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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

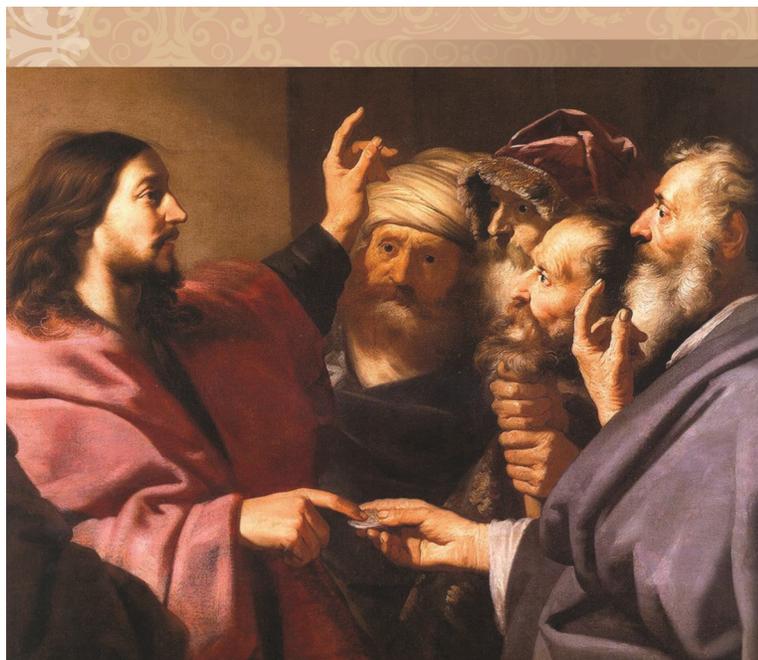
Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

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



25th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest
wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

"Si ustedes no son fieles administradores del dinero, tan lleno de
injusticias, ¿quién les confiará los bienes verdaderos?" - Lc 16, 10-11

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September 18th, 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

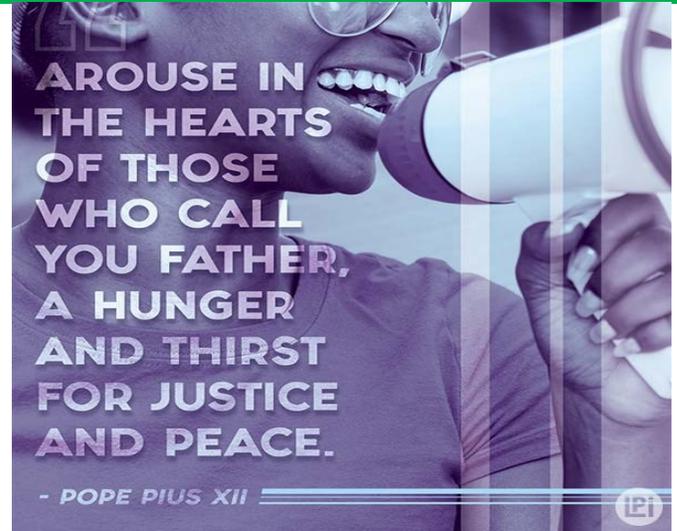
Our faith is meant to be at work in every area of our lives — not just the personal and private, but the political and public as well.

People have a tendency today to separate politics and religion. They see religion as having to do with the afterlife and politics with the here-and-now. Religion is private and politics is public. They don't want religious leaders to comment on public policy and they don't want politicians meddling in Church doctrine and discipline. People want a clear separation of church and state.

However, politics and religion are not always easy to keep apart. As followers of Christ, we're not only called to be saints in the kingdom of God but good citizens of our planet. We bring our faith into everything we do. Faith for the Christian is never just a private matter. It touches upon every aspect of our lives including the choices we make as citizens.

Our responsibility to bring our faith into the public square is founded on the commandment that we love our neighbor as ourselves. Politically, our love for neighbor displays itself most keenly in our support for the poor. As followers of Christ, it is our vocation to give a voice to the voiceless. Though they are the ones who most need the support of the government, their concerns often go unheard because they lack the money and influence to lobby politicians. Many like the unborn and immigrants cannot even vote. It is up to us, then, to use whatever influence we have to make sure that their needs are heard and acted upon.

Why should we care for the poor? Because God does. [This Sunday's reading](#) from the prophet Amos makes it clear that God is aware of injustice toward the poor. Because they have no one else to defend them, our Heavenly Father promises that He will stand up for them. God will judge harshly those who have failed to see justice done for the powerless. When we stand before Him, we want to be sure that we did all we could in this life to be on the side of the little ones whom He cares so much about.



Concern for the poor is not only good religion, it is also sound politics. Government should be on the side of the needy. Wealthy people can take care of themselves. It is the poor who need the government to defend them against those who would exploit them. Also, as the saying goes, "Everyone does better when everyone does better." When the hungry are fed, when the homeless have shelter, when the penniless get an education there is less crime, less disease, and less restlessness in society. We all benefit when the common good is served.

[This Sunday's second reading](#) teaches us that we should pray for politicians and all those who have authority over us. We too often have a disdain for those who enter politics. However, we should be praying for them, asking God to guide their hearts. Their actions have a tremendous influence over our lives so we should be raising our hands daily asking God to give us women and men of courage, insight, and virtue to lead us.

As followers of Christ, we are called to bring the good news of God's love wherever we go including into the public square and the voting booth. In particular, we are called to announce God's love for the poor. Then God's kingdom will increasingly influence the earthly city making His peace and justice more of a reality in our world today.

Douglas Sousa, S.T.L.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

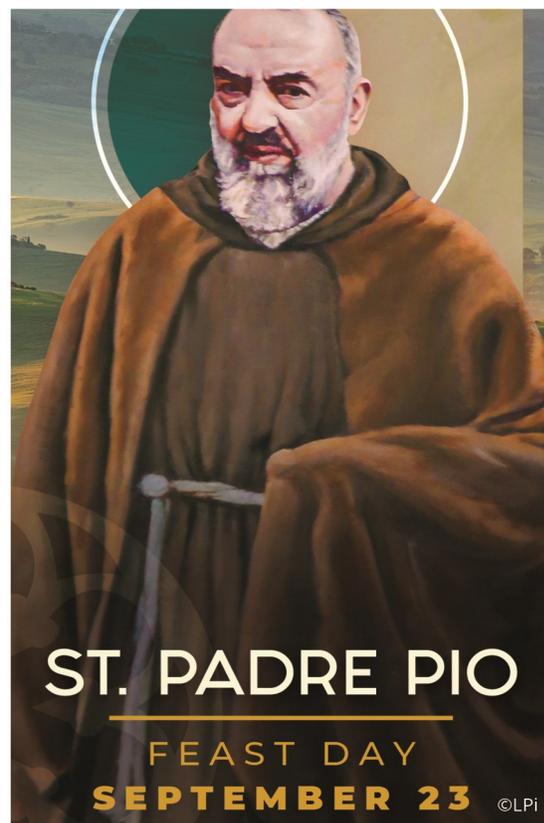
- Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
- Monday:** Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Monday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Tuesday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Friday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Migration Week

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Human beings are often very clever when managing money and making a profit. Sometimes, we place so much of our sense of security in money that we lower ourselves to deceit and fraud. Our need to produce a profit can easily lead to economic injustice and exploitation. Money is necessary to conduct the business of our lives. However, it cannot become the god we serve. Being smart, savvy, and creative with financial wealth can be good. Being smart, savvy, and creative with living out our relationship with God is even better. Our hearts have to find a home somewhere. Jesus reminds us of a choice we must make: God or mammon. We need to be cautious about “selling our souls” to what cannot fully satisfy us and falling into the traps of lust, gluttony, pride, and greed. Instead, we can better direct our efforts and our talents to the management of God’s kingdom, which in the end is the only thing that matters. Any ideas on how we can use the talents and skills God gave us to make for a better world?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy he suffered many illnesses including typhoid. He joined Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name of Pius or “Pio” in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man.

Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.

Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m. then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God’s will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died at the age of eighty-one in 1968 and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him “St. Pio of Pietrelcina.”

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real “god” we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, *Wealth, Riches and Money*, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon’s influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over “never having enough,” an “I can’t afford it” mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we



that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world’s problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

“Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God’s will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You

must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)” This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God’s kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God’s kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

“The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?” - Lk 16:10-11

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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.)

47th Annual Arizona Rosary Celebration

Arizona Rosary Celebration is an annual state-wide event, held on the third weekend in October, with gatherings in five cities. In Phoenix, we are expecting between 4,000 and 6000 thousand Catholics will participate. The event is free, open to the public, and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in collaboration with the Diocese of Phoenix, Legion of Mary, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and other organizations.



47th Annual Arizona Rosary Celebration
2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Sunday, October 16, 2022
Doors open at noon for confession, adoration, exhibits
Phoenix Convention Center, South Building, Halls F & G
33 S. 3 St., Phoenix, AZ 85004

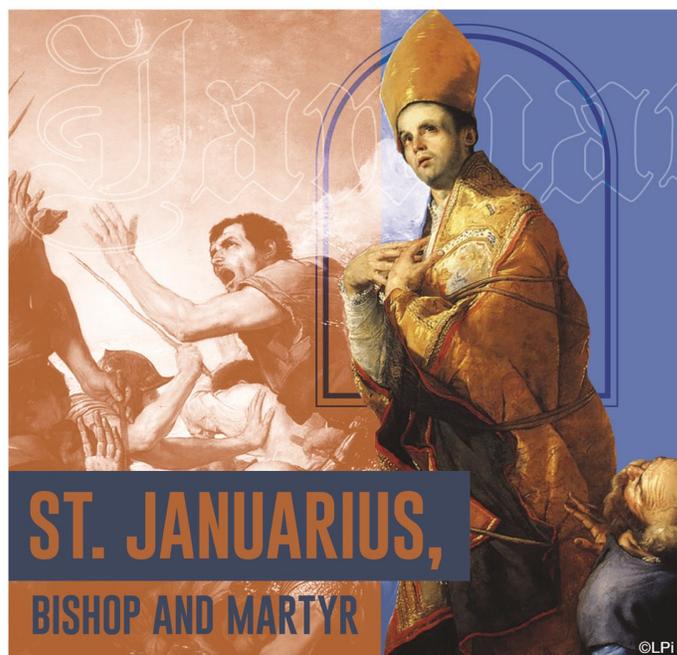


WHY DO WE CELEBRATE CATECHETICAL SUNDAY?

The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the

whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.





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