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October 26, 2014 - *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Niech Bedze pochwalony
Jezus Chrystus.
R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.
Praised be the Lord, Jesus
Christ.
R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - *"Hymn of Faith"*

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READING I - Ex 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R/ I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,

O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R/ I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

R/ I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

R/ I love you, Lord, my strength.

READING 2 - 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

GOSPEL - Matthew 22:34-40

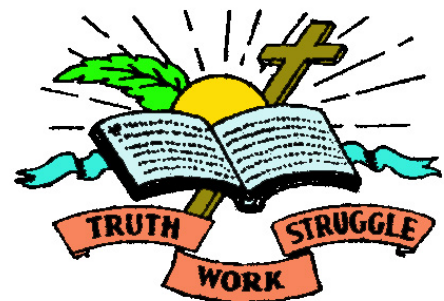
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

COMMUNION HYMN - *"The Servant Song"*

RECESSIONAL - *"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"*



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do." — Pope John XXIII

(shared by Anne Klein)

SOME FUN: RANDOM TRIVIA

Personal hygiene years ago left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another women's face, she was told, "mind your own bee's wax." Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term "crack a smile." In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt...and thus, the expression, "losing face."

(shared by Joni Blenn)

PRAYERFUL MEDITATIONS...

It is through reflection, prayer, and meditation that we become more dedicated followers of Jesus Christ. Remember, also to imitate daily our Blessed Lady, who was the first to take the Word of God. Try to be like Mary who treasured all these things and reflected on them each day in her heart!

† IN REMEMBRANCE †

Please submit any names of loved ones, family, and friends, to Fr. Andrew. As these will be read and remembered in next Sunday's Mass and for all the Sundays in November (for All Souls Day). Thank you and God Bless.

HALLOWEEN, OCTOBER 31st

Halloween, also known as All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve, is the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It initiates the triduum of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed believers. Within Allhallowtide, the traditional focus revolves around the theme of using "humor and ridicule to confront the power of death." According to many scholars, Halloween is a Christianized feast initially influenced by Celtic harvest festivals, with possible pagan roots, particularly the Gaelic Samhain. Other scholars maintain that it originated independently of Samhain and has solely Christian roots.



TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Health Needs of: Emma Zaradich
mother of Henry Zaradich
recently diagnosed with breast cancer

ST. SIMON and ST. JUDE (first century) October 28

Little is known of Sts. Simon and Jude except that they were chosen by Jesus as apostles and appear well down on the list of twelve. They do not figure prominently in the Gospel stories, as do some other apostles. After Jesus, Ascension there is no reliable account of what happened to them. Stories of their founding the Church in Syria and Egypt are groundless.

Unlike Sts. Peter and Paul, whose words and deeds are widely reported in Scripture and whose achievements dramatically affected the society of their day, Simon and Jude appear to have done little that was notable. Yet the Church celebrates them among her founders, seeing their preaching revealing God to us and their prayers aiding her growth.

The apostles were not all of one mold. Some, like Peter and Paul, were active public figures immersed in the controversy and changing movements of their time. Others, perhaps like Simon and Jude, may have taken a quieter path. Yet their voices too have been heard through all the earth.

Not only brilliant, active, and achieving apostles communicate the faith. Some, also apostles, may pass on this treasure in simpler, unnoticed ways; ordinary sowers, they cast the seed of faith undramatically on a world waiting for harvest. Their prayer: Lord, may we follow and serve you. Amen.



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Have fun, but be mindful of cars if you are trick or treating in the neighborhood.