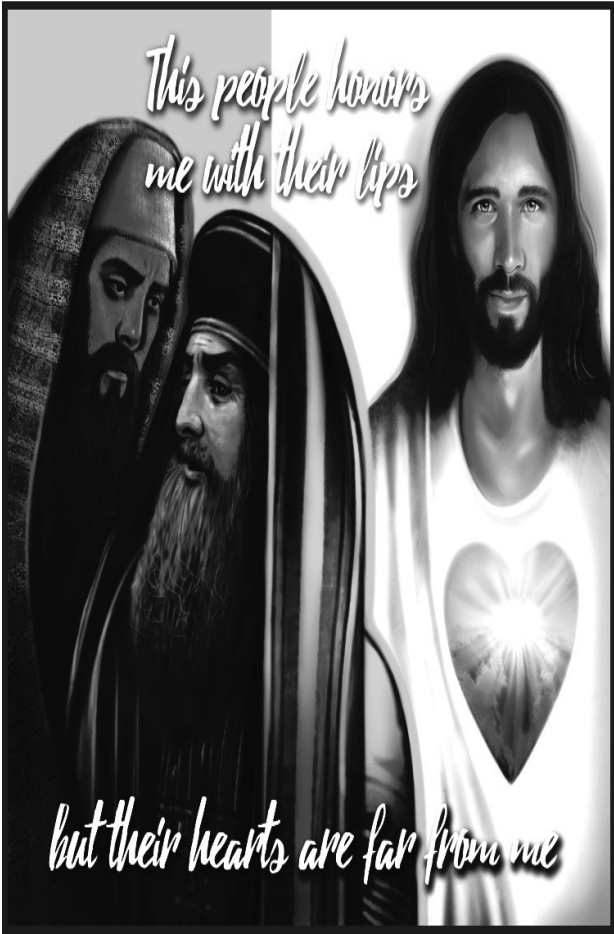


Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 2, 2018



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Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.— *James 1:21b*

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of “filler,” various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others’ attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedicaton directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the *mensa*, or “altar table.” Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today’s rite states a clear preference for “martyr,” and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition’s desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means “witness” in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ.

From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn’t count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr’s tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a “cult”) was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were

MASS INTENTION

John Booker

TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

**Psalms** — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

**Second Reading** — Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction

(James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

**Gospel** — This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30,  
or, for Labor Day, any readings from the  
Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,”  
nos. 907-911  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;  
Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5;  
Mk 7:31-37

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE THE 5TH  
OF SEPT. AFTER MASS.

DEACON MOSS WILL BE PRESENTING A NEW  
CLASS IT WILL BE STARTING TUESDAY SEPT.  
11TH AT 10:00 AM UNTIL 11:30 . WE WILL  
MEET HERE EVERY TUESDAY . THE SIGN UP  
SHEET WILL BE ON THE TABLE IN THE  
NARTHEX.

THE ORIGINAL CURRENCY

Labor was the first price, the original purchase-  
money that was paid for all things. It was not by gold or  
by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was  
originally purchased.

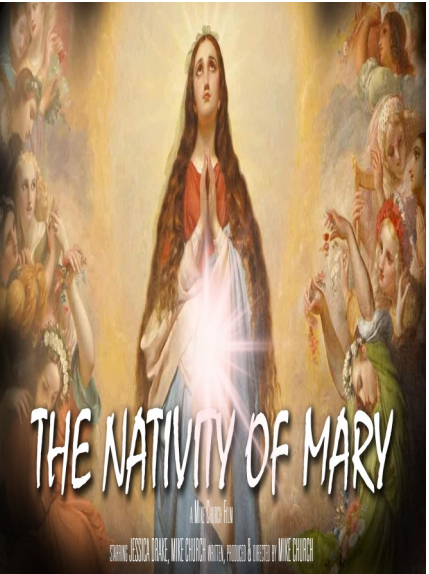
SAINTS AND  
SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-  
second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Gregory  
the Great; Labor Day

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: The Nativity  
of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary



Reverend Dennis Schenkel, chairman of  
2018 Bishop's Appeal has sent his sincere  
gratitude for St Regina reaching their  
financial goal.

IMPORTANT PARENT’S MEETING

SUNDAY SEPT. 9TH FATHER ANTHONY  
WANTS TO MEET WITH ALL THE  
PARENTS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING  
P.R.E. AT 10:45 A.M. BEFORE MASS .

SEPT 9th

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Bill

EUCCHARISTIC MINSTER

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OFFERTORY

8/26/2018

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