

EPIPHANY

The background of the entire page is a religious painting. In the foreground, a man with a long, grey beard and a brown cap looks down with a somber expression. In the background, another man with a beard is shown from the chest up, pointing his right index finger upwards. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

September 18, 2022

"No servant can serve
two masters."

Twenty-Fifth
Sunday of
Ordinary Time

WELCOME to Epiphany



We are all **MISSIONARY DISCIPLES**

The first missionaries were the twelve disciples. There is no evidence that Jesus chose them because they were brighter or nicer than other people. In fact the New Testament record suggests that they were continually missing the point, jockeying for position, and, when the chips were down, interested in nothing so much as saving their own skins. Their sole qualification seems to have been their initial willingness to rise to their feet when Jesus said, "Follow me." As Saint Paul put it later, "God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong"

When Jesus sent the twelve out into the world, his instructions were simple. He told them to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal, with the implication that to do either right was in effect to do both. Fortunately for the world in general and the church in particular, the ability to do them is not dependent on either moral character or IQ.



About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Sep 18, 2022

Tell the greatest stories ever

On this Catechetical Sunday, we lift up those who give instruction as religion teachers, homilists, RCIA directors, spiritual writers, and retreat leaders. Catechism doesn't have to be dull. Fantasy writer George MacDonald made spiritual realities come alive. His stories inspired C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Mark Twain, and J.M. Barrie to do the same. Want better leadership in government, businesses, parishes? Look for good storytellers. As Pope Francis said in his 2020 address to communicators, "Each of us knows different stories that have the fragrance of the Gospel, that have borne witness to the Love that transforms life. These stories cry out to be shared!"

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 (135). *"I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered . . . for kings and for all in authority."*

Monday, Sep 19, 2022

See the miracles in everyday life

Little is known about the life of Januarius, a bishop and martyr who died in the year 305, but he's famous for a miracle that continues to happen all these centuries later. Three times a year in the cathedral in Naples, Italy, the faithful gather to witness a sample of his blood, kept in sealed glass, liquify and even bubble. There is no definitive explanation, and the blood cannot be studied since the vial is not allowed to be opened out of fear of permanent damage. Sound incredible? Some say yes. But does it even compare to the extraordinary tenets of your faith? Now that's something much more consequential to marvel—every day of the year.

MEMORIAL OF JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light."*

Tuesday, Sep 20, 2022

Companions on the journey

South Korea has one of the largest Catholic populations in all of Asia. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn—the first Korean priest—played a role. As did Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, a lay Catholic born of a martyr who was martyred himself. In fact, the birth of the Korean church is a laypeople's triumph. Pope John Paul II stressed this fact during his 1984 canonization of Tae-gŏn, Ha-sang, and 101 other martyrs: "Even though the Christians in the first half century had only two priests from China to assist them for a time, they deepened their unity in Christ through prayer and fraternal love. . . . The splendid flowering of the Church in Korea today is indeed the fruit of the heroic witness of the Martyrs." We, too, are called to be companions to the martyrs in building up the Body of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GŒN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHŒNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."*

Wednesday, Sep 21, 2022

Even tax collectors need a patron

Though we don't know much about the apostle Matthew—even whether he was the actual author of the gospel that bears his name—we do know that he was a tax collector. And because of

this, he was *persona non grata* in the Jewish community. It was the occupying Romans who demanded those taxes, so Matthew and his fellow taxmen were seen as collaborators. From the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus laid out the invitation to break out of righteous categories and see beyond narrow prejudices. A reminder for us to do the same.

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). *"I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."*

Thursday, Sep 22, 2022

Celebrate Earth, our common home

Many Catholics are still getting used to the Season of Creation, which spans the period from September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care for Creation) to October 4 (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). Initiated in 1989 and embraced by Catholics in 2015, this ecumenical season is meant to celebrate care for our common home. Leaders encourage the faithful to pray and take action to honor and preserve our planet. With more than a week left of the season, there's time to celebrate in your own style: be it a prayerful outdoor time, an environmental letter to a legislator, or a look at the ecology encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. Seasonofcreation.org offers even more ideas.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"But Herod said, 'John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?'"*

Friday, Sep 23, 2022

Scripture makes Billboard's Top 10

We don't often see Bible songs hit the pop music charts. But a song by singer-songwriter and social activist Pete Seeger did just that. Written in the late 1950s, the song "Turn! Turn! Turn!" would explode to international popularity in 1965 when recorded by the Byrds. Not bad for lyrics written well over 2,000 years ago! The song is based on the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Not every popular use of the Bible turns out well, but Seeger's did, perhaps because he left the verses largely intact. Consider other scripture passages that are music to your ears.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22 (453). *"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every thing under the heavens."*

Saturday, Sep 24, 2022

The clock is ticking

The Spanish philosopher Miguel de Unamuno is quoted as having said the entire gospel came down to this phrase: "Wake up!" That's something we can all keep in mind and take to heart when we find ourselves simply going through the motions, sleepwalking through the day. The Benedictines put it another way: "Keep death ever before you." Now that's a wake-up call if there ever was one! Do something good, kind, generous—and do it today, while there is still time!

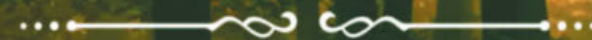
TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"Pay attention to what I am telling you."*



SOME ENCHANTED EVENING

Reception & Musical Review

***Thursday September 22nd
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EVENTS

SEPT.18 - SEPT. 25



Sant' Egidio Food Drive
11:00am Family Mass
12:00pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous Medal Novena
1:00&7:00pm
Divine Renovation Book Club



11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
2:30pm Prayer Corps
7:00pm Connect



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom



12:10pm Mass
7:00pm YA Alpha
7:00pm Some Enchanted
Evening



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



4pm Vigil Mass
7:30pm
Movies on The Plaza



11:00am Family Mass
12:00pm Hunger Sunday
2:00pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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Epiphany's Block Party

Thank You! To all who came to the Block Party and to all the volunteers, ministries, and those who donated. We couldn't have done such an amazing event without you all. Epiphany's S.O.S. group would also like to thank Dagostinos, all those who provided baked goods, and everyone who supported the Bake Sale. They surpassed their goal of \$1,000. All proceeds are being used to purchase sweats for residents of the Catholic Worker on the Lower East Side.

Thank You For Your Support of the Cardinal's Appeal!

Goal	\$164,500
Pledged	\$158,679 96% of goal
Needed To Reach Goal	\$5,821
Number of Donors	182

September Business Expenses

Elevator maintenance resulting from NYC regulations: \$2,300
Enhanced Security Additions: \$2,600

MASSES

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

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 17

4:00pm John Watson

Sunday, September 18

11:00am Mary O'Rourke

7:30pm Rimberto C. Sangalang

Monday, September 19

12:10pm Teresa Collins

Tuesday, September 20 *Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon,*

12:10pm Mark Wong *Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions*

Wednesday, September 21

12:10pm McLoughlin family, living & deceased

Thursday, September 22 *Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows*

12:10pm Loreto Xuereb

Friday, September 23 *Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina*

12:10pm Maria Cecilio Guillermo
& Maricar Manlapas

Saturday, September 24

4:00pm John Frein

Sunday, September 25

11:00am Hector Luis Diaz Jr.

7:30pm Ann Ahern

Monday, September 26

12:10pm Joe Harrington

Tuesday, September 27 *Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul*

12:10pm Loretta & Frank Kunkel

Sanctuary Lamp Sep 18-24
John Caradonna

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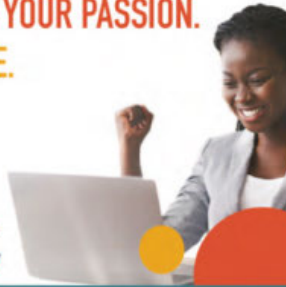
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