



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/September 20, 2020

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

First Reading:

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts. (Is 55:9)

Psalms:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20c)

Gospel:

“Take what is yours and go.

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?

Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?

Are you envious because I am generous?”

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” (Mt 20:14-16a)

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Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Masses for September

September 19/20 Last name beginning with S-Z

September 26/27 Last name beginning with A-D

If extra seats available **All Are Welcome.**

Call 518-758-9401 to register.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in your prayers the sick and homebound of our parish and those who care for them:

Paul Amyot, Okgana Bajko, Joan Bellanger, Michael Birmingham, Sylvia Boulger, Virginia Bradley, John Brady, Daniel Burnett, Michael Burnett, Charlotte Chase, Eleanor Chase, Major Jeffrey Chase, Susan E. Cotsonas, Dave Daly, Barbara Domigan, Michael Doyle, Beth Drzymala, Sammy Evans, Gianni Farinacci, Concetta Florientino, Michelle Fouch, Donald Gaylord, Charlene Genaway, Mary Ann Goodine, Lesha Hardgraves, Robert Havelka, Mary Hayes, Ed Helfer, William Hernandez, David Jaffarian, Craig Kingsley, Doug LaBudde, Jack Law Jr., Pinky Laviano, Kristen Law, Kevin M. Lynch, William Lindberg, Dominick Lizzi, Cindy Mahony, Erica Matthies, Kevin McCann, Gary McDonald, Edin Mercado, Marianne Martinez, Judy Martino, Kaylee Rose Meyer, Luba Myktyiw, Amelia Nabozny, Richard Norton, David Nichlos, Rita Paladino, Tommy Palmer, Elise Panico, Bonnie Pelizza, David Picchione, Pam Polashenski, Helen Rayve, Claire Renn, Tim Renn, William Robinson, Lisa Rossello, Dawn Ruchel, Rita Ryan, Alice Salvatore, Eileen Scott, Maddi Sidarous, Ralph Sitzer, Special Intentions, Bonnie Sperl, Sean Spicer, Kevin Sutton, Joan Torcello, Nancy Troutman, Matthew West, Edward Wheeler, Dan Wiltse, Marybeth Wiltse, Gary Wickes, Chrissy Wills, Carol Wisenhunt, Veronica Wistar, Robert Woodward, Erica Wordon

HOLD THE DATE

An outside Tailgate Christmas Sale

*****Get your shopping done safely & locally*****

St. John The Baptist Church, Valatie, NY

October 3, 2020

9 -1 pm



Your generosity is needed!

From now until **Sunday, September 27**, we will be collecting gently used parka style winter coats for men, women, and children to share with Street Soldiers of Troy. Parkas may be dropped off at the church at Mass times or brought to the rectory office between 9 am and 1 pm Monday - Thursday. Please do not bring dressy coats or windbreakers and do not leave parkas at the Church entrances.

Thank you!



Pastors Blog

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

This week's Gospel is the parable of the vineyard in which Jesus proclaims the last shall be first. We often feel a strong reaction to what appears to be injustice in this Gospel: everyone who was chosen throughout the day to toil in the fields receive the exact same pay at the end of it.

Even as we feel the power of these readings, my attention is also drawn to the **Opening Prayer**, now known as **The Collect**. Since the New Missal translated many of our prayers to conform to the literal Latin, we also renewed our focus on what distinguishes "Collect" from any other Opening Prayer.

The General Roman Missal explains, "*By an ancient tradition of the Church (spanning over 1500 years ago), the Collect prayer is usually addressed to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit and is concluded with a Trinitarian ending, or longer ending in (specific ways).*" While we begin our liturgy with music, the sign of the Cross, the Penitential Rite and various announcements and welcomes, the Collect focuses not as much on ourselves but toward God. As Jeremy Driscoll wrote in *What Happens In Mass*: "*Of course, we have been praying from the start, so this invitation means to signal a shift of levels, prayer with a different kind of attention, (that) effectively places us all together in one succinctly expressed address to God...*" (p. 27)

In the world of political unrest, societal tension, wildfires, hurricanes and the pandemic, we find ourselves yearning for beyond what we once considered normal and into a new understanding of who we are as Children of God. The 'Collect' struck me this week because we pray that by keeping the precepts, following the rules, we are capable of meriting eternal life. Our motivation is the sacred Law: the commandment to love God and our neighbor.

Our world and our perception of it, is signaling its own shift which requires a different kind of attention. Let us root our response in God so that we can branch forth into the Lord's vineyard. Let our love of neighbor keep us from resenting each other, especially those who may enter in at different times. May all our actions glorify God by what we say and do.

"Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever."

God bless you and all your families!

Fr. George

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 19

4:00 pm Joan & Peter Avery Jr. by Eileen Avery
Thaddeus Lancton by Jennifer Millett
Myron Mykytiw by Chris Muryne

Sunday, September 20

7:30 am Shelia DeRuggiero by Ken & Darlene Jewell
Joan Walsh by Kathi Egnasher

Faith Formation Resources for Families

Registration forms for Faith Formation will be sent out next week. We are making changes in our program to reflect the ongoing pandemic protocols. Space restrictions at our parish will not allow for our usual gatherings. We are creating **family-centered faith formation packets** to be used at home for the months of **Oct., Nov., and December**. We will re-evaluate our program in January.

If you have questions or concerns, please call **Ruth Ellen at 518-758-1828**.

Thank you all for your generous donations to our school supply drive. We can always count on our parish for help!!