

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017

Have mercy on me, O Lord

Saturday, September 2	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, September 3	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, September 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday, September 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY CLOSED Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, September 6	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 7	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, September 8	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, September 9 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
 5:00 p.m.	Mass



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NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Ezra:33:7-9: Ezekiel is called to warn God's people.

Rom:13:8-10: Christian lives are summarized in love.

Mt:18:15-20: Jesus reaches the process for reconciliation in the community.

Living Catholic in the 808 Shrimp Shack Evangelization

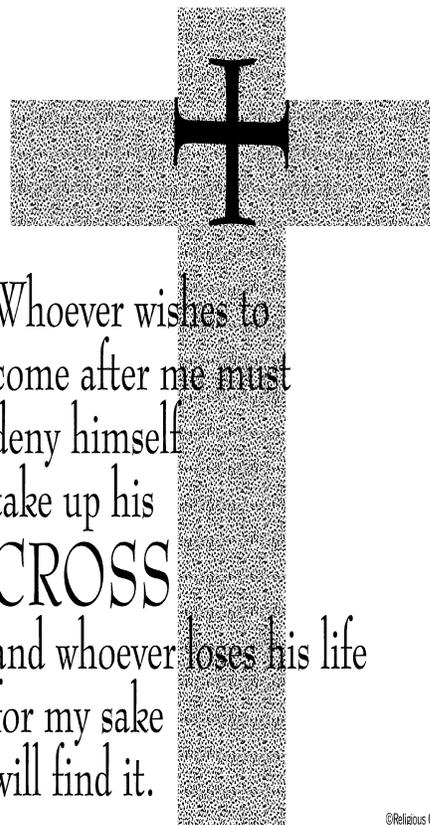
I like what a friend of mine (Dallas Carter) calls "Shrimp Shack Evangelization." Sometimes, when we evangelize to others, we feel that we are the only ones who can convert them or bring them closer to Christ. Most often times, we are not. We may just be the first person they meet, on their way to God.

As we head to the North Shore, no one really stops at the first shrimp shack you see. The food looks good, but you are not hungry. See another shack, and you pass by it.

After seeing three more shrimp shacks, you decide to pull over and finally get the 5-piece garlic butter shrimp plate. The thing about the first shack you saw, is that the thought of these delicious shrimp is settling into your brain. You weren't interested much in it but now you are beginning to think about it.

Evangelizing is like that. We may be the first person that greets someone, but we should not make it a point to believe that we will be the last person they know. When we become inviting, people may want to come back and meet other "shrimp shacks", which will prayerfully help them become active members in a parish community.

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Young Adult Parishioner
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Whoever wishes to
come after me must
deny himself
take up his
CROSS
and whoever loses his life
for my sake
will find it.

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JESUS IS LORD

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Religious Education Class will begin Sunday, September 17th at 10:45 a. m. Parents please register you children!

R. C. I. A. - The R. C. I. A program will begin Sunday, September 17th at 7 p. m. in the St. Francis Trailer, please contact Don Gerry @ 489-9529, for more information.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA: The Catholic University of America is unique among universities in the United States — even among Catholic universities. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U. S. bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. In addition to alumni who hail from this diocese, Catholic University claims one third of the U. S. bishops and 12, 000 priests and religious as alumni. In Washington, D. C., the University provides an education based in the Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students through it 12 school. Next weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity. Envelopes are attached to this week's bulletin.

WORD OF LIFE: *“The sufferings caused by chronic or terminal illness. . . cry out for our compassion, a word whose root meaning is to ‘suffer with’ another person. True compassion alleviates suffering while maintaining solidarity with those who suffer. It does not put lethal drugs in their hands and abandon them.”* USCCB, *“To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Assisted Suicide,”* ©, <https://goo.gl/BVQ3dE>

WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 3 Sun: 22ND Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer:20: 7-9; Ps 63; Rom:12:1-2; Mt: 16:21-27

Sep 4 Mon: Labor Day (USA)

1 Thes:4:13-18; Ps:96: 1 & 3 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk:4:16-30

Sep 5 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Thes:5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk:4: 31:37

Sept 6 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Col: 1:1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk:4:38-44

Sep 7 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Col:1:9-14; Ps 98: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk: 5:1-11

Sep 8 Fri: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi:5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps:13:6ab, 6c; Mt: 1:1-16, 18-23

Sep 9 Sat: Peter Claver, priest

Col: 1:21-23; Ps 54: 3-4, 6 & 8; Lk: 6:1-5

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” At the end of the reading Jesus suggests there is great hope in the cross. Today's followers of Christ recognize they are stewards of his entire legacy, including his cross and that through their mutual sacrifices God's glory is revealed. They don't live their lives in Christ only when it is convenient for them. They make a decision to take up their cross and carry it, no matter what the cost is to themselves. Reflect this week on the cross you bear in order to reveal God's glory. How do you embrace that cross? How, at times, do you shirk that cross when it is not convenient? (International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)

WHO IS PETER?

We are at something of a disadvantage this week, having a separation of seven days between last week's Gospel reading and this week's. In Matthew's Gospel, these two passages follow immediately upon one another. So we don't realize that, in only a hundred words or so, Jesus has moved from referring to Peter as the rock on which the church will be built to calling him “Satan.” So the point is Jesus founded the church on a “Satan”? Of course not. Jesus Christ founded, and continues to build—through the presence of his Body given to us, the church, by the Spirit of baptism—on human beings. He knows now, as he knew then, our frailness and built-in shortcomings. Today he begins his explanation of what his role as Messiah will mean during his last days in Jerusalem. And poor Peter leaps to the wrong conclusion, as many of us would, and still do. Peter is insistent upon following the conventional religious wisdom, the status quo, the commonly understood view of the Messiah. But it was this very view that Jesus came into this world to subvert.

WHO ARE WE?

The spiritual author C. S. Lewis once wrote, in reflecting on how hard it is to pray for one's enemies as Christ commanded, that he had particular difficulty praying for people like Stalin or Hitler. This was because he had to come to terms with the fact that the very human failings that made them who they were are also present in each one of us. We can never be sure exactly how or why we are prevented from exercising that degree of evil and hatred; it is only through the grace and will of God that we don't. All the weakness and ignorance present in Peter today are present in all of us. We could not name one single baptized follower of Christ in whom these mortal failings were not or are not present. It is helpful for us to be alert about this, lest we follow in the way of Peter today and fail to realize that to follow Christ means following him to Jerusalem. It means actively taking up a cross, making our bodies a living sacrifice, as Paul says. It means examining the religious status quo of our day to make sure it is consistent with the sometimes harsh message of Jesus' good news. And it means making sure that we are more like last week's Peter, professing faith in Christ revealed to us by God, so we may continue to be strong and sturdy stones on which the church continues to be built.

FATHER



Open
our
hearts
to you

