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August 28, 2022 — TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading — You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel — When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

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Christian Initiation

Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday
4:00 pm—4:45 pm

HUMILITY

Today's readings praise the virtue of humility and offer concrete ways for us to become more humble. The Book of Sirach suggests a practical reason for acting with humility: humble people are more likeable than the arrogant. Even God "finds favor" with those who humble themselves. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus provides real-world suggestions for growing in humility and teaches us never to assume we are better than others. His words change our outward behavior and expand our hearts and minds to care about people we might have dismissed before.

This practical, almost "folksy" wisdom about humility helps us behave better in daily life and makes our lofty goal of eternal life more accessible. Our reading from

Hebrews affirms that heaven is indeed approachable. The personal love and sacrifice of Jesus have opened "the city of the living God" to us. Humility prepares us for paradise.

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Church of the Ascension: Youth Faith Formation Program

Our Program begins with a Parent Orientation on **September 11th**. To enroll your child/ren, please complete the registration form (found on our website home page) for the program (September 2022 through May 2023).

Youth Faith Formation includes sacramental preparation:

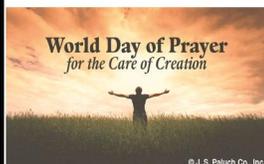
First Reconciliation and First Eucharist - typically 2nd graders or older

Sacrament of Confirmation - typically 8th graders or older



For information, please contact: Loy Oppus-Moe (408) 621-1587 or email her at loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, September 1, kicks off the Season of Creation, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days, until the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th.



Established by Pope Francis in 2015, the day is inspired by the pope's encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth.

Fasting before Communion

Some older folk may remember the fast before Communion lasting from midnight of the day before until receiving the Eucharist. It was as tough discipline. Today, the Church asks us to fast for only **one hour** before Communion. Here is what the Code of Canon Law states: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine." There is no direction on how long to wait after receiving Communion but we were taught that the "species" of the holy Eucharist remains in us (in our stomach) for 10 to 15 minutes until digested; for that reason, pious common sense suggested not eating or drinking for 10 to 15 minutes after holy Communion. That advice seemed unnecessary as Mass did not conclude until 10 to 15 minutes later.

For priests the fast must have also been difficult when saying multiple masses so Canon Law responded: "A priest who celebrates the Most Holy Eucharist two or three times on the same day can take something before the second or third celebration even if there is less than one hour between them."

Also given benefit of the doubt are the sick and their caretakers: "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist (the Church celebrates St. John, cousin of Jesus, for his courage to speak the truth and pay for that courage with his life at the hands of King Herod)
Friday	First Friday
Saturday	Pope St. Gregory the Great (6th cent. Roman bishop, pope & Doctor of the Church; patron of musicians, teachers, students)
	First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Aug 27 Sat	9 a.m. Juan Sagmayan + 5 p.m. Lucia Maria Suares +
Aug 28 Sun	7 a.m. All Parishioners 9 a.m. All Parishioners 11 a.m. June & Tony Stolz (L) 5 p.m. Helen Sheahan +
Aug 29 Mon	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Aug 30 Tue	8 a.m. Liam Borromeo (L)
Aug 31 Wed	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Sep 01 Thu	8 a.m. Jan Netto (L)
Sep 02 Fri	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Sep 03 Sat	9 a.m. All Parishioners 5 p.m. Maxine Stice +
Sep 04 Sun	7 a.m. All Parishioners 9 a.m. Kay Lynch + 11 a.m. Stan & Tina Richard + 5 p.m. All Parishioners

MISSION CO-OP APPEAL

Fr. John Bosco Perianayagam, Vicar General for the Diocese of Chinglepet, India, comes to us today to promote education among the poor children in India.

Around 70% of Christians in India are Dalits, a marginalized group without any rights or power.

Dalits are formerly known as "Outcaste or Untouchables." For centuries, they have been deprived of education, social justice and equal opportunity. Due to poverty, the children are unable to continue their schooling and end up working in restaurants, tea shops, brick kilns, hazardous firework factories, etc. More than 15 million children are listed as child laborers in India. The only way these children can break this vicious cycle of poverty, abuse and oppression is to return to school. Your support will make a difference in their lives.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Our Christian Initiation for Adults begins this week.

August 28: Orientation, Introductions

September 11: God/Trinity/Jesus

September 18: Introduction to the Scripture/
Old Testament

September 25: New Testament.

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or wish to receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, please call the office at (408) 725-3939 and speak to Fr. Hao for more information.

THANK YOU

Aug. 21, 2022	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	\$5,400
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$3,830 \$1,304
TOTAL	\$5,134

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION NEEDS HELP

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Youth Faith Formation program. There are many roles besides teaching for volunteering (free lending library, set-up/clean-up, special projects and events). You can also think about co-facilitating a class with another adult. It's a unique way to serve, while also growing in your faith! If called to this ministry, please call Loy at the office or email her at loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org.