

EPIPHANY

September 4, 2022

“Carry Your
Own Cross
And
Follow Me”

Twenty-Third
Sunday Of
Ordinary Time

WELCOME to Epiphany

Take Up Your Cross

„If the world is sane, then Jesus is mad as a hatter and the Last Supper is the Mad Tea Party. The world says, Mind your own business, and Jesus says, There is no such thing as your own business. The world says, Follow the wisest course and be a success, and Jesus says, Follow me and be crucified. The world says, Drive carefully — the life you save may be your own — and Jesus says, Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. The world says, Law and order, and Jesus says, Love. The world says, Get and Jesus says, Give. In terms of the world's sanity, Jesus is crazy as a coot, and anybody who thinks he can follow him without being a little crazy too is laboring less under a cross than under a delusion.

~Frederick Buechner



About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Sep 04, 2022

Value life above all

What does it mean to renounce possessions? Monastic tradition recognizes that even owning a spoon is spiritually dangerous if the spoon possesses us back. Most of us own far more than utensils. We might consider the example of Lutheran humanitarian Dr. Albert Schweitzer. He wasn't a perfect man nor a flawless theologian. Schweitzer got a lot wrong about his medical mission in Africa. But he got one thing very right: Reverence for life is paramount, and society's resources should serve life as its primary ethical foundation. Place your worldly treasure at the service of life.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33 (129). *"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."*

Monday, Sep 05, 2022

Home is where the charity is

Today's commemoration of International Day of Charity got its start in Hungary to memorialize the death of Saint Mother Teresa (who died in 1997); the United Nations took it worldwide in 2012. The Missionaries of Charity, the order Mother Teresa founded with 12 members in 1950, continue her legacy by serving the "poorest of the poor." Now in 139 countries, the more than 5,000 sisters run orphanages and homes for those dying of AIDS, and care for refugees, the blind, disabled, aged, alcoholics, the poor and homeless, and victims of floods, epidemics, and famine. Despite the breadth of these efforts, Mother Teresa always said, "Love begins at home." Start your charitable activity there and watch where it takes you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11 (437). *"I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"*

Tuesday, Sep 06, 2022

Let the children come

With Labor Day ending the summer, today is the first day of classes for millions of U.S. schoolchildren. Christian fantasy writer Madeleine L'Engle—who died on this day in 2007—once made a keen observation, which is helpful as children's faith formation classes begin anew: "No wonder our youth [are] confused and in pain; they long for God, for the transcendent, and they are offered, far too often, either piety or sociology, neither of which meets their needs." They encounter churches "which have become buildings that are a safe place to go to escape the awful [awesome] demands of God." Pray for parish religious ed programs today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19 (438). *"Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him."*

Wednesday, Sep 07, 2022

Honor those who preserved the treasure

On this day in 1303, Pope Boniface VIII was attacked in his hometown of Anagni, Italy, where he was sought out for his refusal to grant favors to the French monarchy. He briefly escaped with the help of the townsfolk, but died three weeks later in Rome, refusing to back down in the face of the monarch's attempts to

control the church. Pray for all those who have faced persecution and even death so that we could worship freely and without fear.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26 (439).

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man."

Thursday, Sep 08, 2022

Born free

Catholics have dozens of ways to honor Mary, and today's celebration of her birth fits into that larger picture of love and reverence. Today's date is nine months after the December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is also meant to celebrate Mary's sinless condition from her very beginning. Today's feast day tends to fly below the radar in the U.S. church, but in Mangalore, India, Catholics hold flower-festooned processions, pray novenas, and prepare festive meals. It's a good day anywhere to consider Mary's radical embrace of her calling and ask her help to do the same in our lives.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636). *"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

Friday, Sep 09, 2022

Check for blind spots

Saint Peter Claver, S.J. (1580-1654) spent most of his life in Cartagena, Columbia ministering to enslaved people arriving at the ports. He left a lasting legacy that inspired the formation of the Knights of Peter Claver, the largest African-American Catholic fraternal order in the United States; the Apostles of the Sea, who continue to minister to seafarers around the world; and the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, who serve the poor, particularly in Africa. However, like any of us—even saints—Peter had his blind spots. Though he worked tirelessly to serve those arriving in shackles, he himself enslaved people. Many Catholics at the time spoke out against slavery; Peter did not, nor did the majority of the Catholic hierarchy. Enlightenment takes time. Like Peter Claver, show compassion as you strive for clearer vision.

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, JESUIT PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42 (441). *"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"*

Saturday, Sep 10, 2022

Help the pain

Since 2003, World Suicide Prevention Day has been observed by dozens of countries. Hosted by the International Association for Suicide Prevention, the World Federation for Mental Health, and the World Health Organization, today is marked by activities designed to make people aware of the human cost of suicide and the means of prevention. For instance, by some estimates, 22 American service veterans take their own lives every day. We've got to do everything in our power to help these souls who have been so damaged by the horror of war. Check with your local VA to see how you can help.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49 (442).

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command?"

Epiphany Block Party

Games

Fun

Food



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Sept. 11 12:00pm

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EVENTS



11:00am Family Mass
7:30 Young Adult Mass



Labor Day
No Mass



12:10pm Mass
2:30pm Prayer Corps



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom



12:10pm Mass
7:00pm YA Alpha



12:10pm Mass
1:00pm Legion of Mary
6:30pm Sant'Egidio
Prayer Group (Church)



4pm Vigil Mass



10:30 9/11 Memorial Service
11:00am Family Mass
12:00pm Epiphany BlockParty
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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Readings For Sept. 11 Mass

First Reading: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14
Second Reading: 1 Tm 1:12-17
Gospel: Lk 15:1-32

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Goal	\$164,500
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Needed To Reach Goal	\$6,301
Number of donors	182

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In effort to fund the repair and refinishing of our pews, parishoners may dedicate pews to honor loved ones, living or deceased, or for your own special intentions. Dedications will cost \$500. For more information, please contact the rectory

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm
Saturday Vigil: 4pm
Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 3 *Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great*
4:00pm Msgr Thomas A. Modugno

Sunday, September 4
11:00am Luis Alfredo Puente
7:30pm Collie Renn

Monday, September 5
12:10pm No Mass Today

Tuesday, September 6
12:10pm Isabelle, Lou & Peter Mugavero

Wednesday, September 7
12:10pm Ralph Rios

Thursday, September 8 *Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
12:10pm William Maher

Friday, September 9 *Memorial of Saints Peter Claver*
12:10pm Butch Lozowski

Saturday, September 10
4:00pm Msgr Thomas A. Modugno

Sunday, September 11
11:00am Mary Gursky
7:30pm Mary Brody

Monday, September 12
12:10pm Joseph Spadaro

Tuesday, September 13 *Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom*
12:10pm Dorothy & Gertrude Walsh

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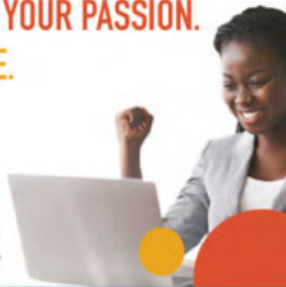
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