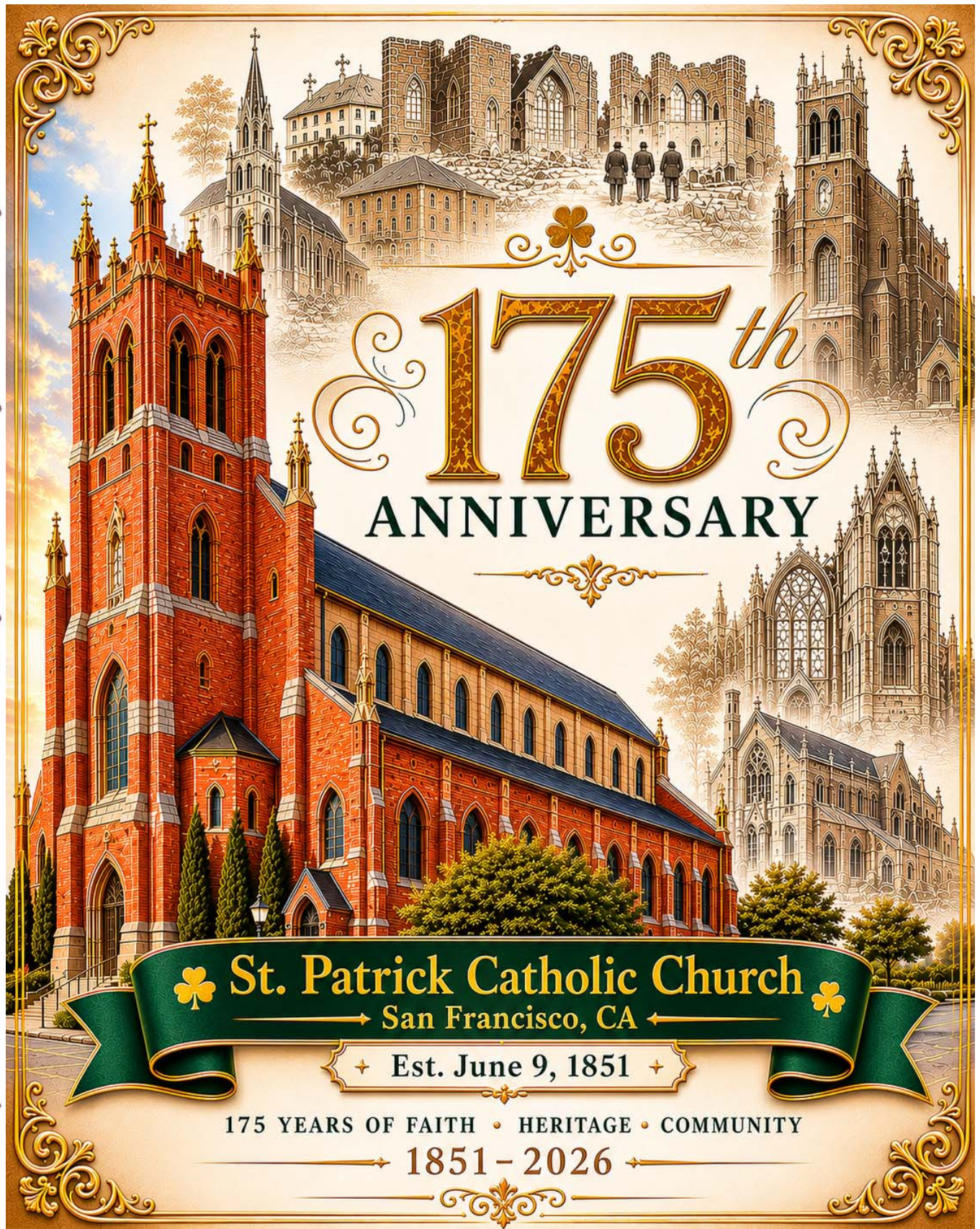


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Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. *Vigil Mass*
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Tagalog Mass: 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
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Parish Schedule

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the church)

Monday through Friday
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

St. Patrick Children's Choir

All children ages nine and above are invited to audition for The St. Patrick Children's Choir. No prior singing experience is required, just a willingness to learn, sing, and serve. Auditions will be held in McKenna Hall on August 29, September 5, and September 12, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Registration forms will be available on-site. For more information, please pick up an FAQ sheet at the back of the church, the Gift Shop, or the Parish Office.

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners
celebrating a birthday this week.

Tyler Myer	9/20	Arsenio III Del Rosario	9/22
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Jennifer Sunga	9/22	Harold Raymundo	9/25

God's Economy

Today's Gospel tells about a landowner who hired laborers to work in his vineyard. The first ones hired agreed to a price for a day's work. Late in the day, the landowner took on some extra hands. When work ended and the men received their pay, the first hires found they had received the same amount as the ones employed later. There was immediate grumbling about unfairness and being cheated. We should not make the mistake of interpreting this Gospel story in terms of how a boss should behave and how workers are treated in today's world. Fairness and justice in the marketplace are essential, and when a few enrich themselves at the expense of the many, we know it is wrong. As far back as 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued his encyclical *Rerum Novarum* ("Of New Things"). This ground-breaking document, well ahead of its time, focused on the relationships and mutual duties of labor and capital, and between governments and citizens. It affirmed the necessity of a just wage for working people to support their families, and the right of labor to form unions. The pope rejected both communism and unrestricted capitalism, while affirming the right to private property. In today's Gospel story, we must realize that Jesus is not talking about any of these issues, but rather, God's relationship with people. God acts with justice toward us: like the laborers who worked all day, we receive what God has promised. However, God is free to act above and beyond simple justice. God often gives with unexpected and lavish generosity, even to those we might consider unworthy. The truth is that in God's economy all of us get not merely what we deserve, but more than we could ever have bargained for.

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Patrician Meeting

Join us next week for the monthly Patrician Meeting, a Catholic discussion group sponsored by the Legion of Mary. This month's topic is...

Our Lady of Sorrows

Speaker ~ Margarita Galindo

Date ~ Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

McKenna Hall

7:30 a.m. Masses

All priests of the Archdiocese of San Francisco will be attending the Priest Convocation Week on September 21, 23, and 24. Because of this, we will not have 7:30 a.m. Masses on these days. The 12:10 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses will be celebrated as usual. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for your prayers for our priests.

Humility

No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small.

~ Anonymous

AAA Update

(as of 01 September 2026)

2026 AAA Goal	\$43,252
Received	\$23,743
Amount Remaining	\$19,509
% of Goal	55%

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2026

GRAND PRIZE: \$20,000

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TICKET: \$50

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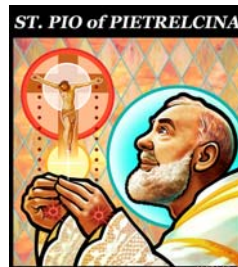
Drawing to be held on Thursday, December 24th after the Misa de Gallo Mass

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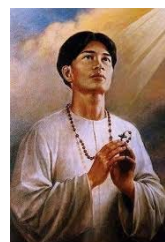
St. Pius of Pietrelcina (1887-1968)

September 23



Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually "bilocate" in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or "read hearts" before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of "trials accepted with love," referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: "Pray, hope, and don't worry!"

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Novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz

Everyone is invited to join the novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz through Sunday, September 27, with the recitation of the rosary at 11:30 a.m. each day, culminating with the Feast Day celebration on Monday, September 28 at the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Please join us as we commemorate the life of the first Filipino Saint.

Mass Intentions for Sep 20 - 26

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 20	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI All Parishioners Of St. Patrick BD Franco De Castro † Ana T. Tubera SI Beltran C. Marces SI Virginia Dilim
Monday 21	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Arturo Platero † Benjamin C. Salvante SI Justin Edwards
Tuesday 22	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn & Lorenzo Sumulong † Victoria Lansangan SI Joycelyn Espanol
Wednesday 23	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Joseph & Maria Fang SI Familia Galindo Moreno y Berziga SI Lilian Gomez
Thursday 24	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Zesica Acheron † Alejandro & Leonarda Sudario SI Josefa Gonzales
Friday 25	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Alvin Gonzalez SI Therese Guintu SI Ina Howard
Saturday 26	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Virginia Chan † Asterio Felix Navasca, Jr † Rolando V. Yanga

Religious Education Classes

The staff and catechists of St. Patrick Church are dedicated to helping your children grow in faith and be closer to God. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children and are their best teachers. Your children learn the most from the example you set when you pray together and actively participate in Mass and the sacraments as a family.

Our Religious Education Program is designed to assist you in the faith formation of your children. First-time students must provide a valid baptismal certificate. Classes began on Saturday, September 12th and run through May. Class hours are from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone Who...

- ...has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ...has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ...was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is an opportunity for you to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the parish office during normal business hours.

Priests' Retirement Fund

Next weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection to support our retired priests. It will help ensure the Priests' Retirement fund stays healthy and hearty and continues to provide minimal monthly pensions as well as health insurance to our retired priests.

As you may know, the retirement years can be difficult for our priests. No longer supported by their parish communities, they rely on minimal Social Security benefits and their pension from the Priests' Retirement Fund for basic needs, such as food, housing and transportation.

Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to you by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests' retirement with a gift to the Priests' Retirement Fund special collection.

Living God's Word

Everyone who participates in God's reign has God's own generous justice to thank. And that humble knowledge of God's generosity to us should compel us to show the same generosity to the poor and marginalized in our Church and our society.

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Decide to work for justice through service to others. A wide range of opportunities is available in the parish and diocese, or tap into the Catholic Network of Volunteer Service at cnvs.org.

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Mass times and locations of Catholic Churches throughout the country are available at www.Masstimes.org.



Catechetical Sunday

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LEGION OF MARY

— ST. PATRICK CHURCH —

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PRAESIDIUM

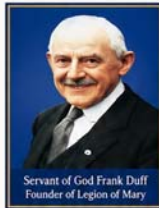


Meeting - Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Bitanga Hall



The Legion Family Worldwide

- On all continents
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- 4 million active members
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The Founder Frank Duff
1889 - 1980



LEGION OF MARY'S HISTORY

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921. It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.



LEGION OF MARY'S AIM

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.



LEGION OF MARY'S UNIT

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.



LEGION OF MARY'S ACTIVE WORKS

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.



LEGION OF MARY'S ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.

"Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

— ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ —



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "The last will be first, and the ...

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F	I	L	I

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Answer: *the last will be first*

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saint snippets

"Victor was patient, always patient."

—Bl. Francisco's fellow seminarian

Bl. Francisco de Paula Victor

19th-century Brazilian slave who, against all odds, became a priest. He is remembered for his love for the poor and is invoked as a patron against racism.

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Pray, hope, and don't worry.

St. Pio of Pietrilecina

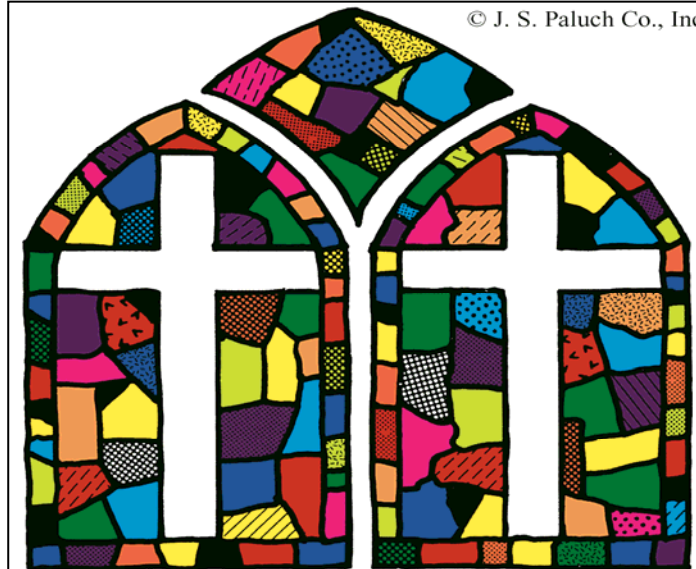
20th-century Capuchin friar, priest and mystic who bore the stigmata. Countless healings and miracles have been attributed to his intercession.

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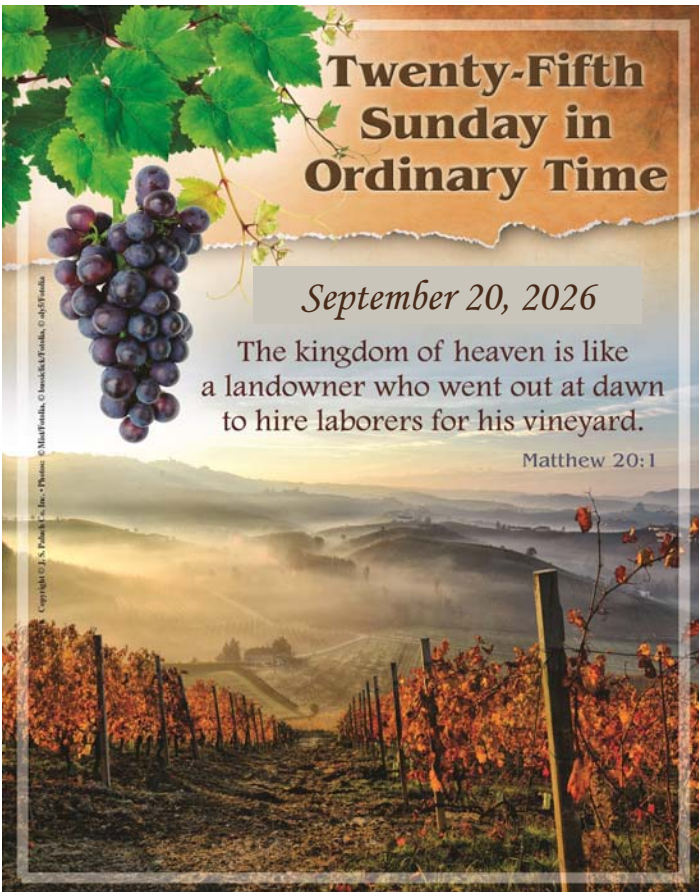


Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1



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CATHOLIC CORNER

SEEK THE LORD

So the prophet invites us (Isaiah 55:6). We can look for Jesus in many different places, one of them being our parish church. Our church teaches that Jesus is present in the word (scripture), in the bread and wine, in the person of the priest, and in the people who gather together. With an adult, reverently walk around your church and identify these places.

Jesus is present in the Word.

Where do the lector (reader) and the priest or deacon stand to proclaim the word?

Stand next to this place and look at it closely. How would you describe it?

Jesus is present in the Eucharist.

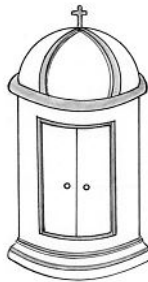
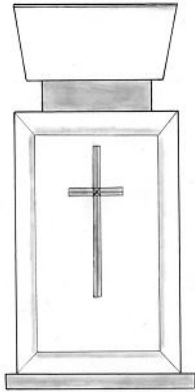
Where is the consecrated bread kept after the liturgy? This place is called the tabernacle. Stand where you can see it. How would you describe it?

Jesus is present in the person of the priest.

Where does the priest stand during the Mass? Do you know the names of your priests? Where is the altar? What does it look like? What is it made of?

Jesus is present in the people.

That includes you. Before you leave the church, sit in a pew. Think about how Jesus is present in you. What does that mean? You must bring Jesus to everyone you meet. Say a prayer asking God to show you how you can bring Jesus to others.



When Jesus is present, God is present. God can be found anywhere. On your walk or ride home, think of other places and things that show you the presence of God. When you arrive home, take some time to draw a picture of all the places and people who show you God's presence. Remember to draw yourself and your family.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

BY PRACTICING CHARITY, I FIND I HAVE NO TIME FOR ENVY. WOULD YOU LIKE ANOTHER?



• BURROWS •

Jesus concluded the parable:

"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?"

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." Mt 20:14-16

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

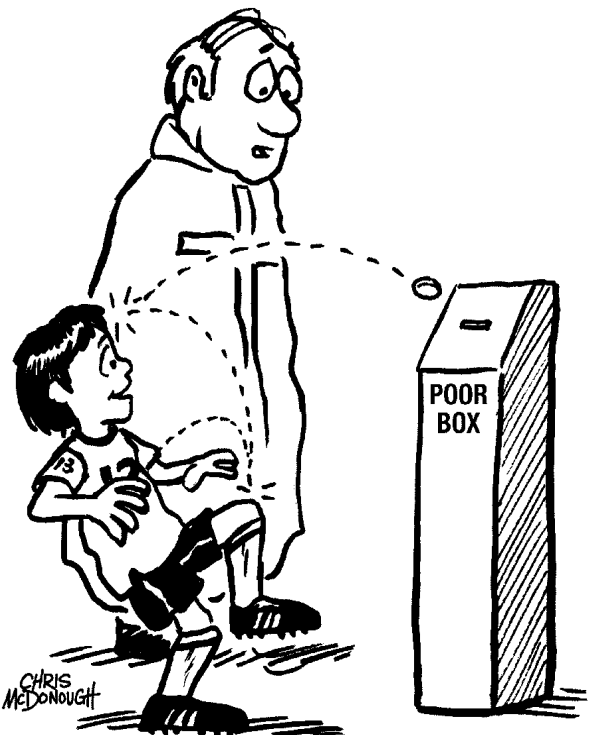
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:9

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Pastor Al™



CHRIS McDONOUGH

"Nice shot, Miguel. But when you join the altar servers I ask that you stick to just using your hands."

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Direction

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Over time, the severe form of one-chance penance collapsed under lack of enthusiasm for its burdens and its public nature. As ordinary Christians prayed for the great sinners, it must have occurred to them that they were sinners no less, and they required a form of penance also. The Irish came to the rescue, never having had a public form of penance, but inventing a system called "tariff penance," which was completely private, available to everyone, and wildly popular. After a detailed confession, priest and penitent would lie on the floor before the altar and recite a number of psalms. The priest then pronounced a judgment, a tariff, giving a task or a prayer to complete before reconciliation.

The surviving guidebooks for confessors make for hair-raising reading as the sins of which the Irish people were supposedly capable were catalogued and keyed to penances. Cattle or sheep rustling might require stripping down to sing psalms in an icy brook, for example, or adultery could be the occasion for rolling in a thicket of thorns. All of this might have stayed in Ireland had not the monks had a desire to travel, blazing across Europe with their theology and their rituals, and their sense that Christians needed strong medicine for sin and the assurance of God's forgiveness.

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Turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

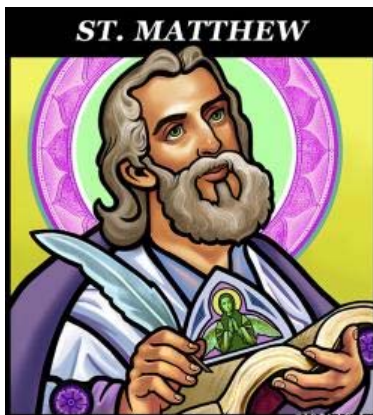
~ Isaiah 55:7b

Education

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.

~ Edward Everett

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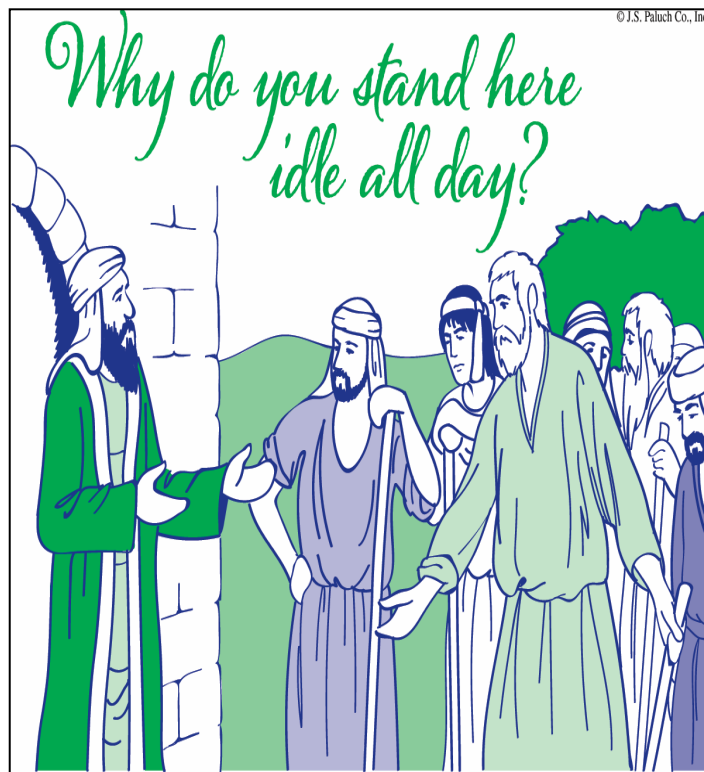


Notice any difference between the attitude of Paul in the second reading and that of the workers in the Matthew's Gospel? The workers grumble because the latecomers got the same pay as those who worked all day. Paul has worked for the Lord for years, yet he thinks it is better to keep working than to claim his reward of eternal life.

The workers grumbled because the landowner gave the same wages to the ones who only worked for an hour. (You can imagine the picket signs: Vinedressers Local on Strike: Management Unfair!) Sometimes we see this parable as an explanation for why sinners who repent on their deathbed can get to heaven. But Matthew was more likely referring to the Jews who had served God for centuries and now see newcomer Gentiles claiming equality in the church. They were complaining about God's generosity in reaching out to all peoples, not just the chosen few. God's generosity is the real point. Those who realize how blessed they are in being called to do God's work have no problem sharing that blessing with others. When we see how much God loves us, we naturally want to respond with love and service of our own. That is what the grumblers, both in the parable and in Matthew's church, were missing.

Contrast that with Paul, who loves the Philippians so much that he is willing to put off his heavenly reward if he can help any more people come to Christ. Paul is more interested in their welfare than in his own reward. That is the attitude that Jesus hopes for in all his disciples. We can love him so much that we can't help but share that love with those around us. We can be so grateful for what he has done for us that we will suffer anything with joy. We can care more about bringing Jesus to others than we do about our own comfort or even our lives. We can do this because we know the Lord's ways are not fair—they are more generous than we can imagine!

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Call Upon the Lord

The very first line of today's first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him" (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, "For to me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today's Gospel. There we find that God's love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the redrafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969. Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Like Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts.

In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the *epiclesis*, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the "institution narrative" to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong *epiclesis*. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation. Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer?

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Standing Idle

Today's Gospel probably leaves those of us with a strong business sense scratching our heads in confusion. What would possess any boss to pay the same wages to a person who worked only a few minutes as someone who worked a full day? This parable calls us to dig deeper into the reality to which the story points. Consider the actions of the landowner. He goes out in search of laborers a total of five times during the day: at dawn, at nine, at twelve, at three, and at five. In this parable, Jesus summons us to consider the landowner's actions as the kind of actions our God performs. In our lives we each have moments of standing idle, like the people in today's parable. God is always on the prowl for us, inviting us into the vineyard. God's persistence is immeasurable. Whether we respond at the dawn of life or at the "five o'clock" of our lives, God's love and mercy are still showered upon us.

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Autumn

Listen! The wind is rising,
and the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
now for October eves!

~ Humbert Wolfe

Feast of Faith

Doxology and Amen

"Doxology" comes from a Greek word meaning "words of praise." The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer ends, as it began, with words of praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, "Amen." Never was more meaning packed into so short a word. This "Amen," sometimes and fittingly called "the great Amen," is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

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Are You Saved?

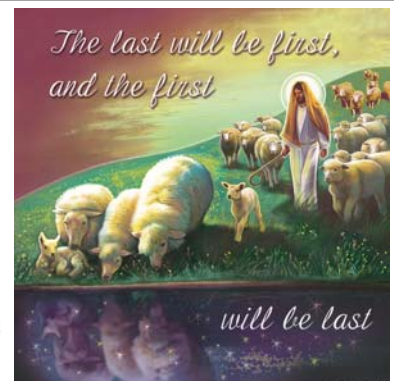
When I was in high school my best friend became "born again." He carried a small blue card in his wallet. On that card was written the exact date that he was "saved." Knowing that I had been raised in the Roman Catholic Church, he asked me, "What day were you saved?" I told him that I was saved the day I was baptized and that I honestly expected to keep getting saved, I hoped, many more times for the rest of my life. A spiritual mentor once told me to expect to be born again, and again, and again, and again. Today's Gospel reminds us that even when we stray, when we become complacent about God's tremendous action in our lives, God still calls us back into a loving relationship. Perhaps it is at those times when we stand idle that God hounds us all the more, summoning us into the vineyard of new life, new possibilities, and renewed hope.

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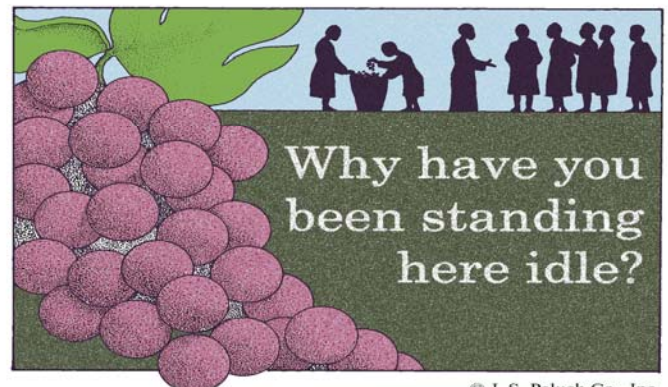
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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our daily lives, and in prayer and worship, we encounter a God whom we don't fully understand. We sometimes meet a mysterious and surprising God, whose actions and designs are beyond us, "as high as the heavens are above the earth." Our readings this week describe the confusion, the joy, and the challenge of this encounter. The readings invite us to "let go." Isaiah invites us to let go of trying to fit God into our own comfortable ways of thinking. Paul, knowing that he might face death at any time, describes his joy over having let go of trying to control his future. Jesus' parable in the Gospel of Matthew challenges us to let go of limiting God's generosity to others. May our encounters with our mysterious but trustworthy God transform our hearts and minds, and deepen our trust in God.

A Generous God

The parable in today's Gospel identifies a very strong human tendency to believe that everyone should get what they deserve. If we achieve more than others, we deserve to receive more: more money, more privilege, more honor. And so we anticipate that God will reward more liberally those who have done more for God.

Jesus says that God does things differently. The full day's wage in the story is like the gift of forgiveness and salvation, shared equally and abundantly with all. The full-day laborers complained that "you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden." They resented not being placed higher than the others, refusing to accept them as equals. Jesus is saying that, among God's people, there is no such pecking order. Regardless of background or achievements, we can accept everyone as brothers and sisters, and rejoice in God's generosity to everyone.

The First and Last

In today's parable, had the laborers who worked all day been paid first, they likely never would have known that the late-starters had been paid the same wage, and would not have become jealous. In the way the story is told, though, both the justice and the mercy of God are revealed. The landowner gave a just wage to those who worked all day, and he was generously merciful to those who worked less.

When Jesus says that "the last will be first and the first will be last," he points to the kingdom of God. This is a kingdom where oppression is ended and divisions between people are healed. God brings justice and mercy to a world that sorely needs them. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is called "the first and the last," the Alpha and Omega. In Jesus, the first and the last are brought together to heal God's world. When we work for justice and show mercy, we join in Jesus' healing ministry.

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*The last will be first,
and the first will be last*

Seek the Lord

In today's opening reading, Isaiah urges us to "seek the LORD" who is "near" and can be "found" (Isaiah 55:6). Then Isaiah says God's ways are as high above our ways "as the heavens are above the earth" (Isaiah 55:9). So we search, not because God is hiding, but because our tendencies are so different from God's ways that we get lost.

How are God's ways so high above our ways? The example Isaiah gives is that God's way is to be "generous in forgiving" (Isaiah 55:7). And our way? We try to be "fair." You hurt me, so then I hurt you back, just as hard. Then, of course, you . . . And on it goes.

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches that God is not "fair" like that. Instead, God is so generous we can hardly understand it. The same wage for one hour as for a whole day of work? Not fair! "Seek the Lord," and we might find a God who calls us to be, not fair, but generous beyond expectations.

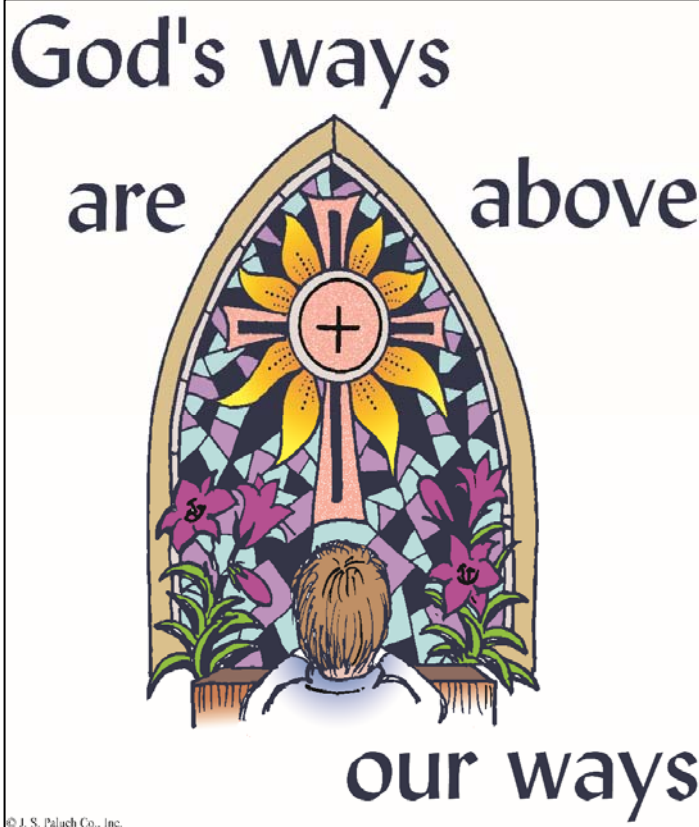
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Reflecting on God's Word

What is a just wage? We might say it is pay proportionate to the amount of work performed, but in today's parable we learn that God's view of a just wage is high above our view. It is the wage a person needs to live on for one day: the "daily wage." In God's view of justice a person's worth (or pay) is not determined by industriousness, righteousness, status, wealth; not by anything a person has or does. Human worth is based only on our personhood. It is not "just" in God's eyes for anyone to receive less than the wages needed to live each day in dignity. Is the landowner generous? Yes, certainly. In God's eyes, only such indiscriminate generosity would be truly just. God's view of justice requires God—and us—to be generous. Whether we are speaking of spiritual or material "pay," here or hereafter, God wants to pay us not according to what we deserve, but according to what we need. All are equally worthy of a just wage in the eyes of our generous God.

~ Virginia Stillwell

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God, and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

A Call to the Vineyard

What are we supposed to think about the Gospel for today? On one level, it makes perfectly good sense. The workers hired at dawn agreed to the usual daily wage. They knew what they were doing when they signed on, and they were undoubtedly happy for the assignment. No one said they had to spend a day with the grapes. No one twisted their arms. And certainly no one sent them off at spear-point. They may have spent the day whistling while they worked for all we know. Yet at the end of the day, when they got their money—the money they had agreed to hours earlier—they were grumbling at the great injustice just meted out to them. What gives?

A Call to the Vineyard And Everywhere Else

What gives, of course, is all those other workers Jesus tells us about—especially the ones who came very late in the day—who got the same pay come quitting time as the poor Joes picking or pruning or digging since dawn. It doesn't seem right, does it? Not fair at all! Maybe we would have grumbled, too. But then there's Isaiah: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."

We are all called to do the Lord's work, but each of us does it in our own individual way. "Fruitful labor," Paul calls it, whether it has to do with grapes or not. So it doesn't matter if you are a farmer or a brain surgeon, a student or a teacher, a preacher or the person in the last pew. Regardless of how we interpret God's call to us or our own unique circumstances, may we, like the apostle Paul, be forever mindful of our truest calling—to live and die in Christ—and conduct ourselves in an appropriate and worthy way. See you in the vineyard.

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God's Word Today

It's simply never too late. No matter our state in life or the degree of our sinfulness, God is always ready to bring us back. Business people at Mass today will probably scoff at the business practices of the landowner described in the Gospel. Why would any boss pay the same day's wage for someone who began work at nine in the morning and someone who began at five in the afternoon? This just doesn't seem fair. Perhaps in today's business world it would not be fair, but not in the business of the kingdom of God. God's mercy is without measure. Let us take to heart the words that Isaiah the prophet speaks to us today. Let us seek the Lord and call on God for mercy and reconciliation. Remember, it is never too late.

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Management Unfair

Notice any difference between the attitude of Paul in the second reading and that of the workers in the Matthew's Gospel? The workers grumble because the latecomers got the same pay as those who worked all day. Paul has worked for the Lord for years, yet he thinks it is better to keep working than to claim his reward of eternal life.

The workers grumbled because the landowner gave the same wages to the ones who only worked for an hour. (You can imagine the picket signs: Vinedressers Local on Strike: Management Unfair!) Sometimes we see this parable as an explanation for why sinners who repent on their deathbed can get to heaven. But Matthew was more likely referring to the Jews who had served God for centuries and now see newcomer Gentiles claiming equality in the church. They were complaining about God's generosity in reaching out to all peoples, not just the chosen few. God's generosity is the real point. Those who realize how blessed they are in being called to do God's work have no problem sharing that blessing with others. When we see how much God loves us, we naturally want to respond with love and service of our own. That is what the grumblers, both in the parable and in Matthew's church, were missing.

Contrast that with Paul, who loves the Philippians so much that he is willing to put off his heavenly reward if he can help any more people come to Christ. Paul is more interested in their welfare than in his own reward. That is the attitude that Jesus hopes for in all his disciples. We can love him so much that we can't help but share that love with those around us. We can be so grateful for what he has done for us that we will suffer anything with joy. We can care more about bringing Jesus to others than we do about our own comfort or even our lives. We can do this because we know the Lord's ways are not fair—they are more generous than we can imagine!

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Treasures From Our Tradition

In the early years of the church, most people never availed themselves of once-in-a-lifetime penance. Yet penitents were highly visible. They wore distinctive garments or chains, and they were relegated to special zones in the church. They might be dismissed from the Sunday assembly after the Word, forbidden to join in the Prayer of the Faithful or the Eucharist. This dismissal was done with great affection and tenderness as the bishop laid his hands on the heads of the sinners. During Lent almost everyone would identify with penitents by clothing, insignia, or by following the penitents' regular diet. Rather than sit in judgment over them, the church desired to intercede for them before the Lord. "Let Mother Church weep for you and wash away your sins with her tears," said St. Ambrose to his penitents in Milan. Ambrose liked to think of them as Jonah in the whale, meditating on his errors. In a letter to his sister he said that Jonah is also a sign of Christ in the tomb, and so he had great faith in the penitents' future proclamation of the Resurrection with their reclaimed status in the assembly.

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Horried

People in general are equally horrified at hearing the Christian religion doubted and at seeing it practiced.

~ Samuel Butler

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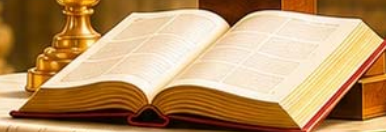
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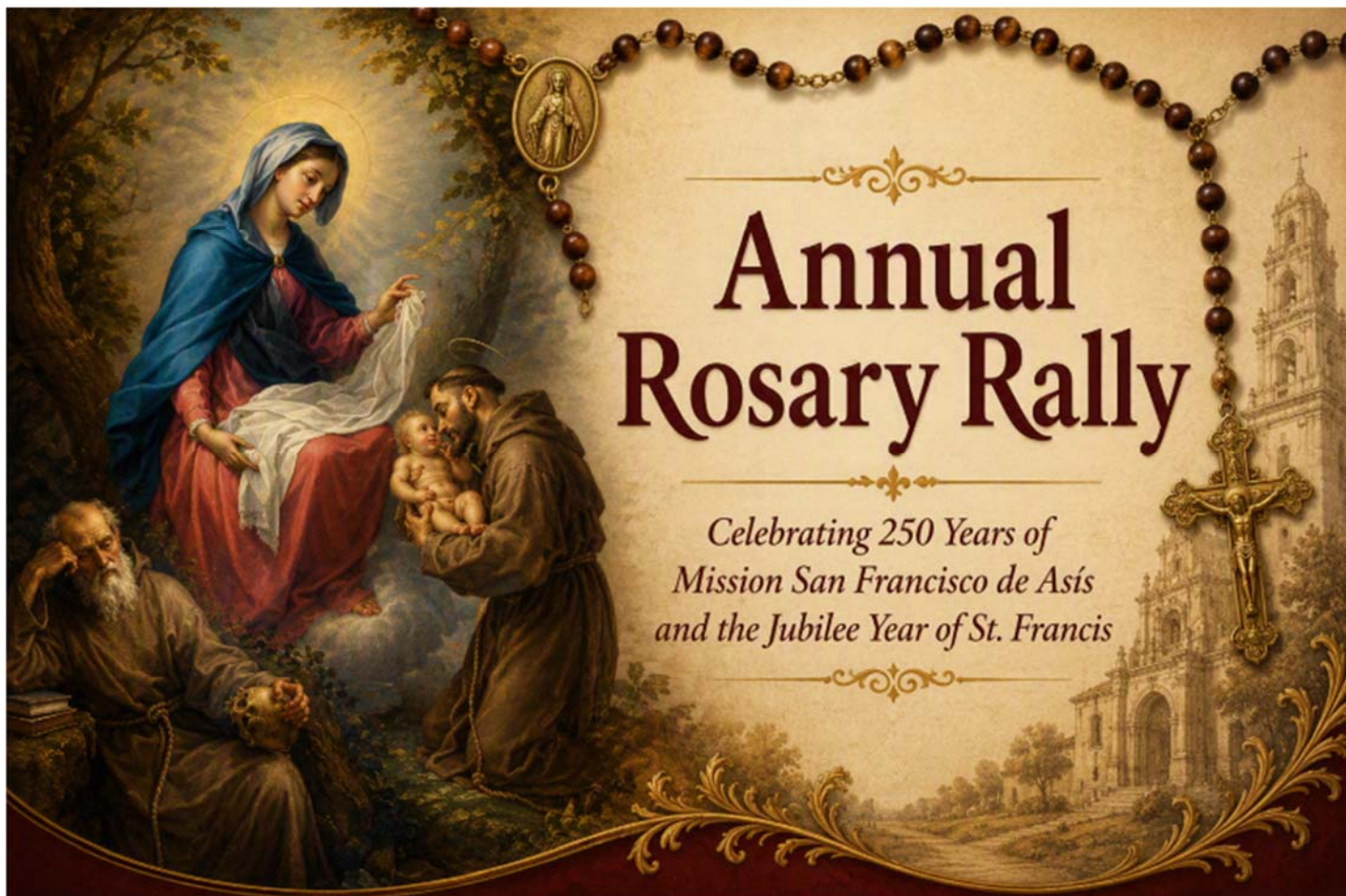
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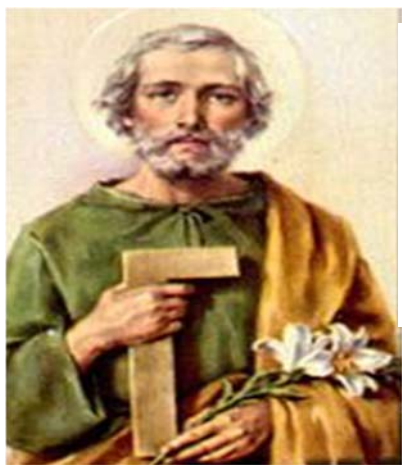
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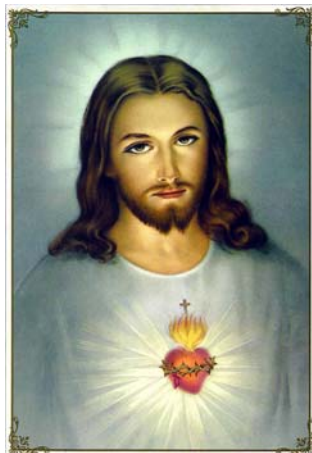
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*4pm Holy Hour
5:15 Mass*



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PSALM 91

The one who lives under the protection of the Most High dwells in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say concerning the Lord, who is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust:

He himself will rescue you from the bird trap, from the destructive plague.

He will cover you with his feathers; you will take refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will be a protective shield. You will not fear the terror of the night, the arrow that flies by day,

the plague that stalks in darkness, or the pestilence that ravages at noon.

Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, the pestilence will not reach you.

You will only see it with your eyes and witness the punishment of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord—my refuge, the Most High—your dwelling place, no harm will come to you; no plague will come near your tent.

For he will give his angels orders concerning you, to protect you in all your ways.

They will support you with their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the young lion and the serpent.

Because he has his heart set on me, I will deliver him; I will protect him because he knows my name.

When he calls out to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble. I will rescue him and give him honor.

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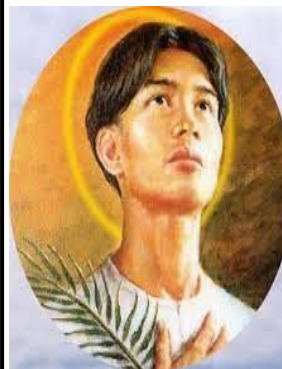


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