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**Confesión el Sábado:
Por cita en (Español y Inglés)**

**Rosario el Sábado: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María—3:20pm**

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

**Rosario el Domingo: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María— 9:40am**

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Lunes: Adoración 7:00am y Misa a las 7:30am

Martes, Miércoles Jueves, Viernes:

Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am

**Viernes: a las 6:00pm Rosario Reina de la Paz con
Adoración**

Sábado: Adoración: 7:30am y a las 8:00am

Misa en Honor de Virgen María

September 11th, 2022

**Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar**

Confession on Saturday:

By appointment English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary - 3:20pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary—9:40am

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Monday: 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:

Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

Friday: At 6:00pm Rosario of Queen of Peace with
Adoration

Saturday: Adoration: 7:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. Mass
In Honor of the Virgin Mary

The Grace of Indelible Value

Br. John-Marmion Villa

An Excerpt from: *Spiritual Freedom: God's Life-Changing Gift* by Fr. Dave Pivonka, published by Servant Books, Cincinnati.

"I remember one young woman who had gone through terrible struggles. She has lost her mother at a young age and had made choices that were very destructive. She had done things that she regretted, and she really had doubts about a God that loved, not to mention that she herself was lovable.

Jennifer and I met many times over several months, talking about her experience and her frustration with God. I invited her to be honest with God and to share her frustration and anger with Him. I told her that He was a 'big boy' and that He could take it. She did not have to hide her feelings from God, and she could freely share them with Him. And anyway, it wasn't as if God did not know what she was thinking or feeling anyways. I told her that God was deeply in love with her no matter what.

One time, she had been nervously playing with a penny she had found on the floor of my office during our meeting. A few days later, I received a letter from her. She wrote:

"I was thinking about that penny that I was playing with the whole time we were talking. Pennies go through a lot of 'stuff' too. They get passed from person to person, and dropped in the mud, and stepped on, but no matter how dirty and beaten up they get, their worth stays the same. You know some pennies have an easy life because they are all shiny, but then you get the black ones, and you know they've been through a lot. It's just like people. Some of us are shiny and some of us are dirty and beat up, but we are all of equal worth and we are all loved. I feel like I'm one of those dirty pennies in the gutter, but you picked me up, brushed me off, and showed me that I have worth. You told me about a God who loves me and doesn't want to hurt me or be angry with me. For the first time, I'm starting to think that maybe that could be true ... for me."

I remember being so deeply moved by this story when I first read it that I've used it often when I've given talks around the country. A simple penny, overlooked as being insignificant monetarily, has much to teach us precisely because of its immutable value. Be it clean or dirty, it always has the same value: \$0.01.

In a world where value loses its meaning because it is oftentimes interchangeable based on circumstance or preference, the penny teaches us that value is not determined by choice or opinion.



Value is assigned by the one with authority to confer it. Our value as humans is assigned by God Himself, that transcends personal preference or public opinion or any other human convention. It is a value not dependent upon our cooperation, our abilities, our status, our neighborhood, our ethnicity, our employment or education. It is His gift to us who bear the imago dei — the undefilable and unrepeatable Image of God within the very essence of our being.

Unfortunately, as Archbishop Dmitri of Dallas (OCA) has said, "the greatest danger in the modern world is the attack on man as the image of God. That God became man in order to unite man to God is the only sure Divine underwriting of human worth. We have value because of the image we bear." When God is no longer understood as a such, other human entities will jockey for its place. We have all been entangled in a complicated web of seductively marketed options perfectly suited to our preferences, with clever jingles, appealing graphics, scripted testimonials, fact-bearing notices, backed by experts and verified by popular demand, each claiming an authority to assign value to our lives.

It is the Christian's responsibility — our personal and ecclesial responsibility — to witness with the resplendence of our lives that God alone determines the value of human life. How can we do that?

These all-too-famous parables from Luke's Gospel have one thing in common: the intrinsic value of what was lost (the sheep, the coin, the younger son) causes a desperate search on the part of an 'owner' (the shepherd, the woman, the father) to begin to reclaim it at all costs. In other words, we know how precious our value is when we come to realize what drastic measures were spent to save what was lost, to restore what was utterly broken, to relieve what was oppressing, to empower what was hopeless ... in me! When we have come to experience the unfathomable richness of God's mercy and forgiveness in the face of our utter brokenness and inability to do His will apart from grace, it is then that we have come to realize our value in the eyes of God. Without recognizing and safeguarding that intrinsic value, I can certainly betray Jesus again and find myself entangled in that seductive web of sin all over again. Grace is real, but fragile and doubt is always closeby. Still, how amazing indeed is that "grace that saved a wretch like me. I was once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see." Br. John-Marmion Villa

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

- Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/
Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
- Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn
3:13-17
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk
2:33-35
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

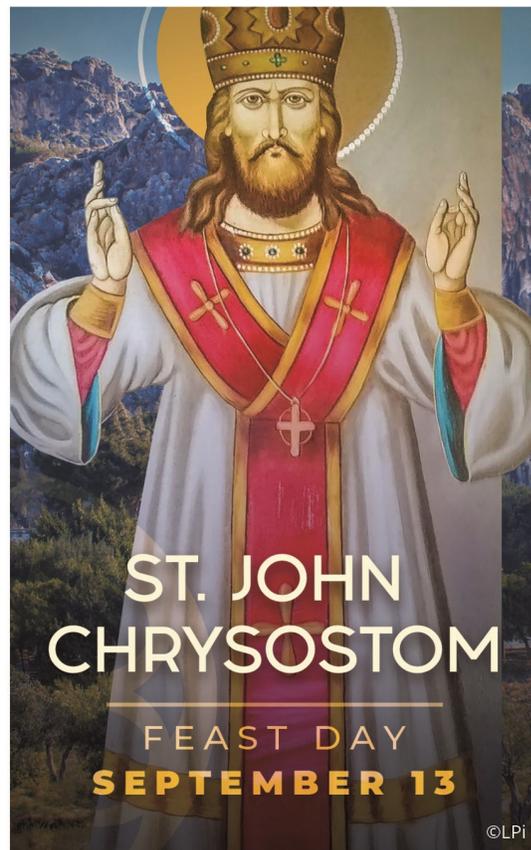
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Tuesday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Thursday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Friday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It is easy to worship things other than God. Our perception of reality gets distorted as well as our understanding of truth. Ideologies and theories that find a popular reception are extolled when they are simply lies. Human beings easily get lost. God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ to rescue us from our sins and keep us where we need to be. But we have to realize that we are living in darkness before we can ask for light. We have to recognize that we are lost so that we can desire to be found. And, we have to know that we have sinned so that we can repent. God always patiently waits. God is delighted when one of His children chooses life over death and runs toward His unconditional Mercy. Let's not be so stubborn and stiff-necked that we fail to recognize that we may have wandered into the wrong pasture.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed."

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people. (Ex 32:14)



PSALM

I will rise and go to my father. (Ps 51)



SECOND READING

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tm 1:15)



GOSPEL

“I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” (Lk 15:7)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).”

Safe Environment

It is now time to renew your Safe Environment training as set forth from the Diocese of Phoenix. If you wish to volunteer in any capacity for the church, you must have safe environment training.

There are two options: the Foundation (for those who have never had safe environment or have lapsed certification) and Renew (for those who certification expires this month.)

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“I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

- Lk 15:10

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

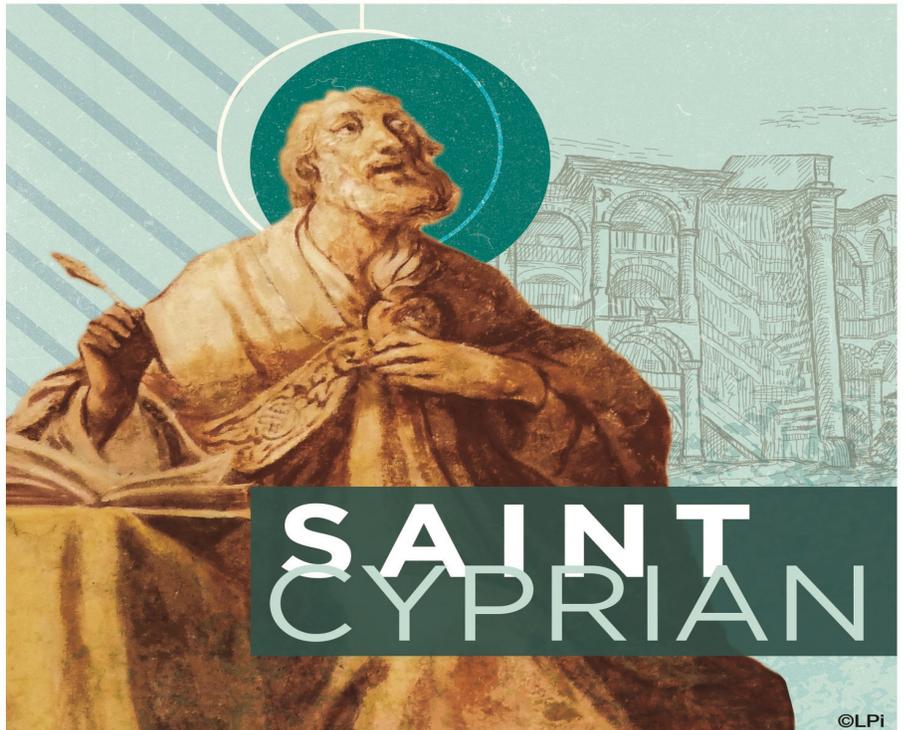
The Lord is persuaded by Moses' prayer of petition not to punish the Israelites for their apostasy. When has the Lord answered one of your prayers of petition?

Second Reading

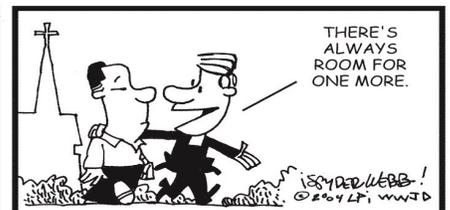
Paul speaks of God's abundant mercy in the context of his former life as an arrogant, sinful, and ignorant man. In what ways do you think the Lord has been patient with you?

Gospel Reading

The parable of the prodigal (lost) son is one the best-known parables of Jesus. Which of the characters do you most resonate with: the father, the older son, or the lost son?



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