

EPIPHANY

October 8, 2022


**"Where are
the other nine?"**

**Twenty-Eighth
Sunday of
Ordinary Time**



WELCOME to Epiphany

JESUS, the Samaritan



In John's gospel some adversaries came and said, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered with deliberate evasiveness: "I don't have a demon." Jesus would not let the charge of demon-possession stand. His power came from God, not Satan. But he did not answer the Samaritan question. He let it linger in the air. It's an interesting accusation: Jesus the Samaritan, the outsider, despised and rejected, mixed race, heterodox, other.

Jesus told surprising parables with Samaritans as heroes. He brought the kingdom of God to a Samaritan woman, an outsider herself, then enlisted her in his mission. He healed a Samaritan leper, who was the only one of the ten (the other nine, Jews) who came back to thank him and praise God. Then, by God, Jesus must be a closet Samaritan!

Jesus was willing to be an outsider so that we might recognize there is no outsider to God. Jesus says: I am a Cuban, an Indian, a South African, a Jew; I am a Sunni, a Buddhist, Sufi, Sikh. I am black, gay, womanish and Latino/Latina. I am *human*, created in the image of God, come as a stranger so there will be no more strangers in the household of God and God's earth.



About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Oct 09, 2022

The price we're willing to pay

He failed at many things: marriage, business, sobriety. He was involved in dark dealings: espionage, black market trading, opulent living, the Nazi party. Yet we know Oskar Schindler mostly for his mantle of protection over some thousand Jewish workers in his enamelware factory. Schindler originally hired Jews because they were cheap labor. In the long run those cheap workers cost him a fortune. What changed an amoral businessman into a celebrated humanitarian? Schindler saw through the lie of his culture and it repulsed him. As his grateful beneficiaries put it: "Whoever saves one life saves the world entire."

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19 (144). *"But the word of God is not chained."*

Monday, Oct 10, 2022

Help foster sound minds

Today, on World Mental Health Day, we can look to Catholic teaching on mental health for help in raising awareness of mental health issues, eliminating stigmas surrounding it, and supporting those who need help. Pope Saint John Paul II said, "Christ took all human suffering on himself, even mental illness," and "it is everyone's duty to make an active response" of charity to those who suffer from mental illness. Pope Benedict called for better medical treatment for the mentally ill as people made in the image and likeness of God. Want to start a mental health ministry in your parish? Visit the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers at catholicmhm.org for guidance.

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32 (467). *"Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation."*

Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022

Happy birthday, Vatican II

Sixty years ago today, Pope Saint John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council—that watershed gathering that gave us Mass celebrated in our own languages, a deeper respect for other religions, and the epiphany that laypeople are as vital to the church as its most lauded saints and clerics. In the words of Saint John XXIII, the church "allow[s] all who are enlightened by the light of Christ to understand well" their "lofty dignity and their purpose." But also, she "spreads everywhere the fullness of Christian charity . . . promoting concord, just peace, and the brotherly unity of all." Ask Saint John's intercession for our church, still in the midst of growing pains.

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41 (468). *"In Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love."*

Wednesday, Oct 12, 2022

Always move on faith

On this day in 1932, Xavier University of Louisiana—founded seven years prior as the nation's first black Catholic university by Saint Katharine Drexel—moved to its current location in the Gert Town neighborhood of New Orleans. Facing similar racist scrutiny as when she and her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament originally established the school, Saint Katharine purchased the new property through an agent to avoid detection. Today the campus boasts a main building, convent, and library complex listed on the

National Register of Historic Places, and an administration building that is a city of New Orleans landmark. May we all display such holy boldness in our work for justice.

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46 (469). *"For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes."*

Thursday, Oct 13, 2022

Forgive us our trespasses

It has now been a few months since Pope Francis apologized in Canada for the church's role in running boarding schools that profoundly hurt indigenous people. His message was both embraced for its acknowledgement of wrong and criticized for not being enough. Papal apologies are relatively new, beginning with Pope John Paul II apologizing in the 1980s for the church's role in the slave trade. Since then, popes have asked forgiveness for sexual abuse, treatment of Jews, and inaction during the Holocaust. An apology is a first step toward repairing a wrong. Reflecting on your own life, have you taken that step when needed?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54 (470). *"Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."*

Friday, Oct 14, 2022

Hints of heaven

On crisp fall days, walking through a path of fallen leaves, looking up at a bright blue sky, many a wayfarer has contemplated what heaven will be like. "Will I be reunited with loved ones? Will I feel joy? Will I receive justice? Will all my questions be answered? Will I meet the heroes of history and understand the mysteries of the universe? Will I see the face of God?" Of course, the specifics aren't clear, but what we do know is that Jesus promises us peace (John 14:27) and rest (Matt. 11:28); has prepared a place for us (John 14:2) that is filled with rewards (Matt. 5:12); and has assured us that "there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed." Sounds like the right place to be. Keep up the good work and you are well on your way!

MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7 (471).

"Whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light."

Saturday, Oct 15, 2022

Two saints for two centuries

It's not hard to confuse the two Carmelite saints who have similar names. There is Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, a doctor of the church, who lived in the 19th century. Also known as Thérèse of Lisieux or, affectionately, as the Little Flower, she was a French Discalced Carmelite nun. Then there is today's saint, Teresa of Jesus, a Spanish Carmelite nun and influential mystic, known as Teresa of Ávila, who lived in the 16th century and is also a doctor of the church. She was instrumental in the reform of the Carmelite order, which eventually resulted in the establishment of the Discalced Carmelites, to which the Little Flower belonged some 300 years later. They both would be happy to hear from you in prayer today.

MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, CARMELITE NUN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12 (472). *"I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God."*



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CHILDREN'S BOOKS, TOYS,
AND STUFFED ANIMALS

Church of The Epiphany

ON MY WAY

A Weekend Retreat of Healing and Inspiration

Friday, October 21st

7:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday, October 22nd

9:00am-4:00pm

Register at the Welcome Desk

Jesus deeply desires
that you be healed in
Spirit, Soul and Body



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EVENTS

OCT. 9 - OCT. 16



**11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture Program
12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass**



**No Mass Today
Columbus Day**



**11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
2:00pm Prayer Corps (zoom)
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
6:30pm SOS Group
7:00pm Young Adult Alpha**



**12:10pm Mass
1:00pm Legion of Mary
2:00pm Pocket Prayer Shawl
6:30pm Sant'Egidio
Prayer Group (Church)**



4pm Vigil Mass



**11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture Program
12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass**

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

Little Sisters of the Poor Oct. 8-9 Masses

Please join us in welcoming the Little Sisters of the Poor to our parish this weekend. At Jeanne Jugan Residence the Little Sisters offer hospitality and care to needy elderly men and women. They depend greatly on charity to carry on their mission to the aged and infirm. Any assistance you can give will help them provide for the needs of the elderly entrusted to their care. You may also donate using We Share through the Little Sisters Bronx website. To learn more about the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor see the website at www.littlesistersofthepoorbronx.org.

MASSES

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

THIS WEEK'S

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 8

4:00pm Mary "Maya" Whelan

Sunday, October 9

11:00am Gisueppe Astorina

7:30pm intentions of Betty Dooley

Monday, October 10

12:10pm No Masses Today

Tuesday, October 11

12:10pm Michael Guglielmo

Wednesday, October 12

12:10pm Mary & Joseph Walsh

Thursday, October 13

12:10pm Kathleen Nardoza

Friday, October 14

12:10pm Jennifer McNulty

Saturday, October 15 *Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*

4:00pm Apolonia Diomampo

Sunday, October 16

11:00am Dezio Blascovich

7:30pm Kevin Fitzgerald

Monday, October 17 *Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch*

12:10pm John Harrington

Tuesday, October 18 *Feast of Saint Luke*

12:10pm Evaristo Sipin

Sanctuary Lamp Oct. 9-15 Dezio Blascovich

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