

Sunday, August 23, 2009
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please join us for the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before every mass. Wednesday's before each Mass we pray the Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. First Friday of each month we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 30 minutes before and after Mass.



Father Conrad's Corner

As we heard last Sunday, St. John was writing about the promise of the Blessed Eucharist at a time when Christians accepted the Mass and Holy Communion as the essential act of Christian worship.

The people who murmured saw nothing but a man in Christ, therefore, they could not accept His saying that they should eat His body and drink His blood. Faith is a gift of the Father, as Christ says to those people: "no one can come to Me unless it is granted him by the Father," but the Father has offered them this gift and they have refused to accept it.

No one who accepts Christ as the Son of God in human form has difficulty in believing He left us Himself in the Eucharist as a sacrifice and a sacrament.

In Galilee He promised to give His body and blood in the Eucharist—to be our spiritual nourishment — communion — and our means of offering an absolutely pleasing sacrifice to God every time His body and blood are made present by the words of His ordained priest.

He fulfilled that promise at the Last Supper. He gave to his Apostles and their successors the power to repeat this act of divine love when he said: "Do this in memory of me."

God Bless, Father Conrad

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil – 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Mass – 10:00 a.m.
 Monday – No Mass - Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday – Noon and 6:30 p.m. – Thursday – Noon
 Friday – Noon - Saturday – 9:00 a.m. Holy Days – 6:30 p.m.

Baptism: By Appointment

Confession: 20 minutes before Mass and by appointment

Marriage: Arrangements must be made 8 months in advance

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Priest

Offertory

The collection this month is for The Catholic Missions Among Black and Native Americans

Offertory Counters

August 23rd – Buddy Hempe/Bernie and Paul Sides
 August 30th – Elaine Stewart/Maureen Monaghan
 September 6th – Maureen Monaghan/Deborah Gugliotti
 September 13th – Elaine Stewart/Elissa Biggs
 September 20th – Pauletta Phillips/Irene Green

Lector

August 22nd – F. Dreessen August 23rd C. Hines
 August 29th – F. Dreessen August 30th J. Helinski
 Sept. 5th – F. Dreessen Sept. 6th M. Monaghan
 Sept. 12th – F. Dreessen Sept. 13th J. Wadovsky
 Sept. 19th – F. Dreessen Sept. 20th Cheryl Hines

Food Pantry Volunteers

August 25th – Buddy/Pam/Beverly
 September 1st – George/Georgia/Tommy Jr.
 September 8th – Beverly/Louise/Elissa
 September 15th – Macy/Dolores/Idell
 September 22nd – Pam/Mary Lou/John B.
 September 29th – Tommy Jr./John B. Margaret

Prayer List

Gerarda Cerdan, Robin Chism, Joe Dixon, Guy Lazzaro, Cheryl Mollerup, Katy Richardson, Elaine Starling, Debbie Estrada, Steve Wadovsky, Nick Matt, Patty Lee, Susanna Angel, John Helinski, Mary Ann Decicco, Christy Nichols, Jack Horner, Joe Valinski, Joseph Dietrick, Edward Green, John Cunningham and all who need prayer.

Mass Intentions

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| August 22nd Saturday 9:00 a.m. | For the Leaders of Our Country |
| August 22nd Saturday 5:30 p.m. | Parishioners of St. Edward |
| August 23rd Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Parishioners of St. Edward |
| August 24 th Monday | No Mass |
| August 25 th Tuesday 6:30 p.m. | Conversion of Pro-Choice Politicians |
| August 26 th Wednesday Noon | An end to abortion |
| August 26 th Wednesday 6:30 p.m. | All Priests |
| August 27 th Thursday Noon | Souls in Purgatory |
| August 28th Friday Noon | For Pope Benedict XVI |

Ladies Prayer Group

Ladies of the Church Prayer Group will meet the First and Third Wednesday of every month after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Updating the Church Directory

We are updating our church directory. There is a binder on the table in the back of the church with the current information. Please check the information we have and verify it is correct. Make any corrections necessary by your family name. If your family is not in the book please fill out a registration form located in the back of the book. Thank you for your assistance!

For More Information on Health Care Reform

Visit the Diocesan website at www.dosafl.com and click on the USCCB icon for health care reform on the home page. The site provides parishioners with a comprehensive source of information on the church's position on this important issue.

Catholic Criteria for National Health Care Reform

For decades, the Catholic Bishops of the United States (USCCB) have supported and continue to support genuine National Health Care Reform, provided that the following criteria are met:

1. It must be a truly universal health policy that protects the life and dignity of all, including those who are most vulnerable.
2. Allowing access for all with a special concern for the poor and the inclusion of legal immigrants;
3. The common good must be pursued and pluralism preserved, including freedom of conscience and a variety of options;
4. Exclusion of any efforts to expand abortion funding, mandate abortion coverage, or endanger the conscience rights of health care providers and religious institutions.
5. Costs must be controlled and applied equitably across the spectrum of payers.

In addition, Bishop Galeone is of the opinion that two more items are essential if Congress is truly serious about reforming Health Care:

- 1) Tort reform must be enacted in order to control escalating costs.
- 2) The members of Congress must be insured under the same Health Care System that they adopt for the rest of the nation.