



SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

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26th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:31

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM English
7:00 PM Vietnamese

Sunday

7:30 AM English
9:00 AM Spanish
11:00 AM English
1:00 PM Spanish
4:00 PM Vietnamese
6:00 PM Spanish

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 AM English (Mon-Fri)
8:30 AM English (Mon-Sat)
6:30 PM Spanish (Mon only)
6:30 PM Vietnamese (Fri only)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

9:00 AM - 10 AM (Friday)
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Saturday)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

7:15 PM (Monday)
9:00 AM (Friday)
3:30 PM (Saturday)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Sunday
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith-based Catholic community whose members are enriched by the celebration of the Sacraments and opportunities to deepen our prayer lives. Guided by the Word of God and family values, we strive always to be a beacon of light for the lost, the lonely, the marginalized, and all those seeking the truth as we walk in the footsteps of those first disciples of Jesus and our patron St. Polycarp.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE MISA/
XIN Ý LỄ CẦU NGUYÊN**

Saturday, September 24, 2022

5:00 PM Rogelio S. Limjuco†
7:00 PM Joseph Huy Dang†

Sunday, September 25, 2022

7:30 AM Liane & Christian San Juan
9:00 AM Maximina Santana†, Lupita Navarro,
Guadalupe Monterrosa; *Pro Populo*
11:00 AM Salvador Muldong†
1:00 PM Rodolfo Lopez†
4:00 PM Joseph Ho† & Kim Son; Collective Mass Intentions
6:00 PM Raul Guzman; Collective Mass Intentions

Monday, September 26, 2022

6:30 AM John the Baptist of Agnes†; Joseph†, Maria, &
Ancestors of a Family
8:30 AM Maria† & Thanh Van Nguyen; Ancestors of a family
6:30 PM Socorro Cortes Vargas†

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

6:30 AM Liliana Jimenez†; Special Family Intention
8:30 AM Thelma S. Andrada†; Special Family Intention

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

6:30 AM Angel† & Maria Escalante; Richard Nguyen†
8:30 AM Peter†; Nguyen Quang Trung†

Thursday, September 29, 2022

6:30 AM Dominic†; Rafael Ha
8:30 AM Maria†; Vasquez-Camorlnga family

Friday, September 30, 2022

6:30 AM Joseph†; Julita M. Caragan†
8:30 AM Dominic†; Lena Yniguez
6:30 PM Maria Pham Thi† & Thi Lang

Saturday, October 1, 2022

8:30 AM Irene Cantrell†; Thomas Lai Pham†

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/
Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/
Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10,
13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75,
91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



Sep 17/18 Masses	\$ 14,938.00
Sep 17/18 online giving	\$ 2,215.00
Total collection:	\$ 17,153.00
Budget:	\$ 18,500.00

Thank you for your support! ¡Gracias por su apoyo!
Cảm ơn tấm lòng quảng đại của mọi người



PSA 2022 UPDATE REPORT **UPDATE**
PASTORAL SERVICE APPEAL

PSA 2022 GOAL: \$98,000.00

PLEDGES AMOUNT: \$207,732.00
PAID TO DATE AMOUNT: \$190,306.00
OF FAMILIES PLEDGES: 510

***EXPECTED FOR OUR PSA 2002 REBATE: \$183,988.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR 2022 PASTORAL SERVICE APPEAL (PSA)

WWW.RCBO.ORG/PSA

Thank you



September 20, 2022

Dear Parishioners of Saint Polycarp,

Blessings and greetings in the love of Jesus. This weekend's Gospel presents us with a story of a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus. The story depicts two different earthly-living realities: The rich man lived in luxury and dined sumptuously each day; Lazarus lived in poverty and longed to have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. The story ends with the death of these two characters. Lazarus died, and he was carried by angels into the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died, but he was condemned into the netherworld, where he was in torment.

The main point of this Gospel story is not a condemnation of having material wealth. Rather, it is about being "indifferent," for not embracing the Gospel message on the preferential option for the poor. The term "preferential option for the poor" does not refer exclusively to those suffering from material poverty, or those being marginalized. Rather, Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *Centesimus Annus* extended the term preferential option for the poor to include spiritual as well as material poverty (May 01, 1991). In our times, it may include those who are lonely, those who struggle to see God in their lives, those who struggle to see their sacred dignity of being sons and daughters of God, or those who reduce human life to a mere personal choice or freedom. The rich man was not condemned because of his wealth. He was condemned because he did not pay the slightest attention to the poor man Lazarus, who was lying at his door. He was indifferent to Lazarus' basic needs. He failed to recognize in Lazarus a human person endowed with a sacred dignity, who shares the same dignity as him. Lazarus, who had been materially and emotionally poor, received his fill in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man, who had been wealthy, longed for water and comfort in the netherworld.

Christians are taught to live on two foundational commandments of God: love God and love your neighbor as yourself. To live out these two commandments is to live out the Gospel message that Our Lord Jesus has asked us to embrace. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to live out the Gospel message on the preferential option for the poor.

Our parish Fiesta last weekend demonstrates the living out of the Gospel value on the preferential option for the poor. Many people came together to celebrate, share, and enjoy the family values of the Saint Polycarp family. There was no "indifference," only love of a spiritual family that is founded in the person of Jesus Christ, who reaches out to His people. To our volunteers who gave up their personal schedules and work to support and share the joy at our Fiesta, I am grateful for your generosity and sacrifices.

Lastly, the Second Collection that is collected for this weekend reflects the support of the Church's mission activities, which are directed toward the materially and spiritually poor. Our support for this collection becomes the arms of Jesus reaching out to those in need. Together with my brother priests, deacons, staff, and the Fiesta Committee, I thank all of you for your generous support of our family Fiesta. It was a huge blessing from God. Saint Polycarp, pray for us!

Father Viet Peter Ho

Las lecturas de la semana del 25 de septiembre de 2022

- Domingo:** Am 6, 1. 4-7/Sal 145, 7. 8-9. 9-10 [1]/
1 Tim 6, 11-16/Lc 16, 19-31
- Lunes:** Job 1, 6-22/Sal 16, 1. 2-3. 6-7/Lc 9, 46-50
- Martes:** Job 3, 1-3. 11-17. 20-23/Sal 87, 2-3. 4-5. 6. 7-8/
Lc 9, 51-56
- Miércoles:** Job 9, 1-12. 14-16/Sal 87, 10-11. 12-13. 14-15/
Lc 9, 57-62
- Jueves:** Dan 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Ap 12, 7-12/Sal 137, 1-2.
2-3. 4-5/Jn 1, 47-51
- Viernes:** Job 38, 1. 12-21; 40, 3-5/Sal 138, 1-3. 7-8.
9-10. 13-14/Lc 10, 13-16
- Sábado:** Job 42, 1-3. 5-6. 12-17/Sal 118, 66. 71. 75. 91.
125. 130/Lc 10, 17-24
- Domingo:** Hab 1, 2-3; 2, 2-4/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9/
2 Tim 1, 6-8. 13-14/Lc 17, 5-10

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 25 de septiembre de 2022

- Domingo:** 26º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;
Semana nacional del migrante
- Lunes:** San Cosme y San Damián, mártires
- Martes:** San Vicente de Paúl, sacerdote
- Miércoles:** San Wenceslao, mártir;
San Lorenzo Ruiz y compañeros, mártires
- Jueves:** San Gabriel, San Miguel y San Rafael, arcángeles
- Viernes:** San Jerónimo, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia
- Sábado:** Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús, virgen y doctora de la Iglesia
- Domingo:** 27º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;
Domingo de respeto a la vida; Los santos ángeles custodios

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Podemos ser ciegamente arrogantes y egoístas. Para algunos, el lente a través del cual vemos la vida es el lente del beneficio propio. Teniendo esta visión miope, la difícil situación y la posición de los demás están fuera de nuestro radar y no son una preocupación genuina. Siendo autosuficientes y resistentes, podemos preguntarnos si todo este "hablar de Dios" es real. Si creemos que somos los únicos responsables de nuestro destino y bienestar, ¿qué lugar hay para Dios? La fe tangible requiere un verdadero cambio de corazón, una conversión. Implica emprender un valiente viaje de transformación que consiste en un cambio de prioridades y enfoque. La humildad se convierte en el orden del día. Una auténtica relación de amor con Dios florece en el alma de una persona. Dios se convierte en un compañero siempre fiel. Ya sea que se tropiece con esta fe debido a los mensajes escuchados de los profetas entre nosotros o de alguien que regresa de entre los muertos, el viaje es el mismo. La fe tiene que serse apropiada y convertirse en algo permanente. Si no estamos dispuestos a perder la arrogancia, cualquier mensaje lleno de verdad caerá en oídos sordos.

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO - ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Jesús fue muy valiente de echar en cara la hipocresía de algunos fariseos y de gente rica y usurera de su tiempo. Les gustaba aparentar lo que no hacían en cuestión de caridad y justicia con los más pobres. Vivían muy despreocupados, ensimismados en sus cosas triviales, sin importancia. Decían conocer a Dios, pero en realidad no reflexionaban ni vivían su palabra. Cuando asistimos a Misa y escuchamos la Palabra de Dios, o cuando leemos la Biblia en casa o en algún grupo, estamos comprometidos a escuchar e interiorizar lo que se lee en ella, para tener fruto por la gracia del Espíritu Santo y así hacer el bien.

"Si queremos ser hombres y mujeres de Dios, como le pide san Pablo a Timoteo, debemos guardar el mandamiento sin mancha ni reproche hasta la manifestación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo (1 Timoteo 6,14). Y el mandamiento es amar a Dios y amar al prójimo. No podemos separarlos (Papa Francisco). Dicho de otra manera, es el compromiso de cada persona con la otra. De construir en vez de destruir, de cuidar el mundo, de ayudar a la sociedad a construir para el beneficio de todos. Se llama el bien común. La oración colecta de hoy nos invita a orar y confiar en Dios para llevar a cabo lo que Dios nos pide: "Señor, Dios, que manifiestas tu poder de una manera admirable sobre todo cuando perdonas y ejerces tu misericordia, multiplica tu gracia sobre nosotros... Para que seamos fieles cristianos atentos para hacer justicia a los que lo necesitan. ¡Amen!

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Thông Báo

- **Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu:** Giáo Xứ sẽ long trọng cử hành Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu bắt đầu bằng cuộc rước kiệu vào lúc 6:30 chiều thứ Sáu, ngày 7 tháng 10, và kết thúc bằng Thánh Lễ Chúa Nhật lúc 4:00 chiều, ngày 9 tháng 10. Các sự kiện chính của Đại Hội như sau:
 - * Lăn chuỗi và rước 4 kiệu Đức Mẹ vòng quanh nhà thờ. Xin các hội đoàn mặc đồng phục và tập trung lúc 6:00 chiều để chuẩn bị.
 - * Thánh Lễ Đại Trào bằng ba ngôn ngữ theo sau cuộc rước kiệu.
 - * Châu Thánh Thể trong 48 tiếng bắt đầu sau Thánh Lễ ngày Thứ Sáu. Xin các hội đoàn ghi danh cho giờ chầu của hội đoàn mình.
- Đoàn LMTT xin kính mời quý đoàn viên tham dự phiên họp thường lệ của đoàn vào lúc 2 giờ chiều Chúa Nhật ngày 2 tháng 10, năm 2022 tại phòng Saint Polycarp, cạnh đài Đức Mẹ.



Cảm Tạ

- Ba ngày hội chợ Fiesta với chủ đề "Gia Đình và Bạn Hữu Cùng Nhau Xây Dựng Đức Tin" của giáo xứ được hoàn thành tốt đẹp. Cảm ơn tất cả cộng đoàn dân Chúa đã hưởng ứng lời kêu gọi của Cha Chánh Xứ và Cha Quản Nhiệm đã đưa gia đình đến tham dự để cùng nhau củng cố đức tin và ủng hộ các gian hàng thực phẩm của các sắc dân trong giáo xứ. Đặc biệt cảm ơn BTV, HĐMV, các hội đoàn, các mạnh thường quân, và tất cả những thiện nguyện viên đã đóng góp công sức để chuẩn bị trước và phục vụ trong ba ngày hội chợ. Chân thành cảm tạ và xin Thiên Chúa trả

công cho những công việc mà quý vị đã làm để phục vụ Nhà Chúa.

- Thay mặt Cha Chánh Xứ, Cha Quản Nhiệm, và cộng đoàn Maria Mẹ Thiên Chúa, xin chân thành tri ân gia đình anh chị Lê Hoa đã tặng cho cộng đoàn tượng Mẹ La Vang mới để dùng cho việc rước kiệu trong tháng 10 của giáo xứ và nhiều dịp sau này. Xin Mẹ La Vang trả công bội hậu và luôn chúc lành, gìn giữ gia đình anh chị trong vòng tay của Ngài.



Lòng Sùng Kính Đức Maria Mẹ Thiên Chúa

Xin cùng cầu nguyện để lòng sùng kính Mẹ Maria ngày càng lan tỏa tới mọi người chung quanh. Mẹ là người luôn cầu bầu cho chúng ta trước mặt Chúa. Tới với Mẹ, là con đường ngắn nhất để đến được với Chúa Giêsu, Vị Vua Giàu Lòng Xót Thương. Hãy Năng Lăn Hạt Mân Côi.

Kính Kính Mừng

Kính mừng Maria đầy ơn phúc Đức Chúa Trời ở cùng Bà, Bà có phúc lạ hơn mọi người nữ, và Giêsu con lòng Bà gồm phúc lạ.

Thánh Maria Đức Mẹ Chúa Trời cầu cho chúng con là kẻ có tội khi này và trong giờ lâm tử, Amen.

Cùng Nhau Học Giáo Lý

Hỏi: Con đường cầu nguyện của chúng ta là con đường nào?

Thưa: Con đường cầu nguyện của chúng ta là chính Đức Kitô. Lời cầu nguyện chúng ta dâng lên Thiên Chúa, Cha chúng ta, nhưng chỉ lên tới Ngài khi chúng ta cầu nguyện nhân danh Chúa

Giêsu, ít nhất là cách mặc nhiên. Nhân tính của Chúa Giê-su là con đường duy nhất, qua đó Chúa Thánh Thần dạy chúng ta cầu nguyện lên Cha của chúng ta. Vì thế các lời kinh Phụng vụ đều kết thúc bằng công thức: "Nhờ Đức Giê-su Kitô, Chúa chúng con".

(Trích Bản Toát Yếu Sách Giáo Lý của Hội Thánh Công Giáo, bản dịch của HDGM Việt Nam, 2011).

Mỗi Tuần Một Vị Thánh

Tổng Lãnh Thiên Thần Micae, Gabriel, Raphael



Các Thiên Thần là những thiên sứ của Chúa xuất hiện nhiều trong Thánh Kinh, nhưng chỉ có thiên thần Micae, Gabriel và Raphael được nhắc đến tên mà thôi.

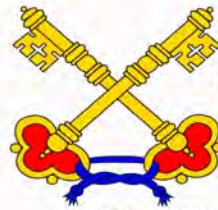
Thiên thần Micae xuất hiện trong thị kiến của tiên tri Danien như là "đại hoàng tử" để bảo vệ dân Israel khỏi

những kẻ thù tấn công. Trong sách Khải Huyền, Thiên thần Micae dẫn đoàn quân của Chúa đến chiến thắng sau cùng trên quyền lực của ma quỷ. Lòng sùng kính thiên thần Micae đã có từ cổ xưa nhất, thịnh hành ở phương Đông vào thế kỷ thứ 4. Giáo hội phương Tây bắt đầu lễ kính quan thầy thiên thần Micae và các thiên thần vào thế kỷ thứ 5.

Thiên thần Gabriel cũng xuất hiện trong thị kiến của tiên tri Danien, để công bố sứ mệnh của thiên thần Micae trong chương trình của Thiên Chúa. Sự xuất hiện nổi bật nhất của Thiên thần Gabriel là cuộc diện đàm với thiếu nữ Do Thái tên là Maria (tức Đức Mẹ Maria), Người vâng phục cứu mang Chúa Cứu Thế.

Những hoạt động của Thiên thần Raphael được thu gọn trong Cựu Ước của sách Tôbít. Thiên thần Raphael hiện ra để hướng dẫn con trai của Tôbít là Tôbia qua những đoạn trường mạo hiểm kỳ kỳ đưa đến kết thúc ba niềm vui, đó là: Tobia thành hôn với Sara, Tobia được chữa khỏi bệnh mù, và phục hồi gia sản của gia đình.

Lễ kính nhớ thiên thần Gabriel là ngày 24 tháng 3, thiên thần Raphael ngày 24 tháng 10 đã được ghi vào lịch Rôma vào năm 1921. Năm 1970, lịch được sửa đổi nhập chung hai ngày lễ kính này với ngày lễ kính thiên thần Micae.



Pope's Intention - September

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

MISSION COOP APPEAL

2ND COLLECTION



9/24/2022 - 9/25/2022

This annual collection provides financial support to the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. Your financial gifts allow them to assist Spiritan missionaries in disaster relief (Haiti earthquake, Philippines typhoon), education (schools, seminaries), assisting refugees (counseling services), seminarian support, provision of food and housing, and more.

Your generous financial support is appreciated.

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Bible Study begins Monday, September 26, at 7pm.

We will meet in the Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney room but also offer the sessions via Zoom.

The study will begin with the Bible Basics for Catholics book which we will be covering eight weeks and finish the school year with a study on First and Second Samuel by Catholic Scripture Study (more information on this will be given on the first day of class).

The Bible Basics book may look small, but it contains something very big inside: a profound summary of God's plan in sacred scripture. Given the size of the Bible, and how much time and effort it takes to read it all the way through, a little help can go a long way.

This book offers more than a little help.

For more information or questions please email rtarrab@gmail.com.



FIESTA 2022

BUILDING FAITH WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

Thank you for an **AMAZING, SUCCESSFUL, and RECORD-BREAKING** Fiesta this past weekend! As our leader Mayor Dave Shawver reflected, "No matter how much money we made, we are all winners!"

While final tallies of expenses and deposits are still being made, just remember it takes a huge number of dedicated people to make everything come together:

- ♦ Our generous family of Faith at St. Polycarp to pray, volunteer, donate, support, and gather as One.
- ♦ Our great team that include our Pastor, priests, deacons, religious women, and lay ministers.
- ♦ Our core group of talented, creative, and hardworking leaders who each coordinated crews of hundreds despite an endless list of challenges, especially:
 - Joel Espinoza (Hispanic Council/Co-Chair)
 - Calvin Châu Đăng (Vietnamese Council)
 - Tom Ma (Business Manager)
- ♦ Our sponsors, vendors, and agencies, whose professionalism and generosity helped defray costs, and kept us all safe.
- ♦ And our friends in our community that showed up in huge crowds!

With gratitude in Jesus' Name,

Father Viet Peter Ho, Pastor

Mayor David J. Shawver, FIESTA Chairman

Mr. Philip & Dr. Ana Filipek, FIESTA Co-Chairs

Mr. Dylan Nguyen, FIESTA Co-Chair



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Rosary & Procession of Four Statues of Mary

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FRIDAY, OCT 7 2022 @ 6 P.M.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.

Red Cross Blood Drive Sponsored By Knights of Columbus at St. Polycarp Church

Parish Hall
8100 Chapman Ave
Stanton, CA 90680

Monday, September 26, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To schedule your lifesaving appointment, sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: stpolycarp or contact Ralph Gonzalez at 714-761-3089.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Come to give Sept. 1-30 and receive a free haircut coupon by email from Sport Clips Haircuts. Offer valid at participating locations. Items are non-transferable & not redeemable for cash. Email required.
rcblood.org/sportclips

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Spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament

Fulton Sheen once wrote that the purpose of the Holy Hour—a sustained, uninterrupted hour of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament—is to encourage a deep personal encounter with Christ.

"Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour," he wrote, "transforms the heart in a mysterious way." Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis all joined Sheen in recommending Eucharistic Adoration as a foundational spiritual practice.

Today, however, the hidden power of the Holy Hour radiates with special urgency—both for the Church and for the culture.

Many Catholics no longer believe in or even understand the doctrine of the Real Presence; many Protestants are disconnected from the historical reality, and centrality, of the Eucharist; and people of all backgrounds, overwhelmed by the noise and speed of postmodern life, seek refuge in various forms of meditation and mindfulness.

To all of these groups, the Holy Hour offers a life-changing opportunity: the silence and simplicity of being in the presence of God.

~Bishop Robert Barron

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,
and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (1 Kgs 19:7)

PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

I charge you before God, who gives life to all things,
and before Christ Jesus,
who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the
noble confession,
to keep the commandment without stain or reproach
until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 Tm 6:13-14)

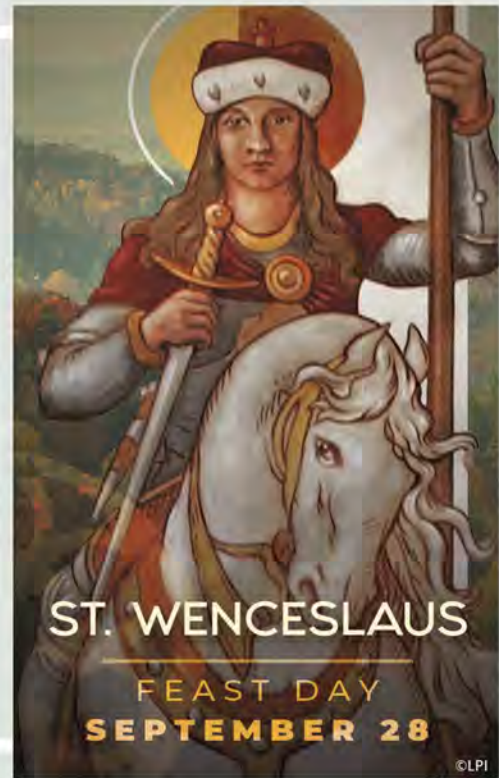
GOSPEL:

"My child, remember that you received
what was good during your lifetime
while Lazarus likewise received what was bad;
but now he is comforted here, whereas you are
tormented." (Lk 16:25)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

- Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Migration Week
Monday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Tuesday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Wednesday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and
Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Friday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of
the Church
Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday;
The Holy Guardian Angels



Saint of the Week

You may know St. Wenceslaus better than you think, he is in fact, the "Good King Wenceslas" from the Christmas carol penned in the 19th century. He was born in 907 near Prague, the son of the Duke of Bohemia, raised and educated as a Christian by his paternal grandmother, Ludmila, who herself became a saint. The land of Bohemia at this time was a place in turmoil. Christianity had not yet taken hold and there were power struggles even within the noble family. When Saint Wenceslaus' father died, his Christian grandmother became regent. However, his mother who may have been a pagan or at least held anti-Christian sentiments, upset at being overlooked, had Ludmilla killed. Wenceslaus, though young, eventually prevailed. He ruled from 921-929, working at unification, he supported the Church building many churches, including the rotunda of Saint Vitus at Prague Castle. And like in the carol, he cared for sick, poor, widowed, and orphaned in his kingdom. To make peace with Germany, Wenceslaus recognized King Henry the Fowler as the successor of Charlemagne, which put Bohemia under King Henry. The peace was not a popular move with the non-Christian sects and nobles who wanted to remain outside of German rule. Legend holds that his brother, Boleslaus the Cruel, led some anti-Christian movements. Whether Boleslaus plotted to murder Saint Wenceslaus, or they just had a disagreement that ended in his death, it is generally accepted that the saint was killed by Boleslaus or his men. His last words were to forgive his brother. Saint Wenceslaus was immediately recognized as a martyr for the faith and sainted. The Holy Roman Emperor Otto, I posthumously gave him the title "king." He is the first Czech saint and the patron saint of the Czech state.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.” Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become “all about me,” preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are “useful” to us and profitable.

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as “the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges.” In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel “entitled” to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care



about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life's challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers

of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. “The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas).” Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there.

“But Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.’ He said, ‘Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’”

- Lk 16:29-31

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LUKE 6:38

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