

World Mission Sunday (Year C) October 21st, 2007

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This Week In Our Parish LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 20th	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time / World Mission Sunday 5:00 pm mass: †Mary Alias / St. Cecilia's Folk Choir
Sunday, October 21st	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time / World Mission Sunday 9:00 am mass: 11:00 am mass: †Josue and Adoracion Suple / Family †Tyrone Deane / Bill Panko
Monday, October 22nd	Ferial 9:00 am mass: 10:30 am mass: †Rolando Cabili / Connie and Tracey Foster Southwood Care Centre: For all parishioners, living and deceased
Tuesday, October 23rd	Ferial / Saint John of Capistrano 9:00 am mass: †John Dawson / Family
Wednesday, October 24th	Ferial / Saint Anthony Claret 7:00 am mass: 9:00 am mass: 6:30 pm: David Campbell / Maxine †Bernie Evans / Gladys and Family Prayers for the Sick
Thursday, October 25th	Ferial 7:00 am mass: 9:00 am mass: Stephanie Velychko / Bible Study †Larry Kelly / Ann Schrader
Friday, October 26th	Ferial 7:00 am mass: 9:00 am mass: Stephanie Velychko / Jacqueline Anderson and Family Intention: Deorgina Valdecanas
Saturday, October 27th	Ferial / Our Lady's Saturday 9:00 am mass: Friends of Suffering Souls (Purgatory) / Trudy
Saturday, October 27th	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm mass: †Margie McErlaine / Family
Sunday, October 28th	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am mass: 11:00 am mass: †George Timko / Dankocik Family For all parishioners, living and deceased



All Souls' Day Memorial Masses

On **Friday, November 2nd**, we will be having Memorial Masses at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and a special sung Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in the evening to remember your deceased loved ones. A reception will follow.

Dear Parishioners,

Today is World Mission Sunday. The theme suggested for us this year by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is "Go! Proclaim the Gospel!"

What does that mean for us today? Perhaps we can find the beginning of that answer in the last line of today's gospel: "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?" Faith in what? Faith in whom?

The core of the gospel message was articulated by Jesus at the beginning of his public life: "He has sent me to announce good news to the poor, to proclaim release for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind; and to let the broken victims go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour (Luke. 4:18).

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus describes a gospel life well-lived as follows: "When I was hungry, you gave me food, when thirsty, you gave me drink; when I was a stranger, you took me into your home, when naked you clothed me; when I was ill, you came to my help, when in prison, you visited me (Matthew 25:35-36). And elsewhere Jesus warns: "Not everyone who says 'Lord, Lord,'" but those who do the will of my Father will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Perhaps the main message we can take from the theme of Mission Sunday this year, and in the context of today's readings, is that God is on the side of the poor and the vulnerable in our midst, whether it be a nation or an individual, and that we as followers must imitate this example. On the side of the poor and vulnerable is where Christians belong.

It is incumbent on us all who claim to follow Jesus to work for the release of those oppressed and imprisoned, the healing of the blind, the sheltering of those homeless and refugees, the clothing of the naked, in developing nations and in our own country.

We can either do this directly ourselves, or we can support those who represent us on missions at home and abroad. Let us reflect on this Mission Sunday on the ways we do support, and the ways we could support, those who proclaim this gospel truth in our world: God is Love.

Do we live our faith in this gospel with its preferential option for the poor, locally and globally in our words and actions? Do our lives proclaim the truth that God is Love?

Each one of us will have to give his or her own answer to today's gospel question: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on the earth?" Today, in whatever context we may find ourselves, let us renew our personal commitment, both in prayer and in action, to "Go! Proclaim the Gospel!"

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