

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



HUMBLY WELCOME THE WORD
THAT HAS BEEN PLANTED
IN YOU AND IS ABLE
TO SAVE YOUR SOULS.

James 1:21b



In the gospel for this Sunday we see how Jesus turned a controversy about whether to observe Israelite rules about eating into a larger issue of what does and does not make a person holy and pure. It should be said that the Pharisees were pursuing and promoting holiness, but, Christ said, they were going about it the wrong way. Closeness to God does not begin with how faithfully you perform external actions. What you do and how you do it, while important, are indicators of your inner disposition, which should be grounded in holiness.

Holiness is nothing less than drawing ever-closer to God, which, as Saint John wrote, is love. God wants us to share in the divine life because that's who we were created to be. We were made in the image of God and later went astray; our quest for holiness is just a U-turn back to our original likeness.

In the Old Testament, when called to be a holy nation, Israel was given the Law of Moses. Jesus, however, provided his followers with a more compact instruction: Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. Love will teach you everything you need to know about being like God.

Church law is to be studied so as to be understood, and considered so as to be integrated into daily life. But the law that supersedes all other laws is love of God and love of neighbor. We must weigh every act in light of God's law of love. Keep your conscience well informed by sacred reading, listening, praying, and taking in all of life so that you will be able to determine where love resides on every issue.

Last Sunday I was able to participate in the Pallium Mass at Holy Name Cathedral. Archbishop Vigano placed the pallium on our Archbishop Blase. The pallium is the sign of the bond between Archbishop Blase and our Pope Francis. This was a very moving ceremony and I was honored to be a part of it. I was able to take pictures of Archbishop Blase's pallium before Mass, and you can see it on his back after he received it from Archbishop Vigano.



**ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS,
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS,
LECTORS & SACRISTANS**

There will be a meeting in Church on Tuesday, September 1st at 7 PM. Fr. Karol will lead the meeting.



If you, a neighbor or loved one is homebound and would

like Holy Communion brought to you/them, please call the parish office. We would be glad to arrange it for you.

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED
SACRAMENT:**



Every Monday from 4-7 P.M. Won't you come and spend a little quiet time with Our Lord? Stay for 10, 15, 20 minutes or even the whole hour.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Millie Barthel, mother of Ron Glaum who was called home to Our Lord. May she rest in peace.

A LITTLE CHURCH HUMOR

I AIN'T AFRAID

One Sunday morning, everyone in a bright beautiful, tiny town got up early and went to the local church. Before the services started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking about their lives, their families, etc. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.

Soon everyone was evacuated from the church, except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew, not moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence. Now this confused Satan a bit, so he walked up to the man and said, "don't you know who I am?" The man replied, "Yep, sure do." Satan asked, "Aren't you afraid of me?" "Nope sure ain't," said the man. Satan was a little perturbed at this and queried, "Why aren't you afraid of me?" The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for over 48 years."

THREE DADS

Three boys are in the schoolyard and bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50!" The second boys say, "That's nothing. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100." The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon. It takes 8 people with baskets to collect all the money!"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

New Members WELCOME!

If you have been attending St. John and have been unsure about joining, don't be. We are a welcoming community and would love to have you with us.

To become a member of St. John Parish, fill out the information below and place this in the Offertory Collection or mail it to the parish office. You may also call the parish secretary at 758-5098. If you have a new address or phone number please call the office or make changes on the form below so we can keep our records updated.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

HOT LINES—WHEN YOU NEED HELP NOW!

COURAGE
For single mothers
And unplanned
Pregnancies
708-636-8001

Treatment Center
219-230-3622
Celebrate Rec.
219-864-0300

Grief Support
Center for New
Beginnings
708-985-3010

Crisis Center
for South
Suburbia
708-429-7255

So. Sub Council
on Alcoholism
and Substance
Abuse
708-647-3333

FAITH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP 219-864-0302
CELEBRATERECOVERY@FAITHCHURCHONLINE.ORG

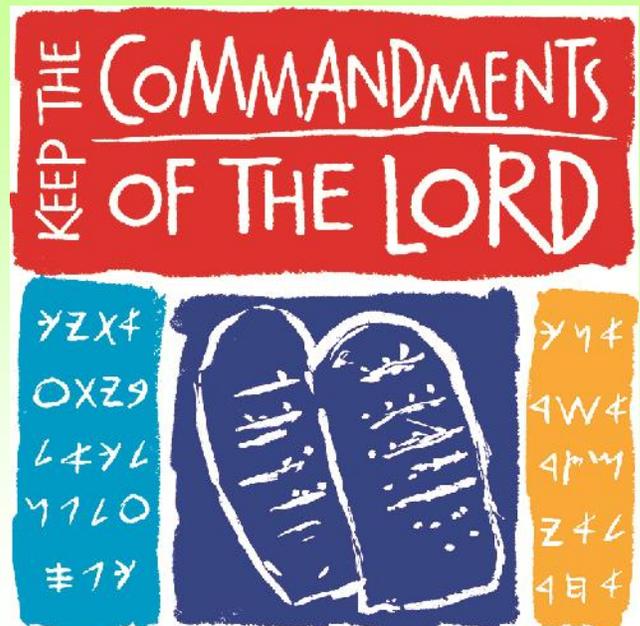
PARISH FINANCES SUNDAY COLLCECTION

August 22/23 \$4,160.00
 Air Conditioning \$ 88.00



STOP THE FLYING

A flying rumor never has any trouble making a landing.
—Anonymous



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