



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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870-316-0229

Motherhood Ministry:

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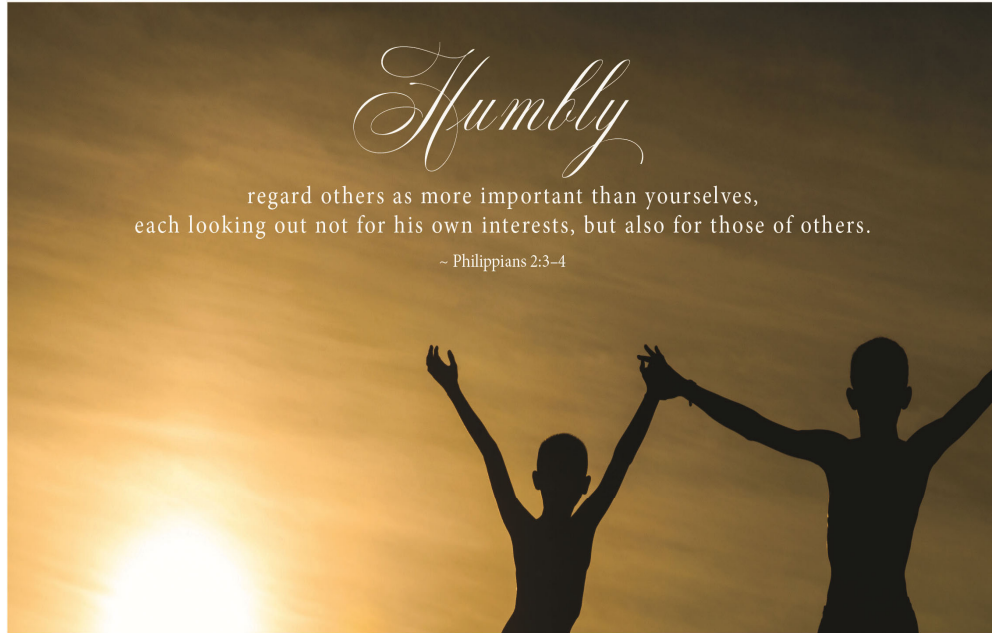
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Humbly

regard others as more important than yourselves,
each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

~ Philippians 2:3-4



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870-520-8331

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 28 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Janet Ross †
by Khoa Nguyen Family

Tuesday, September 29 - Public Mass
5:30 p.m. Don Lattourette †
by Dorine Deacon

Wednesday, September 30 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Dileeni Nonis †
by The Nonis Family

Thursday, October 1 - Public Mass
5:30 p.m. Lou Wiederkehr †
by Betsy Wiederkehr Huss

Friday, October 2 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Marsha Uhlenhop †
by Bob Uhlenhop

Saturday, October 3 - Public Mass
Public & Livestreamed Mass †
5:30 p.m. Brian Allen
by Fred & Gail Flemon

Sunday, October 4- Public Mass †
8:00 a.m. Bob Massanelli

10:00 a.m Doris Fitzgerald †
by The GG Bible Study

Public & Livestreamed Mass
12:00 p.m. Mass for Parishioners

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 p.m. Church
or by appointment, 870-932-2529.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK
Office Hours 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Monday September 28
St. Wenceslaus, Martyr
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
7:00 a.m. Public Mass
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Tuesday September 29
Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Wednesday September 30
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m. Public Mass
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Thursday October 1
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Friday October 2
Holy Guardian Angels
7:00 a.m. Public Mass

Saturday October 3
Blessed Virgin Mary
5:30 p.m. Mass—Public & Live Streaming

Sunday October 4
8 a.m. Mass—Public Mass
10 a.m. Mass—Public Mass
12 p.m. Mass in Spanish—Public & Live Streaming

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday Ez 18:25-28
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
Mt 21:28-32

Monday Jb 1:6-22
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a
Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday Jb 9:1-12, 14-16
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday Jb 19:21-27
Lk 10:1-12

Friday Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday Is 5:1-7
Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43

Pray for the Dead

Bob Massanelli

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

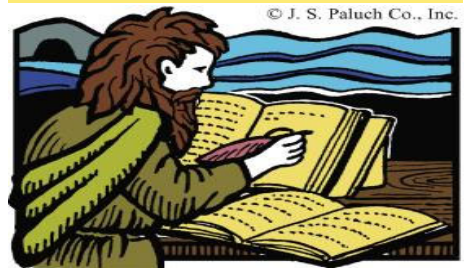
Please keep the Massanelli family in your prayers.

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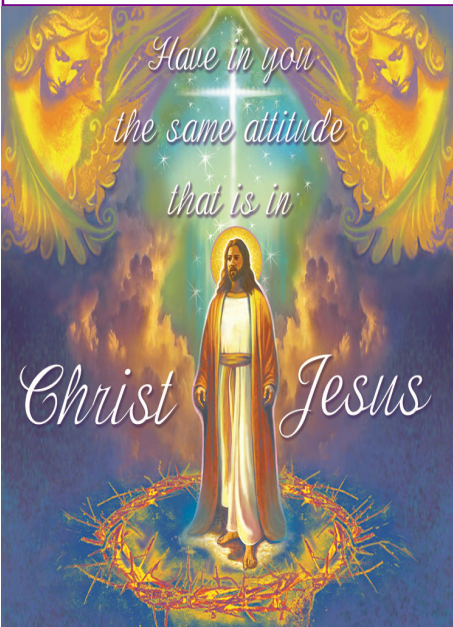
Have you prayed the Rosary today?



So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be.
—St. Jerome



St. Jerome



Mass Schedule for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Mondays, Wednesdays	7:00am 7:30am-7:30pm	Public Mass Church is open for Adoration
Tuesdays & Thursdays	5:30pm	Public Mass
Friday	7:00 am	Public Mass
Saturdays	4:00pm-5:00pm 5:30pm	Confessions in the Church (In Confessionals) Public Mass of the Sunday (English) livestreamed
Sundays	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Public Mass (English) Public Mass (English) Public Mass (Spanish) livestreamed

Guidelines:

Those who visit the Church **must** follow the directives and restrictions imposed by the Governor and Bishop and respect Blessed Sacrament Church guidelines:

Sundays and the Holy Days of obligation are still under suspension.

Must always wear masks (age 10 and over) or other protective covering of mouth and nose except when receiving Holy Communion during Mass. **(Please bring your own mask when possible)**

All must use a hand sanitizer upon arrival at the Church.

Maintain social distance of 6'

Holy Communion reception on the hand during the Mass (without gloves)

If you would like to receive Holy Communion on the tongue please request the Priest after Mass.

Only the Church main doors (that is southside entrance) will be open for entry and exit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY UPDATE

For those in our community in need of assistance (rent or utility), volunteers are answering requests by phone.

During the past two weeks:

Utility assistance for 7 families

Rental assistance for 7 families

were provided.

Priority is given to members of our parish family.

If you or someone you know, is a resident of Craighead County, and struggling to make ends meet, please call:

870-316-0229.

We thank you for answering our prayers and ask for your continued support! God bless you all.

Matching Donations

During the month of September and October, any donation made to the Building Fund will be matched by an anonymous donor (up to \$100,000).

What a blessing!!

If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to:
Blessed Sacrament Building Fund
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Mail it in or drop it in the collection basket or you can also donate online at:

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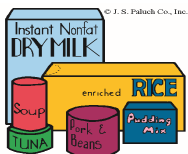
PLEASE PRAY FOR: The special intentions of parishioners, especially those homebound/hospitalized, Michelle Veteto, Shelby Ward, Lloyd McCuiston, Koen Smith, Yelba & Raymond Stevenson, Kathy & Donald Plessinger, Jody Amick, Millie & Bill Kueter, Nikki Amick, Mary Ann Eaton, Rita Vaught, Metta Nesmith, Nancy McFarland, Freda & Jim Cole, Carolyn Boling, Jeannette Haddad, Pat Dacus, Rita Puryear, Charles Kline Family, Eddie Reinhart, David Wolters, Odette Dawood, Mary Lane, Betty Cornell, Misael Reyes, Kat Wright, Sid McCaffey, Gary Wells, Robert Surdyk, Cecilia Tacon, Larry McKinney, Marisol Guerra, Javier Garduno, Nathan Barajas, Andy Sanders, Bill Ritter, Earl Wallace, Candelaria Flores, Mashudi Gunawan, Malcolm McGregor, Debbie Marthey, Jeff Hagan, Sydney Brown, COVID-19 sufferers

WORK OF MERCY

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has received 112 lbs food donation from our parish the last two week. Thank you!

F.Y.I.

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Drive Thru hours are: Mondays, Tuesday & Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (*weather permitting*) HNFP is located on the corner of Huntington and Vine. For more information please contact HNFP at 935-7298



This group is open to any adult who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. In this video/discussion program, you will listen and learn from Catholic men and women who share their stories of finding help in coping with the devastating effects of divorce.

Join us on this powerful journey to hope and healing!

Meeting **On Line Mondays, October 5 -December 21, 2020**
 Video presentation: 6:00 -6:45 PM
 Group discussion via Zoom: 6:45 - 8:15 PM

To register or more information go to:
WWW.CDOM.ORG
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For more information Catholic Diocese of Memphis
 Office of Pastoral Life Ministries @ 901-373-1224 /373 - 1234
 email: alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org

Motherhood Ministry
 is located at 324 Huntington. Each Wednesday, volunteers assist those in need 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Expectant mothers may obtain free maternity clothes. Free clothing for children, infancy to Size 14, is available.



Come to a DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING RETREAT. You are not alone. There is hope.
 The Respect Life Office, through the Ministry of Project Rachel, is offering one-day, post abortion healing retreats for women or men. Saturday October 10 in West Memphis. With Covid-19 Precautions. Confidential. Non-judgmental. Healing is possible. These retreats are Catholic in nature, but anyone who desires to begin or continue their journey to hope and healing is welcome to attend. The exact location of the retreat is only disclosed to participants. To speak with someone about a retreat or other Project Rachel Ministry healing opportunities and support groups, please call or text our confidential phone line 501-663-0996. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Please call. We care. We understand.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the past several weeks, the word of God has drawn us into the mystery of mercy. Today's readings deepen our reflection, reminding us how blessed we are to know God's kindness and sharing practical ways to show compassion to others. The prophet Ezekiel cautions God's chosen people, emphasizing that bad behavior naturally leads to painful consequences. The psalm responds prayerfully: "Remember your mercies, O Lord." In this prayer, we ask for the mercy of recognizing our sins and receiving the strength to act differently. In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul invites us into a daunting challenge of mercy: "humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." If we scoff at Paul's challenge as impossibly naïve, the Gospel gives us a chance to reconsider. Our natural instincts of self-preservation might reject merciful behavior initially, but like the son in today's Gospel of mercy, we can change our minds.

NATURE

The prophet Ezekiel scolds God's chosen people for demanding more than they deserve. Acting like spoiled children, the Israelites complain when their wicked actions lead logically to negative consequences. Nature has built-in punishments for bad behavior: laziness leads to unpreparedness; overwork leads to exhaustion; overindulgence leads to poor health; violence leads to injury. The natural world brims with corrective countermeasures to our poor choices. Why is it, Ezekiel wonders, that we become upset when sin leads to predictable and natural punishments?

SUPERNATURE

Animals never object to punishment, only humans. A wounded gerbil wouldn't shake her fist at the skies and ask, "Why me?" But as Ezekiel knows, human beings complain constantly. Humans are supposed to be more logical than animals, yet we irrationally protest natural consequences that we do not like, such as pain or death. Mysteriously, our bitterness against nature is rooted in our unique capacity for greatness. Unlike every other creature in the universe, we humans are made in the image and likeness of God. We may live in the natural world, but God calls us every minute to supernatural glory. Though we are mortal, God's mercy has destined us for immortality. Our hearts long for perfect bliss unlike anything we will ever know on earth. No wonder we demand so much from God! Preserved for glory as we are, we experience pain when earthly life falls short of our divine expectations. Jesus shows us the antidote for that pain—service. Though we share in the kingship of Christ, we must demonstrate our royalty as Jesus does, by serving others. As Saint Paul tells us, Jesus is God, yet takes the form of a slave—our slave. The Gospel encourages us to imitate Jesus in this way. We may object to being a servant at first, and even grumble about it. But God's strength can help us overcome natural objections and enter gracefully into our supernatural role, heirs to the kingdom of God.

Today's Readings: Ez 18:25–28; Ps 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; Phil 2:1–11 [1–5]; Mt 21:28–32

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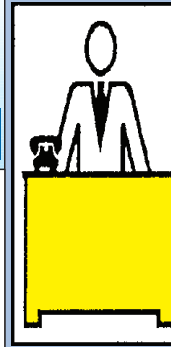
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