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Masses
Saturday 5:15 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM
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Sunday	October	19	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 Mass Intentions: The health of Louise Adams; Al Harper, Marie Bishop; Victims of Ebola; Our Leaders; World Peace Ministers: Samantha Cunningham, Alan Zaciek
Monday	October	20	St. Paul of the Cross
Tuesday	October	21	
Wednesday	October	22	St. John Paul II
Thursday	October	23	St. John of Capistrano
Friday	October	24	St. Anthony Mary Claret
Saturday	October	25	5:15 Mass for names and intentions on the Rosary Prayer List
Sunday	October	26	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 Mass for Father Robert Morand; Barbara Bedolla; Our Leaders; World Peace Ministers: Brenda West, Lana Douglas-Hardin

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 22: 20 - 26
1 Thessalonians 1: 5c - 10
Matthew 22: 34 - 40

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Rosary is an open Christian Family, a mixture of unique beings in an inner-city setting. Gifted and guided by the Holy Spirit, called in Faith to prayer, love and concern, this apostolic community searches to creatively use its resources to become inviting, loving, healing and one with the distressed/alienated people of today.

Please Remember These Friends in Prayer

Catherine Speirs	Patrick Sievc	Nicole Arvanitis	Kerry Barnes
Margaret Hogan	Lily Norman	Marva Bryant	Jan Christensen
George Selaty	Ken Jenkins	The Kolmetz Family	Julie, Ron & Marty Morin
Alma Bojanic	Kay and Jim Morhard	Susan Amman	Lauren Reagan
Daniella McClendon	Roger Carlson Family	Miriam Levant	Allison Holley
D.A.K. Jones	Muriel Abrams	Tom W. & Family	Ricardo Patino
Didilus Family	Brenda Lumpkin	Taylor Wright	Fred Kammerer
Marie Therese Lucien	Burma Gilchrist	Cynthia Davis	Barbara Bedolla
Morand Family	Maureen S.	Linda Cummings	Natalie
Heather Lucido	Wimbush Family	Javan Kienzle	Judith Wilson-Heard
Andrew Philka	Paul H. Mullin	Gene Hill	Pat Bartkowski
Susanto Suprpto	Rita Bowers	Jane V.	Mary Rayes
Louise Adams	Lyle and Janet Dolin	Cindy LaGosh	Bob & Jeanette B.
Jessie Dunn	Ila Gillespie	Nicole Church	Mary Ellen Murphy
Regina Burns	John T. Knox	Mark Tavin	Aileen Rosado
Calvin McFarland	Joseph Daoud	Brian Stump	Jasmine Wright
Reising Family	Cynthia Herron	Jason Morhard	Rosa Lee Vaughn
Bradley Morin	Rebecca Voigt	Leah James	Susan Wahl
Rev. James Meyer	Henrietta Jackson	Alice Brown	Joanie Stanesic
Marjorie Perdue	Harold Meek	Barbara Johnson	Patricia Ennis
Mrs. Zaciek	Grandma K.	Chris & Michael Shea	Carol VerBrugge
Elisa Martinez	Mary Ruskin	Dan Hall	Ernestine Stephens
Barthwell Family	Rhonda Maxine Irwin	Sherley Epps	Margie Pauline
Greg Varano	Vocations	Eliisa Bojanic	Winona Ware
Trotty Family	Ellie Finn Murphy	Orzechowski Family	Pat Roberts
Donna Asmar	Michaela Norman & Nate	Phyliss Gossett	Rachel Lynn
James Teal	Clemencia Carmona	Caitlan Maloney	Gloria Graydon
Sarah W.	Danny Page	Craig Burtch	Jean Baustian
Wade Gilchrist, Jr.	Alice Coleman	Tim Calloway	Mary & Willie Toney
John Carlos Swanson	Myrtha Johnson	Laura Anderson	Lois and Tim Turrin
Carlos Vasquez	Nick Van Heck	Suzanne Welter	Ann Morey Franklin

PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Sgt. Muddy Peha Calvin Trotty Tommy Fitzpatrick David Guiroga Matthew Dixon
Sgt. Brandon & Tiffany Childs George Hurley Family of George Rayes Lance R. Stevens
Tonya Gray Gary Didilus

KEEP IN PRAYER

Mrs. Louise Adams was hospitalized this week, but is making good progress toward recovery. Her visitors are limited right now—but we can keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend, the annual collection for the missions will be taken up. Envelopes are available this weekend. Men and women around the world depend on our prayers and donations as they work in Christ's name. Through our prayers and donations we share in the many good works of missionaries---religious, medical, educational, and in other ways building societies. Please be generous.

SOUVENIRS

DVDs of our grand anniversary dinner celebration are available for \$20. These will let you experience the excitement of that evening—the beautiful decorations, our own Rosary music group entertaining, the wonderful food, the Chenille Sisters performing and, perhaps most importantly, the faces and voices of so many Rosary friends, including many who came from out of town for the celebration. See Norbert to place your order.

FINANCES

WHAT HAPPENED? Last weekend our Offertory collection totaled \$953. Only 28 envelopes were returned. Was it the weather? Was it the post-anniversary slump? Let's keep focused on our weekly goal of over \$2000 each week, in order to meet our budget.

MASS COUNT

Again next week, the Archdiocese is asking for a count of people attending Mass Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26. We all know how meaningful these statistics are to the diocese. Be here!

NEWS FROM FRIENDS

Burma Gilchrist sends her regards to all her Rosary friends. She is doing well and enjoys keeping up with Rosary through the bulletin and messages from her friends. Margaret Keyes reports she is constantly improving. She also really enjoys hearing from Rosary friends. She asks to be remembered to all.

THIS WEEK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday—Homecoming at St. Elizabeth 3138 E. Canfield. —Sunday noon Mass followed by brunch(\$7).

Sunday—“All That Jazz” 4 PM Good Shepherd Church (1265 Parkview, near VanDyke and East Jefferson) . Entertainment featuring Thornetta Davis, Horace Sander and other musicians and comedians. (\$20). In addition, their famous Broasted chicken dinners will be available for takeout. \$10 per dinner. You can pre-order dinners—313 523 – 9175.

TUTORING

Epiphany Education Center, 5555 Conner, Suite 3258 offers tutoring for students grades 1 – 8. There are two sessions each week, 3:30 – 4:30 or 4:45 – 5:45, Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. Call for details-- Monday through Thursday between 2 and 6 PM—313 267-1830. Adult volunteer tutors for reading and math are needed. Training will be provided.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sean Tilson
Carol Bodary
Asley Shaw-White
Barbara Bedolla

Sunday
Monday
Wednesday
Saturday

BISHOP GUMBLETON AT ROSARY



We were privileged to have Bishop Gumbleton celebrate our 125th anniversary Mass. His homily was printed in the National Catholic Reporter. It is wonderful to have his remarks to Rosary read around the world:

The overarching message of the Gospels: God loves us, and God loves us first

Thomas Gumbleton | Oct. 9, 2014 The Peace Pulpit

Editor's note: This homily was given at the 125th anniversary celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Detroit.

As we begin our reflection on the Scripture lessons this morning, I think it might be very important for us to remember that we are the successors to the people of Israel and Judah. We are now the people of God, even as the Jewish people continue to be in covenant with God and are God's people. And so these parables which were first spoken, the passage that was first spoken by the prophet Isaiah 800 years or 700 years before Jesus came, and now 2,000 years later, these parables apply to us, the people of God.

And to help us in our reflection, I thought I might suggest that we ask ourselves a question: If you were asked by someone, "How would you sum up the Gospel?" Now, Gospel means good news. How would you sum up the Gospel message of Jesus in just one or two sentences? Everything that Jesus said, did, taught, how would you sum that up?

Well, there is, I think, a rather easy way to do that because John, in the first letter he wrote to the early Christian community, does that very thing. In Chapter 4 of his first letter, John tells us, "My dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God, for God is love. And this is love: not that we love God, but that God first loved us when God sent Jesus to be one of us. Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God lives in them."

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalms 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43 Full text of the readings [1]
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That's the Gospel message: God loves us. God loves us, and God loves us first. God loves us, and it's an unconditional love, an unlimited love, a love so immense that God sends God's very son to be one of us. And what does God expect in return? That we love God and love one another. Now, if you listen to these lessons, isn't that what Isaiah is teaching in that first lesson today, how God takes the initiative?

God begins to develop this vineyard, and God loved that vineyard. "My beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up, cleared the stones, planted the choicest vines, built a watchtower; hewed out a winepress, as well." God took the initiative. God is a God of love who loves us, and Isaiah goes on to say, "The vineyard of God is the people of Israel and the people of Judah."

But then in the Gospel lesson, that's what Jesus is teaching -- the same thing in his parable about the land owner -- and Matthew uses almost the same words as Isaiah did -- a land owner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a hole for the winepress, built a watchtower. But then here, it's different: [He] leased it to tenants. But God took the initiative; God calls the people to be God's own people.

And what does God expect in return? God expects us to love God and to love one another. That's all. God loves us without limit, without condition, and God wants us to so experience that love that it overflows in us and we reach out in love to one another, to all people, to everyone, without condition, without limit. But what happened? In Isaiah, we're told by the prophet that God looked for justice and love, for righteousness, but found violence and bloodshed and heard cries of distress. The people were not loving one another, acting with justice toward one another, and so they began to fall away from God.

And isn't that the same thing in the Gospel lesson? Jesus, in telling that parable, expects that those tenants will respond in love just because God has loved them so much. But instead, what happens? They turn away from God. They turn to violence; they turn to greed. And even when God goes beyond every limit and sends God's only son to receive what God has a right to, they kill the son. Clearly, it's Jesus. They reached out to kill Jesus, God's final messenger.

And yet the truth is, and in spite of all of that, God still loves us. That's the message of the Gospel. God's love is never limited, it never ends, it's always there. God is waiting to be gracious to us. Like the father in the parable, God is rushing out to meet us with God's love. And so perhaps today, as we listen to this message from Isaiah and from Matthew, and we begin to understand more deeply how God's love is the love that comes to us first, and asks us to respond, perhaps it is time for us to review how we are responding.

The problem with the scribes and the Pharisees, as Jesus points out so often, is that they began to think they earned God's love by obeying the law -- the written law, the 613 commandments of the Torah. They thought they were earning God's love, but that's so wrong. Sometimes we think the same thing, that we can earn God's love, but we can't. God's love is total gift, and it's always there. And if we began to experience that and respond to that, we'll burst out with love for one another.

In the first lesson, Isaiah reminds us that how the people failed was that they turned to violence and they turned to injustice, and the same thing was happening in the parable in the Gospel: violence, injustice. Now, we're the people of God today. What's happening in our midst? We live in a country where fewer and fewer people have more and more of the country's wealth, and the majority of the people are getting poorer and poorer. There's gross inequality because we live in

a system that promotes greed, and we fall into that pattern like the chosen people in the time of Isaiah.

And violence; we seem to be almost addicted to violence. It's everywhere in our culture, in our homes, in our communities, on our streets. As a country, we've been at war since 1991, and we continue to think that somehow, violence and war is going to bring peace. They can't; [they] will only bring more violence, more hatred.

Isn't it time that we began to listen deeply to this message that God is proclaiming to us? We have to give up violence. We have to refuse to wage war, support war in any way. We have to begin to let that experience of God's love overflow in us and reach out in love to one another, to every person.

In our second lesson today, St. Paul urges us: "Finally, brothers and sisters, fill your minds with whatever is truthful, whatever is holy, just, loving, and noble. Be mindful of whatever deserves praise and admiration. Put into practice what you have learned from me, what I learned from Jesus. To do all of this, the God of peace will be with you." But I suggest that maybe going beyond St. Paul where he speaks almost in kind of abstractions -- do the good, all that.

Pope Francis -- I think all of us recognize how he gets very practical, very real. A year ago, when he went to the World Youth Day in [Brazil], the first trip he took outside of Rome after he had been pope, he spoke to these hundreds of thousands of young people, and he told them, "If you're looking for an action plan," see, get very practical, "you're looking for an action plan, you should read Chapter 5 of St. Matthew's Gospel, the beatitudes, and Chapter 25, the parable about the last judgment."

There's your plan of action. It's our plan of action if we really want to respond to God's love: Blessed are the poor in spirit, willing to share what they have to with all others that none must hold everything to ourselves, but we share. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice. Blessed are the peacemakers. This is a program for action.

Or in Matthew 25: "When I was hungry, you gave me to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink. When I was naked, you clothed me. When I was in jail, you visited me. When I was sick, you came to treat me." "When?" "Whenever you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." That's our program of action.

For 125 years, this parish community has been here, trying to carry out that program of action in response to the love that God pours forth, that has called us into being as individuals and as a community. And today, as we celebrate those 125 years of the past of this community, it's time for us to renew our commitment to respond to God -- not out of duty, not obeying a law, but only responding to God's love, which is unlimited, unconditional, by loving God with our whole heart and mind and soul, our whole being, and then truly loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Matthew 5, Matthew 25 -- that's our program of action. And that's what will make the reign of God happen in our world, bring God's justice, love, and peace into our lives, into our communities, and into our world. Take that program of action and live it.
