of Seattle Catechetical Certification Program. This commitment involves attending 7 in-person classes and viewing 24 Augustine Institute Symbolon program videos online. Blessings to him on this important accomplishment!



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
HOMILY BY FATHER PAUL VU
They teach but they don't do anything



Jesus leads
by example
and He
walked His
talk.

In the Gospel we just heard, Jesus said: Do and observe whatever they say to you, but do not follow their actions: for they say but do not do. Who are they? In the past, they were the Pharisees and scribes of the law, the leaders of God's people, today they are Priests who stand on the pulpit, teaching God's people how to be saved, to be holy, to enter Heaven. Nowadays, many priests are often afraid to preach, because below there are many people grading them. If they preach well, people will praise them. If they preach poorly, they will be criticized. If they preach too long and poorly, people will fall

asleep. Some people even go to another church because they don't want to listen to that priest's preaching anymore. Very dangerous. We may be tempted to go to the church not to feast on God's word, but to go because the priest preaches according to our own ideas, whichever priest I like. That is a way of living religiously based on feelings, not living by faith. Wrong.

Whatever they say to you, you shall do and observe. Any priest proclaims God's word, and explains it so that parishioners can clearly understand it and live God's word in the current situation. The Word of God is the living word, giving us faith, helping us distinguish between right and wrong, and doing good and avoiding evil. The first reading is from the Old Testament books, the second reading is usually from the letters of Saint Paul, and the Gospels are four books about the teachings and life of Jesus. All are God's words. It's like a big feast being served for us to eat for our souls to enjoy. We can't eat them all, so we can choose a sentence that touches our soul and can guide us to live well for a week. The responses and prayers read by the priest or recited by the minister are also God's word. Choose one sentence for yourself and live by it. Priest's homily is just an extra point. Even if that priest committed a serious sin and celebrated the Mass would still be valid. Because God is the one who offers the official sacrifice to save us. A priest is just God's equipment.

Saint John Vianney said: Priests are just instruments used by God. God is the main one. Just like the chalice containing the Body and Blood of Christ. The chalice made of gold, silver, or wood is not important, it is just a tool to hold the Body and Blood of Christ. And God is still God, unchanged. Come to church to be nourished by God with His Word and His Holy Body and Blood, not because of anyone else. Therefore, to benefit from the grace of God's word, the day before going to Mass, we should take some time to read through the readings and choose for ourselves the verse we like best, according to our mood and needs that your greatest request. Only then our lives will truly change.

But do not follow their actions: for they teach but do not do. The furthest way is from mouth to hands, from words to deeds. Many times, the leaders of God's people preach very well but sometimes do not act, sometimes they do the opposite. They act as directors and instigators but do not dare to act. They put the burden on other people's shoulders, but they themselves don't want to lift a finger to shake it. All the work they do is intended to show people: to get people's attention and praise. They want to have the best seats at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, to be greeted on the streets and to be addressed as "teacher and father". Jesus teaches us not to imitate their hypocritical actions and lifestyles, but to imitate Jesus: living gently, humbly, loving and serving. Only then we can truly live with our faith. Our lives will be peaceful and happy, not only in this life but also in the next. Amen.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

You have turned aside from the way,
and have caused many to falter by your instruction.
(Mal 2:8)

Psalm:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace. (Ps 131)

Second Reading:

With such affection for you, we were determined to
share with you
not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as
well,
so dearly beloved had you become to us. (1Thes 2:8)

Gospel:

"Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they
tell you,
but do not follow their example.
For they preach but they do not practice." (Mt 23:3)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ turns the way of the world upside down:
the great become the small and the honored
ones become humble. Be small, and you will feel
his greatness. Be humble, and you will know the
honor of Heaven.

Observances for the week of November 5, 2023

- Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight
Saving Time Ends; National Vocation
Awareness Week
- Tuesday:** Election Day
- Thursday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Friday:** St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of
the Church
- Saturday:** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
- Next Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Henriette DeLille was a woman of faith, perseverance, and service who dedicated her life to the people of New Orleans. Her courage, compassion, and dedication to the oppressed was a shining example of what it means to live a life of service and love.

Prayer

O good and gracious God, You called Henriette Delille to give herself in service and in love to the slaves and the sick, to the orphan and the aged, to the forgotten and the despised.

Grant that inspired by her life, we might be renewed in heart and in mind. If it be Your will may she one day be raised to the honor of sainthood. By her prayers, may we live in harmony and peace, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.henriette-delille.com/beatification-prayer>)