

October 19, 2008

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday



Today's Readings

Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21

We don't always know when we are making an impact on others.

It's tough to follow Christ and also live in the world. Most of us are called to do it with a whole lot of the world pulling on us. Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's? OK. Now I just have to figure out which is which.

When many Catholics hear the word *vocation*, they think about its meaning as a call to religious life, particularly to the ordained priesthood. These are vital vocations. Those called in these ways are set apart; they are called to serve the Body of Christ in a visibly unique role.

Vocations for most of us in the Body of Christ look different. Are they less obvious? They are absolutely vital. The work is tough. Our best intentions can be misunderstood. Even with the best of motives we can fail. The next day we still have to get up and go to work. Am I serving God or Caesar? Neither? Both?

Some are called to be teachers, some nurses, some builders of companies, some builders of buildings. Some are called to wait on other people who have been standing in line for a while. In advice attributed to Saint Francis, we hear, "Preach the Gospel always, and if necessary use words." What does that look like?

We don't always know when we are making an impact on others. On a couple of painful occasions I discovered I had been making a good impression only after I messed it up. After an outburst or incident someone said, "Hey, that's not like you!" But I guess it was.

Cyrus the Persian looked every bit like other warriors when he used power, when he played his pivotal role in Jewish history,

releasing God's chosen people to return to their own land. Isaiah calls him anointed—he is a *messiah*. He doesn't even know God or the job he has in the bigger scheme of things, and he is an *anointed one*.

What could *we* accomplish, who *know* we are called?

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MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are held at the Church on Bethel Road unless otherwise noted

Saturday 6:00 PM ♦ Confessions Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM (English) ♦ 12:30 PM (Spanish)

Holy Days 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Daily Mass 8:45 AM

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES AND VISITORS

Please complete a registration card at the Welcome Table in the church foyer and return it at your earliest convenience. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	October 18	6:00 PM	Kathy Wilson, RIP	<i>Feast of St. Luke, evangelist</i>
Sunday	October 19	8:00 AM	Richard Nadler, RIP	<i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	Dennis Mees, RIP	<i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>29° Domingo Ordinario</i>
Monday	October 20	8:45 AM	Bob & Marlene Fronk	<i>Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, priest</i>
Tuesday	October 21	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Weekday</i>
Wednesday	October 22	8:45 AM	Barbara Bierschenk	<i>Weekday</i>
Thursday	October 23	8:45 AM	Vic Bierschenk, RIP	<i>Memorial of St. John of Capistrano, priest</i>
Friday	October 24	8:45 AM	Lawrence & Barbara Bierschenk	<i>Memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop</i>
Saturday	October 25	6:00 PM	Irma Fuhrmann, RIP	<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sunday	October 26	8:00 AM	J. W. Wright, RIP	<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	Irma Fuhrmann, RIP	<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>30° Domingo Ordinario</i>

Marriage – six months notice required – please see Fr. Casey. **Aviso para el Matrimonio** – seis meses es necesaria

Baptism Instruction—English (1st Thursday of each month); Spanish (1st Monday of each month)

Quinceañera – three month notice required – girl must be attending CCD and Mass *regularly* – please see Fr. Casey

Prayer Chain Coordinators—Ann Allen (817-594-8637) Bette Binzer (817-599-0454) LaVerne Cardwell (817-594-3805)

Weekly Visitation of the Sick & Shut-Ins. Contact the church office to be on the schedule.

Census Information—Please notify the church office if you are new to our Parish, have a change of address or phone number, or move to another Parish.

Bulletin Notices are to be written or typed and in the office at least one week prior to event – notices may be e-mailed – deadline for bulletin is Noon on Tuesday – your cooperation is greatly appreciated – Thank You!

**REGULAR
COLLECTION
October 11-12
\$10,115.69**

**SECOND
COLLECTION
World Mission Sunday**

We urge all parishioners to be informed on key issues and to vote. So we pray: Lord help us understand the issues we face in our world today and how the Gospel helps us respond as faithful citizens in our community. Free us from blindness so that we see others as brothers and sisters, and discernment to choose leaders who are guided by your love.



*Flowers for the Altar this Weekend
Are A Gift From
Lawrence & Barbara Bierschenk
In Honor of
Their 49th Anniversary*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
God has called your name. You are a child of God. Are you
aware of your strength in God?
(Isaiah 45:1, 4-6)

29° Domingo Ordinario
¿Qué tenemos que pertenece a Dios? ¿Cómo podemos regresarle ese don?

PROPERTY PURCHASE INFORMATION
Cost of New Property—\$1,631,842.00
Monthly Interest Payment—\$9,700.00
Total Contributions To Date—\$47,853.00

**WELCOME TO ALL, INCLUDING VISITORS AND
NEW PARISHIONERS.**
Please join us this Sunday between Masses for breakfast
in the parish hall, provided by the Hispanic Group.

World Mission Sunday

MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE—

Just as our young church here in the United States received support in the 19th century from the Catholics of Europe through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, so too the growing churches in the Developing World today also require financial help. Your generosity will help make a faith-filled difference around the world!

SCRIPTURE STUDY. Elaine Hall Barclay and Cristina Guelda will continue the Scripture Study beginning in the Cry Room this Sunday at 9:15-10:15 AM. *Thank you and God Bless Duke and Ann Allen for many years of faithful service.*

T-SHIRT SALE. Our T-Shirt sale was very successful. Thank you to all who participated. Over \$700.00 was raised for transportation to Youth 2000 in April.

BLOOD DRIVE. There will be a Blood Drive, **Monday, October 20, 4-8 PM, in the Holy Spirit Center.** There is a big demand for blood due to the war in Iraq and the recent hurricanes. Please be generous. Donors must be 17 years of age, and it is necessary to show a photo ID. Phone 1-800 DONATE4 if you have questions. While walk-ins are always welcome, we need people to sign up so Carter Blood Center knows how many technicians to send. *Thank you and God bless you.*

COLECCION DE SANGRE. La coleccion de sangre del Carter Blood Care tomara lugar el Lunes, Octubre 20, de 4:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. en nuestro Salon del Holy Spirit. Debido a los recientes huracanes, la demanda de sangre ha sido muy grande. Los donantes deben ser mayores de 17 anos de edad y tener un documento con foto. Si tiene alguna duda acerca de su salud, por favor llame al 1-800 DONATE4. Los reglamentos son mas flexibles ahora y quizas usted pueda donar. El Centro de Coleccion de Sangre cuenta con empleados de habla espanola. Por favor sea generoso. GRACIAS y que Dios lo bendiga.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE June 9-18, 2009. Ten memorable days around Jerusalem and the Sea of Galilee. Trip includes air fare, first class hotels, professional guide, breakfast and dinner, Bible study and applicable entrance fees. Packages start at \$3,100. For more information contact Jeanette Houle at 817-613-8008 or doschicas@att.net.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE. English sessions to be held in a two-part series, Sunday, October 26 and Sunday, November 2, 12 Noon—3 PM. RSVP required. Contact Jeanette Houle at 817-613-8008 or doschicas@att.net.

TIEMPO, TALENTO Y TESORO. Sesiones en Espanol se llevaran a cabo el **Sabado, Octubre 25, de 7:00 AM a 2:00 PM.** RSVP al Diacono Carlos Frias 817-307-8332.

ATTENTION NEW PARISHIONERS. All members new to the parish in the last five years are invited to a potluck gathering, **Saturday, November 8, 3 PM.** *Watch the bulletin for more information.*

"HELP WANTED"

Couples on Friday afternoon, 1-4 PM
for Parker County Jail Ministry.

Wages: Countless Blessings

and a good deposit in your Heavenly account.

Contact: Paul or Barb Claffey at 817-220-2681.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Most Rev. Kevin W. Vann—The celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Fort Worth. As an integral part of our anniversary celebration, I am inviting the *Why Catholic?* adult catechesis program from Renew International to be the cornerstone for our spiritual catechetical renewal efforts as we celebrate forty years as a local Church. The diocese, in conjunction with Renew International, will be conducting Parish Information Sessions across the diocese October 26th through 30th. These sessions are especially for pastors, priests, deacons, and parish ministers. **Watch the bulletin for more information or refer to www.fwdioc.org.**

Beginning Experience: October 24-26; contact Catholic Renewal Center at 817-429-2920.

Marriage Matters with Sister Renee Mirkes, Saturday, October 25, 8:30 AM—3:30 PM, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 5819 W. Pleasant Ridge Rd., Arlington, TX. A seminar for clergy, married or engaged couples, singles, catechists, marriage prep volunteers and teens, intended to deepen our understanding of marriage. Contact Suzanna Ordenez, Director of Family Life at 817-560-3300.

Today...Tomorrow...Forever (for married couples planning to have their marriage, validated or sanated in the church); **November 8; Cana-Two:** (designed for couples with one or both parties entering into a second marriage); **November 9;** contact www.fwdioc.org, Family Life Office, Marriage preparation or 817-560-3300 ext 304.

TEEN CORNER

Youth Group: Halloween party, October 29. There will be a costume judging contest—start planning your costume now!

All youth ages 13 and above are invited to participate in the **Youth Music Ministry.** Join us **Sundays at 6 PM.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (All activities held at Bethel Road)

Sunday, October 19

9:15 AM Religious Education Classes (English)
9:15 AM Adult Catechism (Room 19)
9:15 AM Adult Bible Study (Cry Room)
11:15 AM Religious Education Classes (Spanish)

Monday, October 20

4:00 PM Blood Drive (Parish Hall)
6:00 PM Parish Pantry
6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #72
7:00 PM RCIA
7:00 PM Citizenship Classes

Tuesday, October 21

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Rm. 1 & 2)

Wednesday, October 22

6:00 PM Youth Group
6:30 PM Choir Practice
6:45 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, October 23

10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 AM Quilting Group (Pro Shop)
7:00 PM Hora Española Santa

Saturday, October 25

7:00 PM Cursillistas Ultreya—Spanish (Rm. 1 & 2)

dear Padre

Monday



October 20

Weekday

Eph 2:1–10 • Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday



October 21

Weekday

Eph 2:12–22 • Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday



October 22

Weekday

Eph 3:2–12 • Lk 12:39–48

Thursday



October 23

Weekday

Eph 3:14–21 • Lk 12:49–53

Friday



October 24

Weekday

Eph 4:1–6 • Lk 12:54–59

Saturday



October 25

Weekday

Eph 4:7–16 • Lk 13:1–9

Sunday



October 26

Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20–26

1 Thes 1:5c–10

Mt 22:34–40

Why must each nationality have its own Mass?



Our parish used to be united. Now we have Filipino Catholics, Vietnamese Catholics, and Mexican Catholics, all with their own Masses and activities. Why can't we be just Catholic?

Rose

Dear Rose,

The word *catholic* means "whole," "universal," "complete." To be Catholic, we must include everyone.

I once served as pastor of the only Catholic parish in a town of 20,000 people, more than half of whom were Catholic. The seventeen Baptist churches included a First Southern with services only in English, a First Baptist with services only in English, a First Baptist with services only in Spanish, and a Southern Baptist with services only in Spanish.

The Catholic Church goes out of its way to make sure that never happens to us and that all people feel a part of the Catholic Church. One way to make a person feel welcome is to offer Mass in his or her native language, which is why my parish offered Masses in Spanish and Vietnamese as well as in English. We had a Sunday evening Mass to accommodate the schedules of the many people who worked on Sunday mornings. And we also had events that brought the entire parish together. The result was that we had six weekend Masses rather than six different communities.

It is difficult to form one Church. It is difficult to be Catholic. But for 2000 years we have found it to be worth it.

Patrick Keyes, C.Ss.R.

