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1ST SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS



CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor

Fr. Jack Morrison (retired)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY / MASS :

Tues - Fri: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

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Becoming Christlike

When you think about Jesus' life, it is marked over and over again, not by worldly greatness, but by humility. God's Son could have been born anywhere. But he was born in the small town of Bethlehem. His first bed was a feeding trough for animals, because there was no room for him and his family in the inn. Jesus grew up in the small, unimportant town of Nazareth. Jesus was not trained to be a religious leader. He was the son of a carpenter, and was being trained to do that. He spent the first thirty years of his life unnoticed by anyone. Even when he began his public ministry, he went about the countryside of Israel, not seeking greatness; but serving, and teaching; and preaching. After three years, he went to Jerusalem, not to be received as a great king, but to be handed over to death. He washed his disciples' feet. He allowed himself to be arrested, tortured, and humiliated on the cross. He died a shameful death.

Why did he do all of this? Because the *Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life for us.* Jesus' life was always great in the eyes of his heavenly Father. But not so to the world.

The world has always had a different idea of what it means to be great. And so did Jesus' own disciples. Jesus came not to be served, but to serve. And he invites us, his followers, to do the same. To serve others. To spend our lives looking for opportunities to give to others what Jesus has given to us.

St. Padre Pio once said, "Meditation is like a mirror, it helps us to discover and correct our defects. To imitate Jesus we must meditate on him daily. HE is our model."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta served the poorest of the poor in India. Many people wanted to live as she lived, so she began teaching a simple path. Here is Mother Teresa's "Simple Path":

The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace.

Living a faith-filled silence leads to prayer, which leads to faith, which leads to love, which leads to service, which leads to peace. Peace, which our world hungers for, and maybe we do too, is the fruit of service.

Everyone who has found happiness and true peace, to put it another way, has learned to serve others. The peace that we all want, and that our world hungers for, cannot be measured by the number of servants we have, but instead by the number of ways in which we have found to serve others.

Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love. And some of the greatest people this world has ever seen had little more than that. With a heart full of grace, and a soul generated by love, they found a way to serve others. They devoted their lives to serving others. We can, too. Following the example of Jesus, we can become great by serving others. By looking for opportunities to give to others what Jesus first gave to us. *The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.* And he invites us to do the same.



PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Lucy Zahran or call church office to **join the prayer chain** or with **prayer requests**

“1ST SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS”

Saturday September 16- 5:00 PM: for Anna My Linh (3) by the Shermans

Sunday September 17- 10:30 AM: for Giacat’s birthday by Thanh & Han Vo

Tuesday	Sep 19	9:00 am	St. Januarius, M	birthday wishes for Le Suong by Mr. & Mrs. Sherman
Wednesday	Sep 20	9:00 am	St. Eustatius and His Wife and Children, M	For Kim Ngan Nguyen intentions by Thanh & Han Vo
Thursday	Sep 21	9:00 am	St. Quadratus, Bishop of Athens, M	For Tung Poindexter by Mr. & Mrs. Sherman
Friday	Sep 22	9:00 am	St. Phocas and His Companions, M	For the intentions of Thanh & Han Vo by Thanh & Han Vo

“2ND SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS”

Saturday Sep. 23- 5:00 PM: birthday wishes for Kim Ngan by Mr. & Mrs. Sherman

Sunday Sep .24 - 10:30 AM: birthday wishes for Steve Sherman by Mr. & Mrs. Sherman

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Sign up today, at the church entrance for a holy hour!

Every Thursday
9:30 am - 2:00pm
Rosary for Peace @ 9:30 am

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Place your donation of Peanut butter & jelly in the basket next to the Confessional.

August: Donations 84 lbs

READERS

9/16	Annika Nesbitt	9/17	Ed Baez
9/23	Lynn Vaughan	9/24	Marie Catalana
9/30	Kathy Kriminger	10/1	Chris Cooper
10/7	Rick Criste	10/8	Ace Acevedo

SCRIPTURE

1st Sunday after Holy Cross
2 Tim 2: 1-10/ Mk 10: 35-45

2nd Sunday after Holy Cross
1 Cor 15: 19-34/Mt 24: 1-14

3rd Sunday after Holy Cross
Holy Rosary Sunday
Phil 3: 17-4: 1/ Mt 24: 23-31



To be listed as Reader, please text Kim Phelan @ 352-317-8529 or email consecrated2021@gmail.com or the church office

GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Offer the Incense, Candles and Wine for one month in memory/honor of someone for a \$25 donation.

September
In Thanksgiving
By Thanh & Han Vo



Collections (Sep 9-10)	\$ 2338.00
Candles	\$ 00.00
2nd Collection	\$ 610.00
Bulletin ad	\$ 200.00



Congratulations to St. Michael Archangel Ladies Guild, established in 2013, celebrating 11 years of service. Committed to "promoting the work of the Church & building a spiritual community of faith within the Parish." AD BY: **MJ**

2nd Collection - REMINDER:

October 22 - World Mission Sunday (91% goes to Society for the Propagation of the Faith and 9% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association - CNEWA)



ONLINE GIVING

VOCATION CHALICE

9/16: Volunteer
9/17: Chris Cooper
9/23: Volunteer
9/24: Maribel Rivera



If your family would like to volunteer to pray for Vocations to Religious Life, please see Kimberly P.

Custom Handmade Rosaries

Handcrafted to order by **Ace Acevedo**

Premade Rosaries, as well as a complete list of all available styles, are in the social hall by the Ladies Guild gift counter!



All proceeds benefit the Parish!

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KNIGHTS CORNER



The Knight's are providing pinewood derby kits to children of the church for the derby race to be held October 7, 2023. For those children that want to participate we will have a workshop Wednesday September 13th, at the social hall 6:30pm to 7:30 pm. Kits will be available at the workshop and after Sunday Mass at the social hall. For more information contact Warren Hahn (910) 988-6013. ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM

Saturday, Sep.23: Light celebratory bash in the hall

Thursday, Sep. 28 : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, Sep. 29: Retro 50th party. Register please

Saturday, Sep 30: Meeting w/ Choir, KOC, Ladies Guild & Council

Saturday, Sep 30: Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, Oct 1: Divine Liturgy followed by Lunch with the parish .

FROM THE LADIES GUILD



- Please keep an eye out for details to assist at the end of the month for Bishop Gregory's visit and the 50th Anniversary celebration.
- The next Ladies Guild meeting will be on 15 October at noon.



-No walking during Scripture & Gospel Readings and during the Consecration & Invocation of the Holy Spirit . Wait at the entrance until done then go back to your seat.

- **crossing of legs** is not allowed . This is not a prayerful position.

- **the Sign of Peace** is not a kiss on the mouth . It comes from the Altar and is shared by hands among people. The kiss of Peace given on the cheeks is not recommended in our tradition.

We need to be a good example for our children and our guests.

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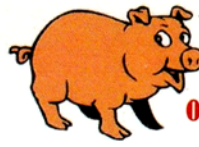
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