



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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Our Mission Statement

*Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God
To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.*



September 24, 2023 | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9 | Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Mt 20:1-16a

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's readings should bring us great joy. They are a reminder that our Lord may have high standards, but he is also "generous in forgiving" and "near to all who call upon him." In the Gospel, we hear the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. Some work all day while others arrive at the last hour. However, all are paid the same. Similarly, we can all receive God's heavenly reward - whether we are faithful Catholics since birth or converts in our final hour. This parable may evoke mixed feelings for those who see themselves as the laborers who have toiled all day and wonder why their reward is not greater. But rather than making us jealous, this parable should make us rejoice: How wonderful that everyone has the opportunity for everlasting life with the Lord! And what great comfort to know that if we falter and lose our way, it is never too late to return to God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, knowing that we are the recipients of God's bountiful mercy, we can be tempted to lead a life focused mostly on worldly pleasures. To paraphrase St. Augustine: Make me holy Lord ... just not yet! Of course we know this isn't the right attitude or approach to life, but it's certainly tempting. Let's return to the message of the Gospel for a moment. Yes, the Lord is generous in giving all the workers the same wage. But perhaps equally as important is that we are called to be workers in the Lord's vineyard, and what an honor and privilege that is! Serving in the Lord's kingdom here on earth is not drudgery; it is life-giving and fills us with God's love and grace. Let us recall the words of St. Paul in today's Letter to the Philippians. Although he longs to "depart this life and be with Christ," he knows that staying here on earth means "fruitful labor for me." Let us also strive to keep our eyes on the Lord and labor in his field for as long as we are able.

PRAY The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that the Lord works in ways we can't understand: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Let us ask God this week for the fortitude to reorient our thoughts and ways to his will, not ours, so as to "conduct [ourselves] in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

SEPTEMBER 24	SEPTEMBER 25	SEPTEMBER 26	SEPTEMBER 27	SEPTEMBER 28	SEPTEMBER 29	SEPTEMBER 30
10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 1:30p Baptisms 7p Mass	9a-3p CWL Quilters	8:30a Mass 10a School Mass	8:30a Mass 4-5p Children's Choir 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass 1-4p Senior Cards	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration 6:30p High School Youth	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass

THIS WEEK

SENIOR CARDS RETURNS!

THURSDAY September 28 @1:30 IN THE PARISH HALL

Join us for some fun and fellowship

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL LUCILLE: 306-361-1043



"As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another."

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 10 am, 12 noon, 7 pm
Weekdays, Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am

ADORATION

Wednesdays 7 pm
Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm
Sundays, 1 - 4 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon
or by appointment.

WE PLEDGE 5%

Str8 Up is a program for people wanting to exit the gang life. Fr. Andre Poilievre created this program. This is an organization that mixes tough love with infinite patience to support those who want to get out and stay out of gangs. There is no age limit but participants are generally over 18 years of age. There are 3 visions or goals: to be responsible citizens, to be a faithful partner, and to be loving parents. There are 5 conditions each participant has to be willing to adhere to: drop colors, deal with their addiction, be honest, be humble, and to be willing to give the program a chance and accept support and partake for four years. Activities involved are: visiting and having meetings with the men in the correctional centre, making presentations in schools, reserves, addiction centers, and basically anywhere that expresses need. The group meets once a week. They learn about healthy lifestyles and positively contributing to and partaking in community. The program also offers support in areas such as looking for housing, employment, and general community errands. Thank you for your support. www.str8-up.ca

LET US PRAY

- For the sick and all those that care for them, today we pray for: Barb Elder, Bev Kirilenko, Father Bernard De Margerie, Veronica Lange, Riel Larocque, Leon Hartman, Betty Anne Tomney, Bob Kudel, Quinn Gorman, we pray to the Lord.
- For all those who have died, today we remember: Irene Barentsen, Anthony Klein, Jeannette Johner, we pray to the Lord.



REGISTRATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION IS NOW OPEN.

The usual time for the celebration of these Sacraments is at the grade 2 level. Older children are also welcome to attend the program. The children journey in a program that helps them discover God's forgiveness through joy, love and peace, and how in the Eucharist they are nourished by Jesus, the Bread of Life. Reconciliation prepares our hearts to receive Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. The program is age appropriate and supported by family and parish life. Parents are an integral part of the preparation process and will help guide their children through the program. Preparation for First Reconciliation will occur in the Fall. Preparation for First Communion will occur in the Spring.

Registration is due Oct. 20. For more information or to register visit: holyspiritsaskatoon.ca

Contact Erin for more information: egratton@rcdos.ca

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD AGED 8 – 14 WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Holy Spirit Parish offers a children's faith formation process called *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* adapted for children.

This process is designed for children/youth who are seeking initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Classes will be held Tuesdays from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm. The day of the week (Tuesday) is flexible if more families are free on Wednesdays.

We try to meet every two weeks from late September to Easter. This program is intended for:

- Children who have never been baptized as infants and are of catechetical age (7-14 years old).
- Children who were baptized in another Christian tradition and now wish to become part of the Catholic Community.
- Children who were baptized as Catholics but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

How long is the process? Late September to Easter which this year is March 31.

Who do I contact? Sharon Powell • 306-374-1425 or spowell@rcdos.ca

Please Note: Additional parking is available on Sundays in the mall parking lots north and east of the church.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
GARAGE SALE

WE HAVE BEEN PURGING STORAGE AREAS AND DECLUTTERING!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 • 8:30AM – 2:30PM

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

TONS OF ITEMS!

GREAT DEALS!



Please note: This garage sale is for church miscellaneous articles only. It is not open to parishioner households bringing items to sell at this time.



The Walking With Purpose Bible Study is back!

Walking with Purpose is a bi-monthly study that aims to bring women a deeper, personal relationship with Christ through personal study and small group discussions. It links our everyday challenges and struggles to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Church. Over the *next two years* we will be studying the book, "*Touching the Divine*". Cost is approximately \$75.

We will be **meeting every other Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am beginning October 24th**. For more information and to register **by September 23rd**, please **contact Tanya Waslen** at **holyspiritwwp1@gmail.com**.

Brand new this year, we are offering a study aimed specifically at young women/mothers. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Tanya Waslen for more information **holyspiritwwp1@gmail.com**

CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD

Enrichment of Body, Mind and Spirit
Bring Joy to All

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Fr. Ralph Kleiter Ministry to Tourism

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Wait listing available

Choose the Pilgrim Journey(s) which works for you!

Collette's Costa Rica- A World of Nature Dec 2-13, 2023

Christmastime at Sea- C. Serenity Miami Roundtrip

Dec 23/23-Jan 5/24

Caribbean Winter Escape- C. Serenity Miami Roundtrip

Jan 5-18/24

Collette's Egypt/Jordan, "Moses to Promised Land",

Oct 13-27/2024

Istanbul-Athens, Around Ancient Seas

Oct 30-Nov 11, 2024

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If you need prayer, support, a visit (with the Eucharist or otherwise), Anointing of the Sick, or assistance with funeral planning, Ministry of Care is just a phone call or email away.

Please contact **Kelly Wormsbecker** Pastoral Associate- Ministry of Care
kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca or call 306-374-1425



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- 1. Sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving** Registration [forms](#) are available at the church office, online on our parish website, or via email. Donate using debit or credit card.
- 2. Interac e-Transfer using online banking:** send e-transfer to finance@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca (it is directly deposited, no password needed). Please put your full name and envelope number in the message box along with any special offering designation.
- 3. Parish Offertory:** <https://dscf.ca/parish-offertory/>
- 4. Mail envelopes to the church:** 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 3V7
- 5. Drop envelopes off at church:** Put envelopes into the office door mail slot.
- 6. Place envelopes in the offertory basket at Mass**



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Are you new to the parish? Has your information changed?

Fill out this [form](#) online

Or contact the office (306) 374-3190 or info@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca



Diocesan Bulletin

Sept. 24, 2023 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*In all things we are rooted in Christ,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.*

Upcoming Events

A Walk for Reconciliation will be held in Humboldt on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation **Saturday, Sept. 30**. Participants are invited to meet at the Humboldt Civic Park Gazebo at 9:45 a.m. for the walk to Westminster Hall.

Rock Your Roots: Walk for Reconciliation will be held on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation **Saturday, Sept. 30**. Begins at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast hosted by CUMFI at 315 Ave M South, Saskatoon. The walk begins at 10 a.m. from that location, proceeding down 20th Street W. to Victoria Park. More information at: www.beaconnectr.com/events.

40 Hours for Life prayer vigil is held on the corner of 4th Avenue and Queen Street in Saskatoon from 9 a.m. to 12 noon **Monday to Friday**, continuing until Oct. 27. Signs will be provided. To volunteer for an hour, or for more information, e-mail: campaignlifesk@gmail.com.

Life Chain will be held in Saskatoon from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 1** at the corner of Idylwyld and 22nd Street. Please plan to attend and show your support for life from conception to its natural end. Signs will be provided. For more information, e-mail: campaignlifesk@gmail.com.

African-Canadian Catholic Community monthly Mass is held at St. Michael Parish, 18-33rd St. E. Saskatoon, with the next celebration at 2 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 1**. (Mass is in English, featuring liturgical music in many African languages, with drums).

St. Thomas More College Peace Studies Lecture - Hon. Roméo A. Dallaire will present "Peace, Faith, and Humanity in Times of Crisis" at 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 4** at St. Joseph High School Theatre, 115 Nelson Road, Saskatoon: in-person only, sponsored by the Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice at St. Thomas More College. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/peace-faith-and-humanity-in-times-of-crisis-tickets-707838432807?aff=oddtcreator>.

Women's Discernment Nights will resume on the first Thursday of each month, held at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Saskatoon, starting **Thursday, Oct 5**, open to young women who are seeking the Lord's direction in their life.

A Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at 5 p.m. **Friday, Oct. 6** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O South, Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle, steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion to allow space for reflection and recognition of the intimate presence of Christ in scripture and in the Eucharist.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada "Stand for the Land" workshops

This fall, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada continues the **"Create Hope: Stand for the Land"** campaign. Meet communities in northern Honduras who have been struggling to preserve their land and water since an iron ore mine opened in Carlos Escaleras National Park, and poisoned the rivers on which people depend for their livelihoods. Learn more:

- **Online workshop** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Thursday, Sept. 28** on Zoom. For information, please contact Michael LeBlanc at (306) 205-2334 or mleblan@devp.org.

- **In-person workshop** 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Saturday, Oct. 21** at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, SK (followed by the Development and Peace diocesan AGM during lunch.). Find out more about the fall campaign at:

<https://devp.org/en/campaign/stand-for-the-land/>

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary - Mass and Candlelight Procession will be held **Saturday, Oct. 7** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral in Saskatoon: begins with Mass with Bishop Hagemoen at 4:30 p.m., followed by an outdoor candle-lit procession with the Blessed Sacrament, and concluding with fellowship in the church basement. Event hosted by the St. Paul Co-Cathedral Santo Nino Prayer Group and the Filipino Catholic community.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministry Healing Retreat Oct. 13-15: Are you hurting because of an abortion? Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing, accompanied by a team who also have experienced this life-changing weekend. The next retreat in Saskatchewan will be held **Oct. 13-15** in a location near Saskatoon (privacy of location respected). To register or speak to someone confidentially, contact Elaine at (306) 480-8911 or: r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net.

"Fix the Kitchen" fund-raising dinner – Prairie Knights and Knights of Columbus are raising funds for repair of the camp kitchen at Blackstrap Youth Camp. A fund-raising dinner will be held **Saturday, Oct. 14** at St. Patrick Parish Hall, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon. Doors open at 5 p.m., with happy hour and cash bar, followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., including, entertainment, a live dessert auction and a silent auction. Tickets are \$40 each, or table of eight for \$300; contact Garry Maier at (306) 221-5893 or garrymaier@outlook.com.

Message Board

Embracing the Calls to Action – CHAS session open to public: In honor of its 80th Convention, the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) extends an invitation to attend a TRC evening with Chief Wilton Littlechild and Fr. Ken Thorson OMI, moderated by Sandi Harper. To accommodate as wide an audience as possible, this presentation will be held at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave S., Saskatoon, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 26.** Pre-registration is not required. A suggested donation of \$10 would be welcome. This event is part of a CHAS annual convention taking place from Oct. 26-27, with the other events held at Queen's House. For more information about the presenters or the convention go to: www.queenshouse.org or <http://chassk.ca>.

Tourtières sale - Tourtières (traditional meat pies) are again available from Sts-Martyrs-Canadiens parish in Saskatoon; \$20 each. E-mail Muriel to reserve your order: mhill@rcdos.ca. The deadline for ordering pies is Oct. 31.

Volunteers needed - St. Angela Merici Residence (located in the Lawson Heights neighbourhood of Saskatoon) is seeking volunteers to assist with Sunday Mass. We are in need of an organist and sacristans. Please contact Judy at (306) 986-5993.

Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Conference "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Catholic Realism in a Postmodern World" will be held **Oct. 20-21** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral in Saskatoon. Begins Friday evening Oct. 20 at 6:30 pm with wine and cheese and a keynote address by Fr. Stefano Penna (free will offering—RVSP required) and continues at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21 with talks from the disciplines of theology, philosophy, education, and literature. To reserve tickets contact Celene Sidloski at csidloski@stmcollege.ca or phone (306) 715-1541. More details: www.catholicsscholarscanada.com

Treaty Learning Journey - The Truth and Reconciliation committee of St. Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon is the organizing host for a series of four Treaty Learning Journey workshops led by a team from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. This is an ecumenical initiative open to people from faith communities across Saskatoon. Sessions will be held from 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturdays, **Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 18 and Nov. 25** held at Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre, 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. Pre-registration is not required. A freewill offering of \$10 per session would be gratefully received. Learn more at www.otc.ca/blog/blog_details/otcs_treaty_learning_journey.html or questions may be e-mailed to: office@stphilipneri.ca

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Fall Congress - Oct. 19

"The Lord Heals the Broken-Hearted and Saves the Crushed in Spirit" (*Psalm 34:18*)

Equipping the Church to support mental health and well-being is the theme of diocesan Fall Congress **9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19,** Cathedral of the Holy Family, Saskatoon.

Keynote speaker is Bryana Russell of Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries. This event is open to clergy, staff, lay leadership, and the general public. Cost is \$25 (includes lunch). Registration deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 17. Register at:



<https://form.jotform.com/231977301558260>

Awaken Adult Faith Webinar

The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

with Bishop Cozzens 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tuesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24

Cost: \$20/person for all 4 sessions.

Register for this online program at:

<https://form.jotform.com/231799057343262>



Awaken Adult Faith Series

Church of the New Evangelization

In-person 7 p.m to 9 p.m. on five Wednesdays

Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15, Nov. 22

at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, Saskatoon.

- **Oct. 25:** An Overview of the Second Vatican Council with Sr. Mirasol Abala;
- **Nov. 1:** Evangelii Nuntiandi (Evangelization in the Modern World) with Marilyn Jackson;
- **Nov. 8:** Spe Salvi (Saved in Hope) with Bishop Hagemoen;
- **Nov. 15:** Christefideles Laici (The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful) with Sr. Malou Tibayan;
- **Nov. 22:** Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) with Fr. David Tumback.

Cost: \$40 per person for all five sessions.

Register at:

<https://form.jotform.com/231798289556274>



Diocesan Prayer - Creator God, as we mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30, lead us in the ways of healing, justice and reconciliation, and renewed understanding and relationship among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
September 24, 2023

It's Not Fair!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The story in the Gospel doesn't sound fair. Some people worked from early morning until evening; others joined them at the end of the workday. But they all got the same pay. How can that be fair? Perhaps fairness isn't the point of the story. But then, what is?

The landowner, symbolizing God, hired the workers "after agreeing with them for the usual daily wage" (Matthew 20:2). If the earliest workers presumed that the agreed-upon wage would be changed, does that make God unfair? Those workers expected God to conform to what they considered just—and justice certainly is a very important value. However, God acted out of divine generosity—a quality we hope to

benefit from but which might engender resentment when it is bestowed upon others.

As difficult as this story might seem to us, it raises some important questions about ourselves. Perhaps the story is not so much about God as it is about our own attitudes. If we are faithful to what we believe is God's will for us, do we then presume that God owes us some kind of compensation? Do we expect that God will act according to our standards of retributive justice (this-for-that) rather than restorative justice (bring-it-back-to-life)? Do we resent God's graciousness toward others?

It is better that we all look to God for generosity than for justice. If we do, we will find, as the psalm response tells us: "The Lord is gracious and merciful" (Psalm 145:8). †

A Word from Pope Francis

Let us remember who was the first canonized saint in the Church: the Good Thief. He "stole" Paradise at the last minute of his life: this is Grace. This is what God is like, even with us. Instead, those who seek thinking of their own merits fail; those who humbly entrust themselves to the Father's mercy...find themselves first.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020



Sunday Readings

Isaiah 55:6–9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways.

Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.

Matthew 20:1–16a

[Jesus said,] "Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*Do we resent
God's graciousness
toward others?*



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do you look to God for generosity or justice?
- Would it help to pray for the grace to remember that everything is a gift from God?

Our Life: Prayer, Community, and Service

Paige Byrne Shortal

Many folks have a gut-level “Not fair!” reaction to today’s Gospel. The laborers who show up at dusk and work for an hour are paid the same as those who come at dawn and work all day? You’ve got to be kidding!

This parable is not about working conditions in first-century Palestine, but just for a moment, let’s say it is. Have you ever seen folks standing by the side of the road with a sign, “Will work for food!” and thought, *Why don’t they get a job? Why are they so lazy?* Have you ever tried standing on a highway entrance ramp from early morning until the sun goes down? Standing there in the cold or in the rain without a hot cup of coffee or a sandwich? That’s a more difficult day than I had today.

Consider those laborers in the parable who were waiting in the marketplace to be hired, even at the end of the day, hoping against hope to earn enough to put a little food in their mouths and the mouths of the children. Are we so sure they are undeserving?

I was talking with my friend Bob about this reading. Upon retirement, Bob decided to get more involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was first attracted to their mission statement: “Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to



those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.” (Important side note: Our Church’s annual memorial to St. Vincent de Paul will take place on September 27.)

Bob pointed out to me the three essential elements: spirituality, faith community, and service. The combination of the three is significant. There are organizations for enhancing one’s spiritual life, clubs for providing fellowship, and plenty of not-for-profit groups for service. The three elements together provide necessary balance and what is needed for the Christian life: prayer, community, and service.

Serving the poor is a Gospel mandate. Jesus talks about it often. The only picture of the last judgment in the Gospels is described in Matthew 25: “I was hungry and you gave me food....Just as you did

it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers a way to serve even for people like me: people who are frankly afraid of encountering the poor, of not knowing what to say, of the inconvenience, of not being able to help very much.

We who live well can be blind to the poor whom Jesus calls his brothers and sisters. When I die, I want to hear Jesus say, “I was hungry and you gave me food...so come on in and join the party!” †

***Serving the poor
is a Gospel mandate!
The Society of St. Vincent
de Paul offers ways
to do just that.***



***Wondrous God, we ask for
the grace to see as you see
and to reflect your face
to each person we meet.
We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.***

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 25–30

Monday, Weekday:

Ezr 1:1–6 / Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday, Weekday:

Ezr 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20 / Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday, St. Vincent de Paul:

Ezr 9:5–9 / Lk 9:1–6

Thursday, Weekday:


Hg 1:1–8 / Lk 9:7–9

Friday, Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael:

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12a / Jn 1:47–51

Saturday, St. Jerome:

Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a / Lk 9:43b–45

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Sunday, Sep 24, 2023

At home in the world

Free to leave, free to stay. Liberty of movement is a right most of us take for granted. Have you resided in more than one place? On this 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis asks us to imagine a world in which everyone has the option to stay or go as they please. It necessitates a world in which staying is safe: free from discrimination, violence, and dire poverty. All would have the protection of equal rights and respect, and could reach their potential in their present circumstances. Until that day, welcoming the stranger is our sacred obligation.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a (133). *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."*

Monday, Sep 25, 2023

Be creative for the sake of creation

The Season of Creation, an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home, began on September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). There is still more than a week left for you, your family, your cohort of friends, your school, and your parish to renew your relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. How? Pray. Read Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*. Coordinate a cleanup project or other sustainability effort. Use your voice and advocate for climate justice. Best idea yet? Come up with one no one has thought of!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"No one who lights a lamp conceals it ... rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light."*

Tuesday, Sep 26, 2023

Freely share the gifts you've been given

Cosmas and Damian were legendary. Many churches have been built in their honor, and their names make the short list of saints enshrined in Eucharistic Prayer I, used during the Mass. During the final years of Rome's brutal persecution of Christians, the twin physicians lived in Syria—then an eastern province of the Roman Empire. Not only were they gifted healers, but they refused to charge for their services. As they explained, "We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, 'Freely have you received, freely give.'" How have you been blessed by God, and how can you share that with others?

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."*

Wednesday, Sep 27, 2023

Now on tour

Today is World Tourism Day. According to the United Nations, the tourism sector employs one in every 10 people on Earth, and millions more benefit economically from tourism, though the wealth generated isn't always shared equitably. For tourists, exploring new places and enjoying favorite ones can be exhilarating—but bad behavior can ruin a trip. Keeping an attitude of openness and gratitude, as well as respect for local people and customs while on

vacation or a tour can transform the experience. Archbishop Rino Fisichella of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization wrote in anticipation of today's observance, "A tourism that respects the person and the environment opens the way to perceiving the goodness of the Father who reaches out to everyone with his love." It's hard to imagine a better souvenir than that.

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). *"Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere."*

Thursday, Sep 28, 2023

Lighten the load

You may have heard the old English Christmas song about a Bohemian king who became Saint Wenceslaus, in part because of his great charity. The most famous tale from the charitable king's life was recorded in the carol "Good King Wenceslaus." The king helps a poor man keep from freezing by trodding a path in the snow for him, easing the man's journey to shelter. It ends with an admonishment to do likewise for anyone who suffers and "[you] shall yourselves find blessing." Do a favor for someone in need today, and like Wenceslaus, you will find blessing.

MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"Who then is this about whom I hear such things?"*

Friday, Sep 29, 2023

Entertaining angels

Care for strangers has always been a strong imperative in Christianity. Yet in today's highly politicized environment, it is challenging to reach out to strangers who some have deemed to be threats—people like refugees and other marginalized communities. Scripture is clear: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Angels? It's far easier to see angels from the safety of a holy card or a statue. But think for a moment and see if you have at some point encountered an angel through the presence of a stranger.

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51 (647). *"How do you know me?"*

Saturday, Sep 30, 2023

Christianity, by the book

As early Christianity distanced itself from Judaism, Christians began to lose touch with their faith's deep Jewish roots. Saint Jerome (born around 340) helped to reestablish the link. He learned Hebrew from a Christian monk who had converted from Judaism. More unusual for the time, he studied with Jewish rabbis to gain a better understanding of Hebrew scripture. He then spent 15 years producing the foundational Latin translation of the Hebrew Bible, which we know as the Old Testament. He later said, "For if, as Paul says, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, and if the man who does not know Scripture does not know the power and wisdom of God, then ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Crack open the Good Book today, in honor of a key figure who helped shape it.

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"Jesus said to his disciples, 'Pay attention to what I am telling you.'"*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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"We live every day with the fear of being killed or having one of our children taken away."

— Juana Zúniga, member of the Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods of Tocoa, Colón.

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For more information, contact: Michael LeBlanc (306-205-2334 or mleblan@devp.org) or visit devp.org/campaign.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Mass and Procession

Saturday, October 7, 2023

4:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Holy Mass with Bishop Hagemoen at 4:30 p.m. St. Paul's Co-Cathedral

Candlelight procession with the Blessed Sacrament

(starting from 5th Avenue to 24th Street, to 1st Avenue, returning 22nd Street)

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(Come for all or part of this joyous prayer)

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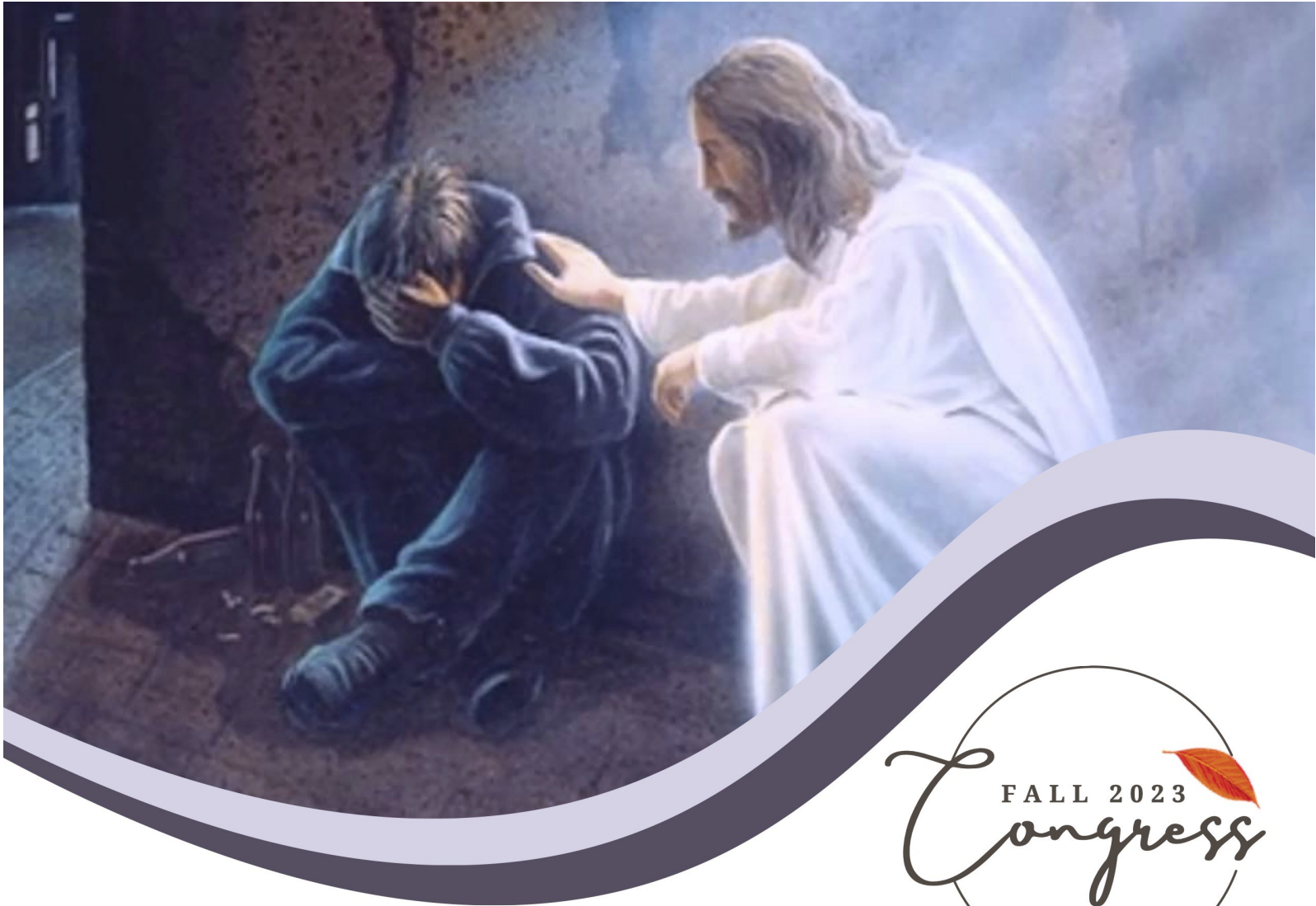
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7:30pm **Keynote Address** (Fr. Stefano Penna): Stuttering Siren and Penitential Pope: A Drama of the Ugly

Saturday, October 21

8:00am Continental Breakfast

8:45-10:45am **Paper Session 1**

11am-12:15 **Young Scholars' Session**

12:15 Lunch

1 pm **Paper Session 2**

2:35 pm Coffee Break

2:45-4:45pm **Paper Session 3**

5:00 pm Mass (St. Paul's)

6:00 pm Transport to Our Lady of Good Success Hall

6:15 pm Cocktails and Quartet

7:00 pm Banquet followed by entertainment

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