

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023

You are just, O Lord!



Owe no debt to anyone
except the debt that
binds each of us to
love one another

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Saturday, September 9 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, September 10 7:00 a.m.	Mass
 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, September 11	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, September 12	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, September 13	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 14	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, September 15	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, September 16	..... 4:00-4:30 p.m.	Confession - Church
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Sir:27:30-28:7: Forgive the injustice of your neighbor, for then your own sins will be pardoned.

Rom:14:7-9: We are not our own masters, but we are responsible to the Lord as servants.

Mt:18:21-35: In a parable on forgiveness, Jesus compared the reign of God to a king settling account with his officials.

Ka Leo O Ke Kahuhipa

Aloha e ku'u hoahānau/'ohana aloha nui 'ia,

St. Rita Parish Ministers of Homebound.

On behalf of the Parish Ohana of St. Rita, I want to extend our mahalo nui loa for your special ministry to bring the Holy Eucharist, the Body, and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ to your loved ones, those at home, hospital or care homes who cannot be with us in person to receive Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

You are **"the vehicle"** through whom our Lord can be welcomed in Person, Soul, and Divinity, yours is truly a special ministry in our parish.

Next weekend, several pyx provided for the Homebound Ministry by Deacon Hal Levy and Judy Wicks will be blessed and be made available for your special ministry. Simply call the church office at 808- 668-7833 or give your name to Mele who will be available after the masses.

Also, additional prayer booklets for **Ministry of Sick and Homebound** provided by Kathy Paishon are still available for those who need one.

We will continue to hold to the beautiful custom of wrapping the Holy Eucharist in the t-leaf now securely protected in the pyx. It is of utmost importance to protect the Holy Eucharist from being fragmented into any tiny pieces and falling to the ground or unwittingly mishandled.

The Holy Eucharist is the **"Source and the Summit of Christian life."** #1324 Catechism of the Catholic Church.

***"Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours, you are the eyes with which He looks with compassion on this world.**

Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good, yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eye, you are His body. Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours."

St. Teresa of Avila (1515 – 1582).

MORNING PRAYERS (Liturgy of the Hours), ROSARY & MASS.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the daily parish morning worship, Monday -Friday, except Thursday.

We begin at 7:30am with Morning Prayers (Liturgy of the Hours) and Rosary. The Mass will follow right after at 8:00am. On the mornings you can participate, it is wonderful way to start your day

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

Fr. Paulo ofm cap.

LORD  bless our labor and
the work of our hands

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

R. C. I. A.: Classes will begin next, Sunday, September 10th at 7 p. m., in the church. Any questions please contact **RCIA Director (Don Gerry, 489-9529)"**

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WORD OF LIFE: "By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and shares in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God." "USCCB Open Wide Our Hearts" Bulletin Insert

WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 10 Sun: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez:33:7-9; Ps:95; Rom:13:8-10; Mt:18:15-20

Sep 11 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Col:1:24-2:3; Ps:62:6-7, 9; Lk:6:6-11

Sep 12 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Col:2:6-15; Ps:145: 1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk:6:12-19

Sep 13 Wed: Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Col:3:1-11; Ps:145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk:6:20-26

Sep 14 Thur: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm:21:4b-9; Ps:78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil:2:6-11;

Jn:3:13-17

Sep 15 Fri: Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tim:1:1-2, 12-14; Ps:16:1b-2a, & 5, 7-8, 11; Jn:19:25-27

Sep 16 Sat: Saint Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tim:1:15-17; Ps:113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk:6:43-49

CHARITABLE CORRECTION

Living the spiritual life means more than correcting our own faults. It also includes correcting the faults of our neighbors. When we do this, we run the risk of misunderstanding and anger. But it is more important to offer correction when neighbors are wrong.

God appointed Ezekiel as Israel's watchman. When God wants the prophet to speak against wicked people, Ezekiel must do so. If he does not, God will hold him responsible for their demise. But if Ezekiel warns the wicked about God's wishes, Ezekiel will be saved, even if the wicked ignore him.

Correcting our neighbor is best done in the spirit of charity. When we correct our neighbor in anger, we share the wickedness we are trying to correct.

Sometimes our neighbors will respond with appreciation. Sometimes they will not. It does not matter. It is important to bring to their attention the consequences of their actions.

Many people follow this advice in matters of state. As responsible citizens, they let government leaders know what follows from laws they do and do not enact. Sometimes the laws change. But even if they do not, God takes pleasure in those who speak the truth.

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NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In Saint Paul's letter to the Romans he suggest that God lavishes his love upon us through Jesus Christ, who calls us to the kind of loving relationship, if we so choose it, that demands accountability. It is like, in Saint Paul's vocabulary, a kind of "debt" that we can never "pay-in-full." But we begin to repay by following the direction of one of the most familiar statements in the Bible: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the unloved and the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: "I am put here as an ambassador of God's love."

LAYING DOWN THE LAW

As institutions age, their laws multiply. As countries grow older, the laws of nation, state, and city grow ever more complex. It is hard to know them all. We hire lawyers to study laws for us.

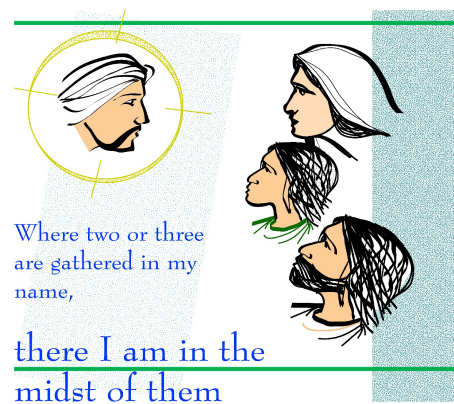
The laws of the church are also complex. They are collected in the Code of Canon Law, which is also hard to absorb. We need church lawyers to help us out. New laws are written all the time. Old ones are adjusted. The code grows slowly outdated as new legislation forms. Everyone wants to be a good citizen and a good Catholic, but it is hard sometimes to know what the law is.

In Jesus' day, the law was also complex. At times it appeared that laws conflicted, as when he healed on a Sabbath. Laws of charity conflicted with laws governing sacred time.

When they asked Jesus for the greatest law, he simplified the complex structure of laws and reduced them to two: Love God. Love your neighbor.

St. Paul told the Romans, "The one who loves another has fulfilled the law." He made it very simple.

God is the ultimate judge over how we observe the laws of church and state. God made the rules as simple as possible. When the laws of our institutions seem complex, we can always please God by following the most basic law of all: love. **Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year A © 2019 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul Turner. Lectionary for Mass © 2001, CCD.**



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