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Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are. For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed! Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling. ©LPi

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Give it all Back

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what’s owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery. But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gun slinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive? Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls. Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense? The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs? Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that’s robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that’s justice.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Pope Francis proclaims 2021 Year of St. Joseph

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>ABBREVIATIONS: K of C- Knights of Columbus GOLF - Generations of Living Faith MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild</div> <div>5 Ordinary Time K of C Breakfast After 8:30am Mass</div>	<div> First day of Autumn September 22</div> <div>6 CLOSED TO OBSERVE LABOR DAY</div>	<div> 7:00pm Join the Youth Group</div> <div>7 K of C Meeting 7:00pm Join the Youth Group</div>	<div>Grupo de Oración 7:00pm-9:00pm</div> <div>8 Grupo de Oración 7:00pm-9:00pm</div> <div>15 Misa de Sanación 7:00pm</div>	<div>Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm</div> <div>9 Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm MMLG General Meeting 6:00</div> <div>16 Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm</div> <div>23 Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm </div> <div>30</div>	<div>First Friday Mass 7:00pm</div> <div>10 BINGO Night Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm</div> <div>17</div> <div>24</div>	<div>First Saturday Mass 9:00am Men's Fellowship Group Reconciliation 4:00pm</div> <div>11 Reconciliation 4:00pm</div> <div>18 Reconciliation 4:00pm</div> <div>25 Reconciliation 4:00pm</div>
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Saturday, September 11, 2021
Santa Sophia Catholic Church
9800 San Juan Street, Spring Valley CA 91977

9 a.m. - Procession and Rosary; 10 a.m. Eucharistic Celebration
Reception and Entertainment following the Mass.
Main Celebrant: Most Reverent Robert W. McElroy
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Livestream Link - <http://sdccatholic.org/SanLorenzoRuiz2021>

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COMMISSIONING MASS FOR ALL PARISH AND SCHOOL MINISTERS

All parish and school ministry leaders are invited to join Bishop Robert McElroy at the annual Commissioning Mass for the upcoming Catechetical year. Join us on **September 9th** at the Diocesan Pastoral Center Chapel at 6:30 pm. A small reception to follow the Mass. This is a free event, however, registration is kindly requested. RSVP at sdccatholicdisciples.net...

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He received a Bachelor of Philosophy from the Diocesan Major Seminary in Guadalajara, Mexico. He obtained a Master of Divinity from the Franciscan School of Theology in the city of Berkeley, California. The magisterium and the spiritual walk with sufferers are at the center of the ministerial and spiritual interests of Ernesto Zamora.

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Question: My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer: There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns. Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you! ©LPi

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What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are "doing" everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ. ©LPi

AUGUST 29, 2021 XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29	30	31	01	02	03	04
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Masses 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm (Spanish)	Bible Study 7:00pm	Daily Mass 7:30am Youth Group 6:30pm	Daily Mass 7:30am	Daily Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:30am-5:00pm	First Friday 7:00pm	First Saturday 9:00am Men's Fellowship Group 7:30am Sunday Vigil 5:00pm
Please pray for: Rev. Peter Navarra Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Please pray for: Rev. Hoang Phi Liem Nguyen, cs	Please pray for: Rev. Christopher Nguyen, SJ	Please pray for: Pope Francis	Please pray for: Bishop Robert McElroy	Please pray for: Bishop John Dolan	Please pray for: Bishop Ramon Bejarano
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MASS Intentions

Aug 29	Sun	8:30am	(SI) Rev. Garcia
Aug 29	Sun	11:00am	+Alfredo Juarez
Aug 29	Sun	12:30pm	For all the Parishioners
Aug 30	Mon		NO MASS
Aug 31	Tues	7:30am	For all the Parishioners
Sept 01	Wed	7:30am	(SI) Anton Family
Sept 02	Thur	7:30am	+Talal Konja
Sept 03	Fri	7:00pm	For all the Parishioners
Sept 04	Sat	9:00am	For all the Parishioners
Sept 04	Sat	5:00pm	+Violet Norton +Cecile Sawyer

ADORATION

THURSDAYS



8:30am
To
5:00pm

Observances for the week of August 29, 2021

Sun: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Fri: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
 Sat: BVM



August

Aug 31: 6:30pm—8:00pm Bowling

September

Sept 7: 6:00pm—7:30pm Annie's Hike

Sept 14: 6:30pm—8:00pm Pool Party—Jaramillo's

Sept 18: TBD Sea World

Sept 21: 6:30pm—8:00pm Belmont Park

Sept 28: 6:30pm—8:00pm Pool Party-Villafana's

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." — Mk 7:14-15

AUGUST 29, 2021 XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: As Moses prepared the Israelites to settle and live in the Promised Land he urged them to stay close to God's commandments and statutes in order to become a "great nation." Why do you think so many nations stray from this idea?

Second Reading: In the opening verses of his letter, James urges his readers to be "doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." Why do you think this is wise advice?

Gospel: In returning to the Gospel of Mark, we hear today how the religious leaders from Jerusalem questioned Jesus about keeping "the tradition of the elders." Jesus responded with the importance of being clean of heart. Why is this such a challenging spiritual exercise? ©LPi

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