



This Week In Our Parish LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 22	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm mass: †Frank Schatz / Fraser Family
Sunday, September 23	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am mass: 11:00 am mass: Health of Sandra Eldridge / Paul and Evelyn †Concordia Reyes / George and Tess
Monday, September 24	Ferial 9:00 am mass: 10:30 am mass: Special Intention / Zubot Family Southwood Care Centre: Pro Populo
Tuesday, September 25	Ferial 9:00 am mass: Special Intention / Zubot Family
Wednesday, September 26	Feast of Saints Jean de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and companions 7:00 am mass: 9:00 am mass: 10:30 am mass: 6:30 pm: †Luis P. Reyes / Family †Frank Schatz / Monahan Seniors St. Cecilia School Opening Mass Prayers for the Sick
Thursday, September 27	Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul 7:00 am mass: 9:00 am mass: †Denis Lemay / Family Special Intention / Zubot Family †Felicidad Danan / Jun and Family
Friday, September 28	Ferial / Saint Wenceslaus / Saint Lawrence Ruiz and companions 7:00 am mass: 9:00 am mass: John Dyck / Leo and Mary Special Intention / Zubot Family
Saturday, September 29	Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael 9:00 am mass: Special Intention / Zubot Family
Saturday, September 29	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12:00 Noon 5:00 pm mass: Wedding: Zaradic / Sokol †Bernard Fellbaum / George and Tess
Sunday, September 30	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am mass: 11:00 am mass: †Evangeline Fauth / Eric and Noreen For all parishioners, living and deceased

Dear Parishioners,

A man who was terribly fond of money kept praying for more of it. So the Lord finally said to him, "Look - you keep asking for more money. Just what is it you want?" The man replied, "O, Lord, give me the Midas touch." God answered, "All right, you've got it." And from that time on, every thing that man touched turned into a muffler!

Today's readings are about money. The First Reading comes from about 760 B.C. It was a time of relative peace for Israel, but instead of using that time to create a more just society, the people with money indulged their greed by gouging the poor. The prophet pronounces a fearful judgment; he tells the rich that God's patience with them is at an end. The warning he issued eight centuries before Christ against greed is still needed today. He calls on dishonest people who cheat others to take a good look at themselves. Their greed is no secret from God: "Never will I forget a thing they have done!" God promises.

The Second Reading was written at a time when Christians were trying to get along with the Roman government. Wisely, they are advised to pray for those who have power over them. They hope to avoid persecution so that they can live in peace. But they also hope for the conversion of their rulers to the Christian faith.

The Gospel is a story about a manager whose dishonesty is discovered when his books are audited. Though he is exposed as a scoundrel, his shrewdness is commended because he is smart enough to provide for his future. The point, however, is not to justify the manager. The whole parable leads up to Jesus' lament that worldly people devote more energy and intelligence to their pursuits, which will end in dust, than we who have committed ourselves to God's eternal kingdom. The story's purpose is to remind us that we, too, are going to have our books audited by God, perhaps sooner than we expect. If we are wise, we will imitate the shrewdness of this scoundrel and provide for our eternal future.

Two resolutions are worthy of your serious consideration today in relation to earthly goods. First, never let them take up all your time. You have a far more serious purpose in life. Give it a little more thought and enterprise than you have been doing. Secondly, be grateful to God for what He has given you in this life. You might like to have a lot more, but God knows best. Work honestly and be generous with what you have. You are serving God, not money. God will be waiting for you where there is no currency, and where the one bank account that matters will be the good use that you made of your time and your share of this world's goods while you were alive.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Application forms for our Sacramental Preparation Registration are now available at the back of the church until the deadline date. The deadline date for each sacrament is printed in the blue Sacramental Preparation brochure, along with the dates for classes, parent meetings and retreats. Please attach a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Following are the dates for the sacraments:

First Reconciliation: Saturday, December 8th, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation: Sunday, April 20th, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Mass

First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 4th, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Mass

The 49th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Quebec City from June 15th to June 22nd, 2008.

The Diocese of Calgary is offering seven workshops to develop the themes of the document. Please refer to the bulletin board for locations and times of these workshops.