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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.



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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (SEPTEMBER 16TH & 17TH)

Donation	\$3,966.00
Donation Online	\$1,255.00
Maintenance Fund	\$30.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$5,251.00

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 GOAL \$36,577

As of 9.07.23, Gifts Received \$25,311

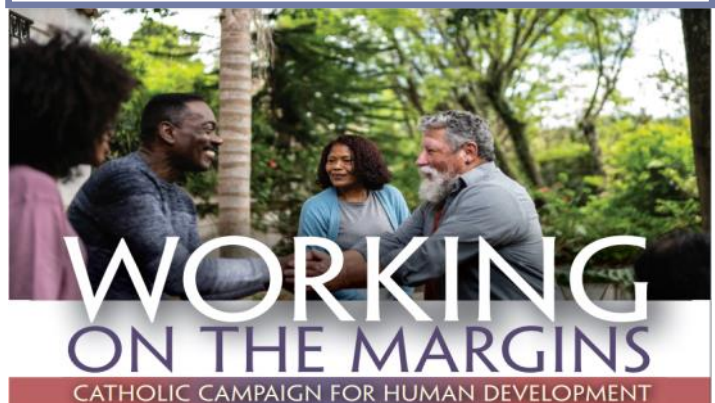
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SPECIAL COLLECTION: September 16-17, 2023.

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Your donation helps to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

For more information visit: www.usccb.org/cchd



ANNOUNCEMENT:

Our Lady of Lourdes of Seattle parish will host 2 listening sessions about Partners in the Gospel on Saturday 9/23 and 9/30 from 1 PM - 3 PM at the parish hall (school's lower level). After the 2 listening sessions, the parish will send a report back to the archdiocese. We invite you to spare your valuable time to come to one of the listening sessions and share with us your ideas. Your contributions are helpful in building our parish's better and brighter future. God bless you and your loved ones.

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Homily by Father Joseph

Jesus Christ Is Extraordinarily Generous

Christ himself is the generous landowner in this parable, and the lesson he wants us to learn is that his generosity goes beyond even our widest comprehension.

This is why in the First Reading God tells us that "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways."

To pay these hired workers a full day's wage for only a few hours of work is the epitome of generosity. There is no other reason for it; he does it simply because he is generous; he is deeply concerned about these men and capable of helping them.

Palestine's day laborers at that time had no steady work and no steady income.

They were hired on a day-to-day basis.

The workers still waiting to be given work late in the day were probably resigned to another hungry evening for themselves and their families.

Only a man with a truly generous heart would take the trouble to put them to work with only an hour remaining till sundown.

And only an extraordinarily generous man would pay them the full day's wage!

That's Jesus.

Jesus Christ is extraordinarily generous; the history of salvation is the story of his boundless giving.

First he gives life,
then after Original sin he gives hope for salvation,
then with the Incarnation he gives redemption,
and finally, to those who faithfully work in his vineyard, he gives everlasting heavenly bliss.

And it doesn't stop there.

Strictly speaking, we deserve none of those gifts.

And yet, just as the landowner gave the laborers real work to do in his vineyard, even if the reward far outweighed the work,

Christ too allows us to make a real contribution to the eternal happiness of ourselves through prayer, self-sacrifice, and service.

Jesus Christ is a volcano of generous love.

Doing Real Work for Christ's Kingdom

God's generosity truly is beyond comprehension.

And yet, one of its most remarkable manifestations is often overlooked.

The landowner in the parable gave those workers real work to do in his vineyard, even if the reward far outweighed the actual amount of work.

Christ does the same thing with us.

He allows us to make a real contribution to the eternal happiness of ourselves and our neighbors through loving him, serving others, and building up the Church.

This is one of the biggest differences between Christianity and many other religions.

In eastern religions, for example, where they believe in reincarnation, human actions on earth have no lasting effect.

If someone acts rightly, they will dissolve out of existence and be absorbed into nothingness after death - escaping existence, and escaping suffering.

But those who act wrongly, according to reincarnationism, are simply recycled into some other form of existence, and the recycling continues until they finally get it right and are then dissolved into Nirvana.

That false doctrine drains human activity from any real meaning.

But in Christ, our actions really do have meaning.

We are members of his Mystical Body; we are his hands, feet, eyes, and mouth.

When we serve those around us, we are serving Christ and storing up an eternal treasure in heaven.

When we stay faithful to Christian principles even under pressure, humiliation, and persecution, we are glorifying God and adding to our heavenly reward.

When we help others come closer to Christ through our words, prayers, and example, we are increasing the everlasting joys of heaven for them and for us.

This is the privilege Christ has generously given us by making us his fellow workers in God's Kingdom.

Today, let's thank him for it, and let's promise that this week, we'll do our best to live up to it.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. (Is 55:8)

Psalms:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or
by death.

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. (Phil 1:20-21)

Gospel:

"What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?" (Mt 20:14-15)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Let us never make the grave mistake of assuming
we earn our salvation in the same way we earn a
wage. It is a gift lavished upon us by a God who
does not count the hours of our labor or measure
the amount of our output.

Observances for the week of September 24, 2023

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday
- Tuesday:** Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz
and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels
- Saturday:** St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of
the Church
- Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday



Saint of the week

In Tlaxcala, Mexico, in the early 1500s,
three indigenous boys embraced
Catholicism after encountering Spanish
Franciscan friars. Their names were
Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan. Each was
martyred for their faith, making them the
first Catholic martyrs on the continent.

Prayer

Holy Trinity, I deeply venerate your
generosity and infinite majesty, for the
firmness that you granted to the children
Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan, who, at the
beginning of the evangelization of Mexico,
and despite their young ages, were filled
with immense love for carrying the word
of your kingdom without stopping to think
about the fear of suffering.

With their verve and their martyrdom, we
inherited an example of an unbreakable
and sincere faith. For the preference you
had for these children, confer the special
grace that, through their intercession, I ask
of you (make your request).

Amen.