

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2016

Our help is from the Lord
who made heaven and earth!

Saturday, October 15	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Sunday, October 16	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Monday, October 17	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, October 18	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, October 19	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, October 20	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:35 p. m.	<i>Prayer Meeting - Church</i>
Friday, October 21	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, October 22 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
 5:00 p.m.	Mass



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NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Sirach:35:12-14, 16-18: God especially hears the cries of the oppressed.
2 Tim:4: 6-8, 16-18: "I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."
Luke:18:9-14: The parable of the self-righteous Pharisee and the tax collector

Living Catholic in the 808! ***God Creates, Creates, Creates***

There are two beautiful realities that manifest God loving us first: he created us and he died for us.

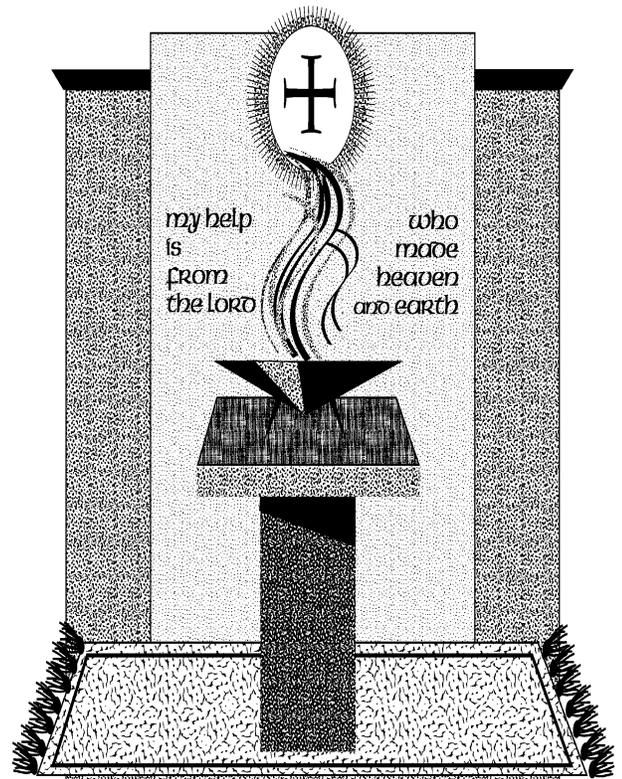
In his creating genius not only did he make sure to breathe life into us but he also gave us the faculty to choose between good and evil. As if that was not enough, he became one of us and allowed himself to be brutally killed by us his own creation that he may restore us into life in him.

In between creation and his death and rising, he dotes on us by adorning the world we live in with greeneries topped with delightful vibrant colors: those flowers and fruits that delight our senses.

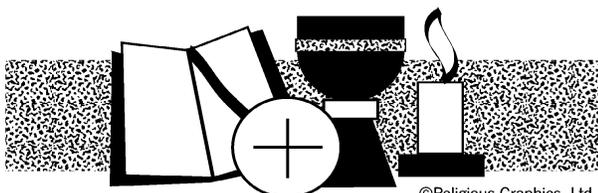
The skies are filled with stars that twinkle—his way of whispering to us that his love is there in darkness and that he forever lights our paths.

*How can we not make this most amazing Creator the **first, central, and focal point** of our existence? When we make him all that in our life, his manifestations of loving us first: creating and re-creating us as well dying daily for us through the Eucharist become for us our strength, making us gifts for God and for one another.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Its theme this year is “Mercy Changes the World.” Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week’s collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Envelopes are attached to today’s bulletin and in your Parish Envelope box. Please be generous!

PRO-LIFE: “God made each of us in his own image and likeness. He desires to be united with us forever in a loving relationship. God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. Every person is sacred and must be treated with the dignity they deserve. No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly—everyone should be cherished and protected! From each tiny child waiting to be born to individuals nearing death, all are precious and deserve our care and protect. Let’s ask God to make us channels of his loving mercy: **Lord, help us to receive and turn to you each moment. And please guide us in extending your mercy to others today.** Now is the time for mercy.” Cardinal Timothy Dolan - Chairman of the USCCCB Committee, Pro-Life Activities

WORD OF LIFE: “Pope Francis, stresses, We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to some without thinking of what comes next’ (LS226) –“**Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation**” (www.goo.gl/xdm378) USCCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct 16 Sun: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus:17:8-13; Ps 121; 2 Tim:3:14-4:2; Lk: 18:1-8

Oct 17 Mon: Memorial of Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr

Eph: 2:1-10; Ps 100: 1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21

Oct 18 Tue: Feast of Luke, evangelist

2 Tim: 4:10-17b; Ps:145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk:10:1-9

Oct 19 Wed: Memorial of John de Bebeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests, and companions, martyrs

Eph:3:2-12; Isa:12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk: 12:39-48

Oct 20 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Eph: 3:14-21; Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk:12:49-53

Oct 21 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Eph 4:1-6; Ps:117: 1bc, 2; Lk: 12:54-59

Oct 22 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Eph:4:7-16; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

INSTANT GRATIFICATION

Ours is a culture of instant gratification. If our efforts don’t lead to immediate success we give up. If our needs aren’t quickly satisfied we blow up. From fast food to news bites our culture teaches us to get what we want when we want it. We can’t stand to wait or work for anything. Why should we read a six-hundred-page novel when we can watch the movie version instead? Why should we grate cheese, chop vegetables, cook sausage, and wait for dough to rise when we can buy carry-out pizza on our way home from work? Why should we undertake difficult, long-range solutions to our problems when quick fixes are so readily available? Yet instant gratification, however easy and popular, is not the way to find self-fulfillment or to build the kingdom.

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

If we want to know what Jesus’ parable is about in today’s gospel, it seems that we don’t need to work too hard because Saint Luke tells us right at the beginning: “Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.” This parable has often been used to bring comfort to us about our prayer life. But could there be a more challenging message for those who take stewardship seriously? Widows were the poorest and most vulnerable of people in Jesus’s time. Oppressive legal and economic structures were the norm. Could it be that we are also encouraged to pray persistently for the poor, the weak and the vulnerable as we hear their cry for justice? And that we must not lose heart that we can effect change in their lives? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin**)

PERSEVERANCE IN PRAYER AND WORK

Today’s scriptures encourage us to persevere patiently and believe that, in time, God will fulfill our needs and make our efforts fruitful. Like the widow in the Gospel, we must patiently persevere in prayer and work until justice is done. Like Moses, Joshua, Aaron, and Hur, we must work together and support one another, believing that God will prevail. Like the apostle Paul, we must “proclaim the word” and “be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient” (2 Timothy 4:2). And in all things Jesus tells us “to pray always without becoming weary” (Luke 18:1).

Today the Letter to Timothy reminds us of the awaited appearance of “Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead” (2 Timothy 4:1). We then hear Jesus ask, “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” (Luke 18:8) We must ask ourselves whether we tend to give up the struggle to build the kingdom or whether we have enough faith to persevere in prayer and work until God’s victory is complete.

God hears those who call out day and night



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