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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Morning Prayer:

Monday to Friday 8:40 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am
Saturdays & Holidays: 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm
For any other day by appointment only

First Fridays:

Holy Hour: 6:00 pm
Mass 7:00 pm

Baptism:

By appointment and after an interview with the parents.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.

Care of the Sick:

Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.

New Parishioners:

Registration Form is available in the vestibule of the Church, in the parish office or on the website.

Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction

Every 1st Sat. of the Month after the 9:00am Mass.

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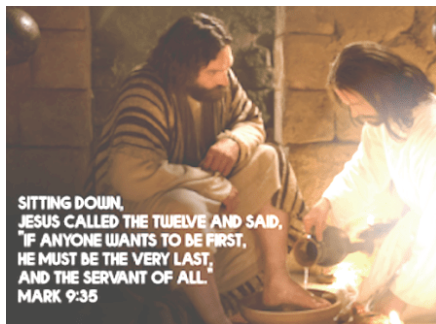
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Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sept. 19

1st Reading : Wisdom 2.12, 17-20
 2nd Reading : James 3.16 – 4.3
 Gospel : Mark 9.30-37 – **Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection**

Celebrating the Stewardship of Others



In today's readings we learn the importance of having the right attitude and disposition in our approach towards stewardship. A steward is called to live in humility. We

are not the owners of our gifts but are simply the humble caretakers of them and it is our job to give them back to God with increase.

St. James in the second reading says, "Where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind." As stewards, we will often face the temptation to compare our gifts with those of others. It is a human reaction to seek recognition for our good works and want to be rewarded. However, the goal of stewardship is not our own glory, but rather the glory of Christ and the Church. One way to combat envy and ambition is to intentionally celebrate the talents of others. Since we are all one Body of Christ, the gifts of our brothers and sisters are the gifts of the whole Church.

Relatedly, in the Gospel today Jesus instructs His apostles saying, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." True stewards seek to serve others before themselves. We should ask ourselves, am I assisting at the parish to serve my own ego or to serve my neighbour? Let us constantly try to reorient our priorities so that we can serve Christ first through serving our brothers and sisters.

Summary

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sept. 26

1st Reading : Numbers 11.25-29
 2nd Reading : James 5.1-6
 Gospel : Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48 – **Temptations to Sin**

Removing the Obstacles



In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the bold teaching that we should rid ourselves of anything that causes us to sin, for the price of losing our eternal salvation is far too great. This teaching can seem harsh at times, yet it

is actually one of great truth and love. The radical implication in Jesus message' is that the salvation of our souls is the most important thing in life.

As followers of Christ, we should ask ourselves, is there anything that is causing us to sin? Sin begins to weaken our relationship with God which hinders our ability to truly love others and act as authentic stewards. If we want our stewardship to flourish, we should take concrete actions to avoid the near occasions of sin and seek forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession for whenever we do fall.

Additionally, not only should we seek to remove the causes of sin in our lives, but we should try to remove all those things that hinder us from being better stewards of our time and talents. For example, if our pride and ego get in the way of us being willing to humbly serve others, we should pray for the strength to grow in humility. Likewise, if our addiction to television or movies stops us from giving our time to others, we should try to intentionally limit our viewing time. There are many ways we can grow as faithful stewards of Christ so let us start by taking small steps towards being more generous.

Summary

Jesus instructs us in the Gospel to remove anything that causes us to sin for the most important thing in life is the salvation of our souls. Likewise, we should strive to remove anything that hinders us from being better stewards of our time and talents. There are many ways we can grow as faithful stewards of Christ so let us start by taking small steps towards being more generous.

MASS INTENTIONS: October 1-15, 2021

Note: September 16-30 was already published in the previous bulletin issue.

OCT	TIME	MASS FOR	INTENTIONS	REQUESTED BY
1 Fri	9 am 6 pm 7pm	Mr. & Mrs. Adelaida Santiago HOLY HOUR FIRST FRIDAY MASS	+	Mitz Caldos
2 Sat	9 am 5 pm	All HC Volunteers & Parishioners Ma. Ruvitte Montille	+	Galla Bertoia
3 Sun	9 am 11 am	Maireez Centeno & Family	Thanksgiving	Monica Sigue
4 Mon	9 am	Sandra Maria Samson	Thanksgiving	Javier & Samson Families
5 Tues	9 am	Anthony Argiloff	+	Jo-Anne Wilson
6 Wed	9 am	Sixto & Gloria De Leon-50 th Wedding Anniv.	Thanksgiving	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
7 Thurs	9 am	Mr. Kok Cuan	+	Linda Cuan
8 Fri	9 am	Isidra Regala	+	Beltjar & Ducusin Families
9 Sat	9 am 5 pm	Ruben Gutierrez All HC Volunteers & Parishioners	+	Holy Cross
10 Sun	9 am 11 am	Victor Ruben Gutierrez	For Healing +	Raffaella Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
11 Mon	9 am	Thanksgiving Day Mass		
12 Tues	9 am	Ruben Gutierrez	+	Fe & Vinda Olase
13 Wed	9 am	Beth & Connie Escabarte	Thanksgiving	Fe & Vinda Olase
14 Thurs	9 am			
15 Fri	9 am	Maria Eliza Goldring	+	Staff of Holy Cross School

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.

We also include in our prayers the health of Catherine Young.



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Serving Our Neighbours In Need

Bundle up Weekend

September 25 & 26 (Saturday & Sunday)

8:30 am – 7:00 pm

The container van will be parked at the back of the Church.

When you do your fall de-cluttering, put aside any footwear, clothing, and/or bedding (all accepted in any condition), drapery, towels, and new or nearly new toys.

The following items will NOT be accepted: dishes, baby or regular furniture items, books, VHS or cassette tapes, construction materials, appliances or mattresses.



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Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925

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