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Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life. Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire? If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy. ©LPi

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining. We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it. That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much. We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always. It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially. If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place. Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Pope Francis proclaims 2021 Year of St. Joseph



"It is my deepest hope that these weeks will be for us all a time to grow in our love for and understanding of this most beautiful sacrament and, in doing so, come closer to the God who has bestowed upon us every blessing we know in this world."

- Bishop Robert McElroy

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ordinary Time K of C Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	 First day of Autumn September 22	 K of C Meeting 7:00pm	Grupo de Oración 7:00pm-9:00pm	Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00pm MMLG General Meeting 6:00	First Friday Mass 7:00pm BINGO Night Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	Men's Fellowship Group First Saturday Mass 9:00am Reconciliation 4:00pm
Ordinary Time Hispanic Breakfast After all Masses	Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	 Join the Youth Group	Misa de Sanación 7:00pm	Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00pm	Reconciliation 4:00pm	Reconciliation 4:00pm
Ordinary Time Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass Baby Bottle Drive First Day FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL	Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	 Healing Mass 7:00pm	Grupo de Oración 7:00pm-9:00pm	Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00pm	Reconciliation 4:00pm	Reconciliation 4:00pm
Ordinary Time Hispanic Breakfast After all Masses	Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	 The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady	Grupo de Oración 7:00pm-9:00pm	Reconciliation 4:00pm	ABBREVIATIONS: K of C - Knights of Columbus MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild	Reconciliation 4:00pm

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
September 12, 2021	
Envelope Giving	\$1,555.00
Plate Giving	\$2,239.00
Online Giving	\$666.73
Total	\$4,460.73
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
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September

Sept 21: 6:30pm—8:00pm Belmont Park
Sept 28: 6:30pm—8:00pm Pool Party-Villafana's



ADORATION
THURSDAYS
 8:30am - 5:00pm



FAMILY NIGHT

BINGO

Friday, October 8, 2021
6:00pm to 9:30pm

Only \$2.00 per game—
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Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament
starts at 7pm Minimum 5 player required

Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm
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RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD

Respect Life Month (any weekend in October)
Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. Pray for the life and dignity of the more vulnerable.
Visit: respectlife.org/celebr...

OCT 2ND ST. FRANCIS FEAST MASS REVISED LOCATION & TIME:

The **October 2nd** St. Francis Feast Mass will be at The Immaculata Church and **NOT** St. Rita, as previously announced. Here are the details:
The Immaculata Church, USD Campus, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

19,198 lives have been saved since 2007! Help save babies by praying for an end to abortion during the upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign, **Sep 22 - Oct 31, 2021**. Click sdccatholic.org/event/4... for more information and to sign up for vigil hours.

THE JOY OF LOVE CELEBRATION

Pope Francis has designated the 2021-2022 year as the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, a time to celebrate the five-year anniversary of the landmark Synod on the Family and ensuing apostolic exhortation, "Amoris Laetitia" (The Joy of Love). This year, we also commemorate the five-year anniversary of our own Synod on the Family. Please join Bishop McElroy to celebrate the five-year anniversary of "The Joy of Love" and the movement it inspired to welcome and serve today's families. Mass will be celebrated at **11am on Saturday, October 23** at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Scripps Ranch. Other planned activities include a Family Rosary at 10am, Family Ministry Fair, food trucks, and activities for kids. All families and domestic churches are invited! For more information, please contact Belen at bolivero@sdccatholic.org....

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question: Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?

Answer: How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come. The fast required by canon law before holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one-hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume. ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The Wisdom writer reveals the mentality of the wicked, characterized by revenge and treachery. How best should people of faith respond to such behavior?

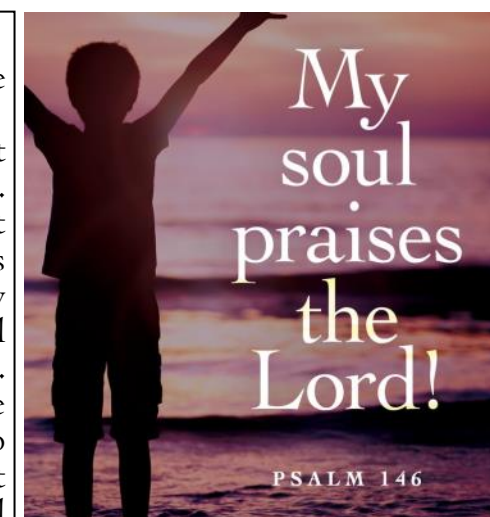
Second Reading: James offers insight into the human condition as it relates to how often our ambitions and passions can lead us astray. How do you keep yourself grounded in holy intentions?

Gospel: We hear today how the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus questions and reluctant to share with him some of their tensions. Why do you sometimes hold back from opening up to the Lord? ©LPi

"The Eucharist is the sacrificial memorial of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection by which we have been redeemed."

September 19, 2021

A diocesan initiative continues Sunday, Sept. 19, when parishes are to share the second of three pre-recorded homilies meant to deepen and renew our understanding of the Eucharist and encourage attendance at Mass. This week's theme is "The Eucharist is the sacrificial memorial of Christ's passion, death and resurrection by which we have been redeemed." On the fourth Sunday, Oct. 3, the pastor at each parish is to continue this focus in his homily. The video of the first week's homily is available online in English, Spanish and Vietnamese on the webpage sdccatholic.org/eucharist. Please help us to share it, especially with those who have not returned to Mass.



LIVE THE LITURGY

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's. ©LPi

19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Masses 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm (Spanish)	Bible Study 7:00pm	Liturgy of the Word 7:30am Youth Group 6:30pm Healing Mass 7:00pm	Liturgy of the Word 7:30am	Liturgy of the Word 7:30am Adoration 8:30am-5:00pm	Daily Mass 7:30am	Sunday Vigil 5:00pm
Please pray for: Rev. Richard Perozich	Please pray for: Very Rev. Michael Pham	Please pray for: Rev. Phien Pham	Please pray for: Rev. Michel Pham, OSB	Please pray for: Rev. Rogelio Pingol	Please pray for: Rev. Msgr. John Portman	Please pray for: Rev. James Poulsen
Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13	Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9	Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

MASS Intentions

Sept 19	Sun	8:30am	(SI) David Altomare
Sept 19	Sun	11:00am	+Richard Ottmann
Sept 19	Sun	12:30pm	For the Parishioners
Sept 20	Mon		NO MASS
Sept 21	Tues	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Sept 22	Wed	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Sept 23	Thur	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Sept 24	Fri	7:30am	+Remigio Yogi Alvarez
Sept 25	Sat	5:00pm	For the Parishioners



MEN'S GATHERING

Come and join the men of the parish to make new friends and get to know your brothers in Christ. **Saturday, October 2, 2021 7:30am**

Observances for the week of September 19, 2021

Sun:	Catechetical Sunday
Mon:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
Tue:	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Thur:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest



Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." — Mk 9:36-37

"Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord sustains my life.
Freely will I offer you sacrifice;
I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.
The Lord upholds my life."
Psalm 54:8



The Eucharist prepares us
for a place in
eternity, because it is the
Bread of Heaven.
Pope Francis



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White ELEPHANT RUMMAGE SALE

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JAMULFEST PLANNING COMMITTEE
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The committee is planning on having a couple of **raffles** during the White Elephant Sale and is in need of Gift baskets. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in donating. We are respectfully reminding everyone that we are **NOT** accepting clothing items of any kind. As always, we appreciate your continuous kindness, support and generosity.

HELP NEEDED-White Elephant/Rummage Sale Sunday 10 October

We are holding a White Elephant / Rummage Sale and need your support! Clean out those garages and closets and bring us items you no longer use or need that are in GOOD WORKING, ORDER. Electronics and appliances must be in working condition and we are NOT taking clothes any longer. Donations can be dropped off at the Church, preferably during regular business hours. High value items please call the parish office 619-669-0085.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PREPARE FOR THIS EVENT. PLEASE HELP SET-UP OCT 8TH AND 9TH STARTING AT 8AM.

We also will need help on Monday 11 October (Holiday) for tear down and clean up. Remember, Tithing is not just about giving treasure, it's about giving your time and your talent and we need that more than ever so please notify Liz in the parish office and/or sign up using the sign-up sheet in the front of the church.