



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

September 22nd & 23rd, 2018

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children; Sundays at the 10:15 a.m. Mass

Weekdays: Mon.-Thurs. & First Fridays & First Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Thursday, First Friday and First Saturday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass or at the Parish House with an appointment

For other Sacraments:

Please call the Parish Office

6 months in advance for Marriage

3 months in advance for Baptism



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The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22nd & September 23rd, 2018

From the Pastors Desk...

Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

In biblical times, childhood was a time of terror. Infant mortality rates sometimes reached thirty percent of live births. Sometimes sixty percent were dead by the age of sixteen. These figures reflect not only the ravages of unconquered diseases but also the outcomes of poor hygiene.

Moreover, while Western cultures tend to place children first and risk everything to save the child above all, ancient Middle Eastern cultures would place the child last. With particular horror to us after the fires in October, we see that in medieval Mediterranean times, in a raging fire, a husband was obliged to save his father first, then his mother, next his wife, and last of all his young child. When a famine came upon the land, children would be fed last, after the adults. Unbelievably so, such priorities are still common in many non-Western cultures.

Within the family and the community, the child had next to no status. A minor child was considered equal to a slave. Only after reaching maturity did a child become a free person with rights to inherit the family estate. When Jesus compares his adult compatriots to children who do not know how to respond to cultural cues, he effectively insults them.

This does not mean that children were not loved or appreciated. Mediterranean discipline fuses love with violence as parents explain: "We only do this because we love them." Even God disciplines "Him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives" (Prov 3:11-12).

But this does not mean children were not loved, as we see in the Hebrew Scriptures [O.T.], children are so greatly desired in the family that a wife will never be fully accepted into the patriarchal family setting until she bears a child, preferably a son. The emotional bond between that son and his mother is the strongest of all ties in the typical Mediterranean family. We see a perfect example of this in Jesus and Mary.

Against this background, Jesus' statements in today's Gospel take on fresh meaning. In Mark 9:30-32, Jesus for the second time speaks to his disciples of impending betrayal, death, and return to life. Mark notes that they did not understand, and very likely they could not understand the combination of all these elements in a single statement.

There is no difficulty understanding betrayal leading to death. In the Mediterranean world, one would try to thwart such a plan but if that were impossible, the honorable person would strive to die in an honorable fashion. Rising to new life muddies the picture. Yet the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus for enlightenment.

Since Jesus' announcement has to do with his honor, it is no surprise that the disciples engage in a squabble over their honor in his group. The surprise again is Jesus' response to their squabble. Jesus' question, "What were you arguing about on the way" is superfluous. Squabbles over honor would be quite vociferous. To pose the question bluntly as Jesus does is his first move in shaming the disciples. But Jesus doesn't stop there.

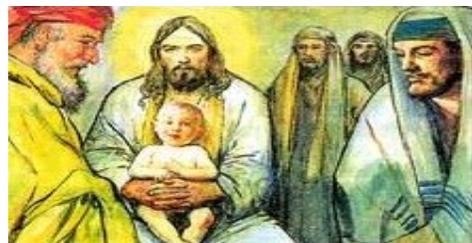
As was the norm, hospitality was extended to complete strangers to guarantee safe transit in unfamiliar and hostile territory. By asking the disciples to extend hospitality ("to receive") a child, a creature of low status in their culture, Jesus further shames these grown men. To extend hospitality to children ("to receive them") would be a lark to everyone else in the culture. Further, though guests are not expected to reciprocate hospitality, they are expected to broadcast the kindness of the host far and wide, thus extending his honorable reputation.

In this Gospel we clearly see how Jesus elevated the status of children in the world. This was a whole new way of thinking for these people. It surprised them, and yet it is only the beginning of such. We live in a most difficult time now. These words of Jesus and His care and love for children take on a much deeper meaning for us. We have much to learn from their trust, simplicity, and especially their honesty, a character trait that has been lost in many leaders in our day.

Jesus teaches that life is full of surprises. True honor can be found in the most unlikely places.

Children, teach your parents well.

Father Ron



Find Joy in Church



Worship is God's idea. He intends our connection to him to be joyful and exhilarating. Yet, when our worship in church becomes routine, we can lose that sense of joy. Try these ideas to recapture the fun in faith and worship:

Mass is a celebration when Heaven and earth meet. Approach each Mass as you would any great occasion. Dress your best, imagine the other guests who will be there. Anticipate the food you will receive—food no one else can serve.

“And I commend enjoyment, for man has no good thing under the sun but to eat, drink and enjoy himself...”

(Ecclesiastes 8:15) Greet your neighbors warmly. Laugh at the priests jokes during the homily. Smile at the altar servers and sing loudly with vigor.

Volunteer for a parish ministry. Working with others toward the common goal of serving Our Lord is rewarding and can be just plain fun. Laughing and joking with others on a team while using our talents to serve others, builds up the church.

Find out who needs you. There are a few better ways to feel loved than to joyfully give love. Call the parish office to see if anyone needs a ride to mass, help getting groceries, or just needs prayers.



The Altar flowers this week are for
Griff & Gloria McKay
for their 50th
Wedding Anniversary.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO

NEED OUR PRAYERS: The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Steve Straessler, Tristan Humble, Mauro DeTrizio, Helen Hubbard, Joey Benjamin, Karen D'Ambrogi, Renee Dierckx, Jackson Langdon, Nina Cantacessi, Margaret Potchatek, Charlotte Facchini, Anne Benjamin, Erasmo Roque, Ken Davis, Marilyn Lechuga, Chuck Fritch, George Fannuci, Pat LaRussa, Irma Schelter, Thomas Peterson, Paul Von Gottfried, Taylor Gouin, Joe Gouin, Pat Fryer and Ken Hicks.

FOR THE SOULS OF: Dennis DeCota, Charlie Rogers, Frank Mantellina, Ray Hill, Alice Purugganan, Howard Furlong, Al Pisenti, Margaret Winrich, Carmen Leon Guerrero, Barbara Bobrowski, George Gooding, Geraldine M. Gonfiotti, Concha O'Dell, Hank Cooper, Bonnie Clark, and Esther Keating.

Mass Schedule Sept 22nd to Sept 30th

09/22 Sat 5:00pm Jessie Benedict
 09/23 Sun 7:30am Mass for the People
 09/23 Sun 10:15am †Jeanne Huffman
 09/24 Mon 9:00am †George Normandin
 09/25 Tues 9:00am †Lawrence Kartes
 09/26 Wed 9:00am †Pat McCaffrey & †John Bosch
 09/27 Thurs 9:00am Gloria & Griff McKay– 50th Wedding Anniversary
 09/28 Fri 9:00am Liturgy of the Word
 09/29 Sat 5:00pm †Edwardo Pabicios
 09/30 Sun 7:30am Mass for the People
 09/30 Sun 10:15am †Gayle Darling

LAST WEEK'S PLATE COLLECTION: \$ 5,229.00

September 29th & September 30th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Servers
Sat, Sept 29th 5 pm	#1– K. Shanahan #2– R. Brady	Joanne Landen, Dino Boito, Lee Ward, Nora Ward	As Available	As Available
Sun, Sept 30th 7:30 am	#1– S. Pola #2– P. Edson	Kathie Dole, Jane Hoffman, Elizabeth McDonnell	As Available	As Available
Sun, Sept 30th 10:15 am	#1– H. Kelley #2– L. Orr	Loyde Johnson, Sherry Johnson, Kathy Stevens, Tim Sullivan, Shirley Sullivan, Dennis Krempely, Michael Wagner, Donna Kaiser, Babette O'Shell	As Available	As Available
Children's Liturgy of the Word –Barbara Nishimoto				
Homebound Week of September 26th– P. Edson, E. Manfredi, J. Hoffman				

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation Grades K-12
September 22nd & September 23rd

Faith Formation Grades 1-6

This Sunday's Gospel: (Mark 9:30–37) Jesus teaches that his highest value is service. He puts his arms around a child to show that welcoming others, even children, is welcoming him. Jesus wants his followers to be warm and welcoming to everyone, no matter who it is, as if that person were Jesus himself.



Talk about ways that you and your family can be welcoming to others. Agree on one specific thing to do this week and then act on it.

PARENT MEETING ARE SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 7TH (Grades 1,3,4,5) for Sunday Classes
And WEDNESDAY, OCT 9TH (Grades 1,3,4,5,6) 3:30PM for Wednesday classes

ALL FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS (2nd year prep) GATHERING WILL BE SUNDAY, OCT. 7TH
FROM 11:30-1:30PM. Pizza and drinks will be provided for all.

2nd Year Confirmation Candidates



We gather this Monday, Sept. 24th from 6:30PM - 8:00PM in the Holy Family Room for

“All of Us Together: Encountering Jesus in Community”.

Parents, our first Parent Night is scheduled for September 24th 6:30 PM. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend for an introduction to our new Confirmation process. We will gather in the Holy Family Room with the candidates and then move to the Rosary Room for our meeting.



All 8th -12th graders are invited to join us for
Wednesday Night G.I.G.!

“We Are One!”

Sept. 26th , 7 -8:30PM in the Holy Family Room

Looking for a group of like-minded friends? A place you can be yourself and be supported to become all God created you to be? Join us any Wednesday evening you are available. You are always welcome to **BRING A FRIEND!**

Questions contact Megan O’Neill
(m.oneill-hsc@outlook.com) .

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)

*Anyone wishing to become Catholic or wanting to receive further Sacraments, i.e., First Communion or Confirmation, may contact **Megan O’Neill** for more information.*

You are invited to a period of Inquiry!

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