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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday.......7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
(No 7 a.m. Mass from Memorial Day through early September)
Saturday......8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
Sunday......7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m..
Holy Days.......5 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
7 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Holy Day
Eucharistic Adoration....Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are held every Sunday and some Saturdays at 1:00 pm. Baptism Preparation Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month via Zoom. Please call the office for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard Monday through Saturday following the 8:30 A.M. Mass and on Saturdays from 4:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. in church or by appointment.

CARE OF SICK

Arrangements should be made through the parish office for home visits with the Eucharist for the sick and elderly. The office should be contacted for the Sacrament of the Sick.

SACRAMENTAL SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must:

Be a registered member of a Catholic parish

Be at least 16 years of age

Received Sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation

If married, according to the laws of the Catholic Church

Sunday, June 22 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Luke 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to a large crowd when his disciples asked that he dismiss the people to give them a chance to find food and lodging. Jesus asked the disciples to give the crowd something to eat, but they had only five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus then blessed and distributed the food, which fed about 5,000 people. Twelve baskets were then collected from what was left over.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:30am Doris & Lloyd Kramer r/b Bob & Laurie Kramer 5:00pm Harry & Vincent Houwen r/b Houwen Family

Sunday, June 22

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:30am Eleanor Monsu r/b Irene Binz
9:30am Matthew Kaplan r/b Community Connections
Phil Bellace r/b Chris Bellace & Family
Catherine Hornibrook r/b Geraldine Wilgus
For the Members of the Legion of Mary
Barbara Salandria r/b Dave & Janet Jenkins
Gerard G. MacFarlane r/b Hollywood Family
11:30am Frank & Sadie Geraci r/b Geraci Family

Monday, June 23

8:30am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Tuesday, June 24 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30am Jorge Perez r/b Carmen Perez

Wednesday, June 25

8:30am Geraldine Medalla r/b Zeny Manzanno

Thursday, June 26

8:30am Barbara Gaffney r/b Robert & Mary Jo Flem

Friday, June 27 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 8:30am Michael E. Silenzio r/b Anthony & Catherine

Saturday, June 28

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:30am Ginny Daniels r/b Ed & Pat Hughes 5:00pm Michael McNasby r/b daughter Christina

Sunday, June 29 – Sts. Peter & Paul

7:30am John Centanni r/b Nardello Family 9:30am Lorraine Laurelli r/b Ushers Ministry 11:30am Sonny Vigilante r/b Wife & Children Salvatore Aversa r/b Anthony & Catherine Marianna Karpinska r/b Ruffalo Family Jim & Mary Logan r/b Marie & Bob McGuirl Dr. George Bonner r/b Mom & Dad Anthony Romano r/b Reggie & Julie Santos

Readings for the Week

Monday, June 23 Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 24 Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday, June 25 Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20 Thursday, June 26 Gn 16:1-12, 15-16; Mt 7:21-29 Ez 34:11-16; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday, June 28 Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17

Prayer for Religious Vocations

Priest: Let us pray for vocations

All: O God, we earnestly beseech you to bless the Church with many priests, deacons, seminarians and

religious who will love you with their whole strength, be faithful to their vocation and gladly spend

their entire lives to teach your truths, serve your Church and make you known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families, bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for your work.

Priest: O Mary, Queen of the clergy,

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests, deacons, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us many more.

All: Amen.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone, are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reading I - Genesis 14:18-20

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
the creator of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who delivered your foes into your hand."
Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Reading II - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Gospel - Luke 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty." They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

"...a time to be born..."

Nova Rae Barbieri

"...a time to welcome..."

Carreiro Family, Fallon Family, Lokaj Family

"a time to be married..."

Jeffrey Gyza and Kameel Alkassir

...a time to be healed..."

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"...a time to die..."

John Gillespie (brother of Rose Similia) Gina DiPrinzio



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"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets."

-Luke 9:17

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Incarnation's Bereavement Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 3:30 PM – Conference Room in the Parish Offices. The group is open to anyone in the community who has lost a loved one. We are here to support you through your grief journey. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Rita at 856-693-2932.

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LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Our scripture passage is the story of the Feeding of the 5,000 people (Luke 9:11b-17). One of the points to note is the contrast between how Jesus responds to the crowds and how the disciples respond to them. Jesus welcomes the crowd, teaches them, and cares for their needs: He cures them. The disciples, on the other hand, wanted to send the crowd away and let them care for themselves. Our Lord corrects the disciples' errant desire and cares for the crowds Himself. This is one of the lessons of this passage and invites us to reflect on how we respond to those in need around us. Jesus saw people in need as opportunities for ministry; the disciples saw people in need as a burden to be avoided and dismissed. The Acts of the Apostles teaches us that charitable outreach for those in need was a distinguishing quality of the early Church. The lesson of this passage, then, is that disciples should welcome those who come regardless of their need and not turn them away. For the Church to reflect the hospitality of Jesus, we must learn to see the need of others as an opportunity for our ministry rather than a burden to be avoided or dismissed. The disciples reveal the source of their errant thinking when they speak the reason for their desire to dismiss the crowds: "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." The disciples mistakenly thought that what they needed was an abundance of money. However, what they really needed was the faith to rely on the authority and power of Jesus to work through them. As proof for the twelve disciples to trust in God's power the Gospel tells us they picked up twelve baskets of fragments – one abundant basket for each disciple.

The message of this teaching is clear: disciples are instruments of God but not the source of God's gifts. When disciples understand themselves as instruments rather than origins of all good gifts then disciples become more generous towards others and more reliant on God's providential grace. What God can do through us is infinitely greater than what we can do by ourselves. While we strive to offer the Lord the best of our first fruits, the quality of our gift never determines the quality of God's gift. We are only the dispensers of God's grace but not its origin. If we trust in our own resources and our own liability to solve the needs of our world, then we will give in to the fear of insufficiency; it is only when we learn to trust in the power of God working through us that we can courageously face the overwhelming needs of the world.

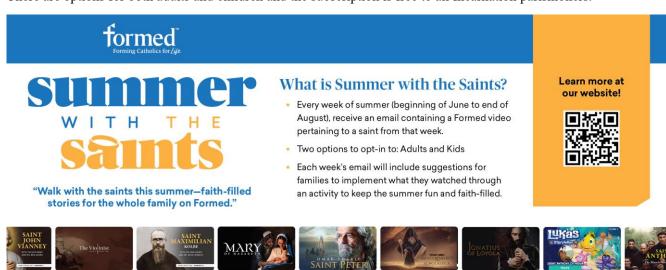
Think about it: How can we be tempted to rely on our own limited resources rather than faithfully trust in God's eternal greatness working through us?

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