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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

23rd Sunday of Year C - 4th September 2022

MASS SCHEDULES

Monday
No public Mass

Tuesday – Saturday
9am

Friday
7pm (Polish)

Sunday
10am (English)
12noon (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
9:30am (after Mass)
or call to make an appointment.



Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish, we are so happy that you could join us today to celebrate The Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary time.

Someone once asked Charlie Chaplin if there were any roles he wanted to play. Charlie said, "I want to play the role of Jesus. I look the part. I'm a Jew. And I'm a comedian." Most of us don't think of Jesus as a comedian, but in everyday life, Jesus must have had a very sharp sense of humour. He was so intimately present in every moment of life, he felt the absurdity and contradictions all around us-which is the deepest type of humour.

Today, Jesus must have caused a few heart attacks when he tossed off this one: "If any man comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." This use of hyperbole was Jesus telling us it will take complete and total self-surrender to follow in his footsteps. Many of us will follow the rules faster than

following Jesus: we'll go to church when we 'should' contribute to hurricane relief, volunteer at the soup kitchen. But it will take more than this, Jesus says. In our hearts, only God can tell if we are willing to detach ourselves from all the other loves, habits, affections, and addictions. All human love has some streak of control or desire to possess (even grandparents!-maybe especially!).

Does it shock you that Jesus boldly criticizes the impurity of our love? Discipleship is going to cost us more than everything we hold dear. That is picking up our cross. The cross affects how we choose a job or a lifestyle... whether we have an abortion, adopt a child, how we eat and drink... whether we take a stand when all our friends aren't... All we need for the journey is to carry our own cross and try to follow Jesus-even when we're loss.

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

God bless you all!
Fr Bogdan SDS

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Gospel Acclamation

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learn from my Father.

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the souls of
all those whose
anniversaries occur
about this time

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**



**Joachim and Anna bestowed
the name of Mary on their
little daughter, and she has
become “Our Lady,” the
greatest lady of all.**

Thank You!!!

We thank you for your spectacular generosity. Your generous support of our Parish and your help with the needs of our community is greatly appreciated! Last Sunday's Collection - 28th August - £504.64. Votive Candles - £27.88.

Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Joachim and Anna lived chastely without any children for about twenty years, in the favor of God and the esteem of men. They vowed that if God should favor them with any issue, they would devote it to the service of the Lord, for which reason they went every season of the year to the Temple.

Again, the Apocrypha tells us that both Joachim and Anna suffered much because of their childlessness, for to be this was considered a punishment from God. However, their prayers and sacrifices were rewarded and being informed by an angel that they would have a child, they offered ten she-lambs and twelve tender calves to the Lord in the Temple.

And Anna brought forth, and inquiring of the midwife, she was told it was a girl, and she said: “My soul has been magnified this day,” and she laid her child down. The days having been fulfilled, Anna was purified, and gave the breast to the child and called her name Mary. In Mary's soul from the very beginning was the bliss of heaven; in the first instant of her conception, Mary, by a singular grace and privilege granted by God, was preserved exempt from all original sin.

Holy Mother Church has selected September 8th, as the day to celebrate the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary's Nativity, Mother of God. God never created a being more perfect, more admirable, than she is; He imbued her with a richer grace, power, and blessedness; but in one simple respect she surpasses all creatures, namely, that she is the Mother of her Creator – giving her sanctity and greatness that cannot be surpassed. Joachim and Anna bestowed the name of Mary on their little daughter, and she has become “Our Lady,” the greatest lady of all. What a happy choice of name!

Mary is of all names the most common and the least vulgar, the name which is never really given, but lent, to those who have the honour to bear it, for it belongs by particular right to her who was the first to make it glorious. “Oh Mary! How great is thy name!”

Important Memorials

Memorials can be dedicated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion—birthdays, anniversaries, living and dead etc... or for your own special intention by ordering a Holy Mass. Offering a stipend for a Mass intention is a way of contributing to the upkeep of your priest. It is a donation.

SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday 5th September
23rd Week of the Year

Tuesday 6th September
23rd Week of the Year

Wednesday 7th September
23rd Week of the Year

Thursday 8th September
**The Feast of the Nativity
of Our Lady**

Friday 9th September
23rd Week of the Year

Saturday 10th September
23rd Week of the Year

Priest's Musing

A young man asked an old rich man how he made his money. The old guy fingered his worsted wool vest and said, “Well, son, it was 1932. The depth of the Great Depression.”

“I was down to my last penny. I invested that penny in an apple. I spent the entire day polishing the apple and, at the end of the day, I sold it for 10p.”

“The next morning, I invested those ten pence in two apples. I spent the entire day polishing them and sold them at 5pm for 20p.”

“I continued this system for a month, by the end of which I'd accumulated a fortune of £1.37.”

“And that's how you built an empire?” the boy asked. “Heavens, no!” the man replied. “Then my wife's father died and left us £2m.”

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Fr Bogdan after Mass