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October 19-20, 2024

The 29TH Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTOR:

Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ
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OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday - Friday
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30
 Mon. Wed. Thu, & Fri. at 9:30am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic community committed to being a welcoming parish family by spreading the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and into the world.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Israel Posos, Gloria Lyons, Shirli Tarnasky, Gerald Fingly, David Nibler, Ashlee Fulop, Gregory Molley, Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mary Alger, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Mark Wustenberg, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Sharon Cote, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Larry Susanka, Jerry Ralph Sinn, Mike Crowley, Ed Baer, Nevyn Manley, Dang Thi Chom, Maria Fe Strong, Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcara, Melida Alvarado, Linda Guma Boaid, Colleen Willis, Barbara Boyle, Lloyd, Andrew Staruch, Bill Josi, Rozina Agbua, and all those who have died recently.

A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, or other special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Barbara Rodriguez, Leanna Soto, Colton Sutherlin, Maria Patterson, Clyde Sullivan, Zuleyka Perez Carmona, Bruno Gonzalez, and Tony Vinciguerra .

FOR THE INTENTIONS OF: Tony and Michelle Vinciguerra

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

Saturday	October 19
Mass 5:00 pm	Ethel Pierczynski
Sunday	October 20
Mass 8:30 am	People of the Parish
Mass 10:30 am	H Joel Bender Family
Sunday School 10:30 am	
Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass	
Monday	October 21
Mass 9:30 am	H Paul Bender Family
Tuesday	October 22
No Mass and the Office is closed	
Wednesday	October 23
Mass 9:30 am	+ Jerry Ralph Sinn
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday	October 24
Mass 9:30 am	Israel Pozos Leon
Adoration after Mass until Noon.	
Circle of Caring 10 am until 1 pm	
Friday	October 25
Mass 9:30 am	Tony & Michelle Vinciguerra

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY FOR the soul of Lawrence (Larry) Susanka. His funeral will be on Monday, October 28th at 2pm followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Join us in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and invite all to experience the joy of Christ's message! We will have a 2nd collection at all Masses to benefit the World Mission efforts.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: The holidays are challenging when you are grieving a loss. On Saturday, November 2nd from 12:30 until 2:30 we will have a Grief Share - Surviving the Holidays seminar that provides encouragement, support and valuable tools to navigate the season. You may register at griefshare.org/holidays or call Marie Hennessey at 503-355-2661

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES: We are excited to share with all of you that the Eucharistic Miracles display will be here at St. Mary's next weekend, October 26th and 27th in our Parish Hall. Viewing will take place before and after all weekend Masses. Please plan to attend this wonderful exhibit.

CIRCLE OF CARING: Do you like to sew, knit, or Crochet? Come join the ladies who meet in our Parish Hall from 10am until 1pm, every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursday of the Month. They create beautiful quilts, prayer shawls, and other unique homemade items. Everyone in our community is welcome.

FRAUD ALERT: If you get an email or text from Father or someone else in our parish that is asking you to purchase a gift card for them because they are sick or can't do it themselves – Do NOT respond. This has happened to Father and Sister Joan and others in the past and to Loretta this week. Also, If you check the email it is not their real address or phone number. Always double check before responding to any such request.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: If you are interested in getting involved and volunteering, you might consider helping with the gardening maintenance, which entails deadheading the plants, weeding, and watering etc. We are also looking for people to serve at Mass as Lectors, Ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in helping out just let Doris in the office know and she will get you connected to the right person for training/scheduling or answering your questions.



THANK YOU to those who contributed to help our brothers and sisters affected by the storms. We raised \$2,227 to help. Please keep praying for them.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$5,399.00
Needy	\$76.10
Maintenance/Building	\$530.00
Votive	\$13.80
Flowers	\$0.00
Winter Survival	\$228.00
Hurricane Relief	\$2,227.00

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading is a Messianic prophecy taken from the Fourth Servant Song in the second part of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. It tells how the promised Messiah will save mankind by dying in atonement for our sins. Jesus has done this out of love for us, becoming the Suffering Servant crucified as an offering for sin, interceding for us and taking our punishment on Himself.

The second reading, taken from the letter to the Hebrews, tells us that, as Godman and Mediator-High Priest, Jesus has offered a fitting sacrifice to God to ransom us, liberating us from enslavement to sin. In the time of Jesus, ransom was the price paid to free someone from slavery. Sometimes the ransomer offered himself as a substitute for the slave, as Jesus did. The reading also speaks of a "High Priest who is able to sympathize" with us in our weakness because Jesus has been tested in every way, even though He was sinless, and so, we can "confidently" hope for God's mercy.

Today's Gospel explains how Jesus foretells for the third time, his suffering and death to atone for our sins and to save us. But his disciples are still dreaming of a triumphant political messiah who will reestablish the glorious Davidic kingdom. They dream of sharing their master's glory. Hearing the selfish request made by James and John for key positions in the Messianic political kingdom, Jesus challenges them, and us, to become great by serving others with sacrificial agape love: "Whoever wishes to be great must be a servant."

TAKEAWAYS

1) We are challenged to give our lives in loving service to others. As Christians, we are all invited to serve others! We are challenged to drink the cup of Jesus by spending our lives in humble, sacrificial service for others, just as Jesus did. The best place to begin the process of service by "self-giving" is in our own homes and workplaces. When parents sacrifice their time, talents, health, and blessings for the welfare of others in the family, they are serving God. Service always involves suffering because we can't help another without some sacrifice on our part. We also render great service to others when we present them and their needs before God daily in our prayers.

2) We are invited to give servant leadership in our homes, parishes and communities: We become servant leaders at home by serving each member of the family with sacrificial commitment. To become an effective Christian community, we need Parish leaders with the courage of their Christian convictions to work for implementing social justice among our parishioners. We also need spiritual leaders like pastors who can break open the Word for us, lead us in our prayer, offer us on the altar, and draw us together as sacrament.

3) **We need to gain eternal life** by living out our Faith in Jesus as our God and Savior, and, with God's strengthening grace, detaching ourselves from unnecessary attachments.