

September 15, 2024

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. — *Isaiah 50:7*



LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today’s readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related? The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don’t always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God’s promptings will lead us in the right way.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (*Isaiah 50:5-9a*).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (*Psalm 116*).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (*James 2:14-18*).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (*Mark 8:27-35*).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is celebrated each Thursday from 4:30PM-6PM.

- MASSES FOR THE WEEK † MISAS DE LA SEMANA
August 31 – September 6
Saturday/4:30pm/Augusto Coutinho †,
Maria Spannuth †, Lee Roy Weiland †
6:30pm/Adolfo Angel Trujillo †,
Isabel Topeto †
Sunday/8:00am/Alicia Andes †,
Walter Pfyl †
10:00am/Tony Mello †, Mary Gomes †
Tony Solorzano †
11:30am/All Souls †
Monday/9:00am/All Souls †
Tuesday/9:00am/All Souls †
Wednesday/9:00am/All Souls †
Thursday/9:00am/ All Souls †
Friday/9:00am/All Souls †

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Ministers assist the Presider in the distribution of communion at Mass or other special events. Ministers must be a Catholic in good standing, registered in the parish.



LECTORS

Lector proclaim God's Word to the assembled faith community. Two lectors are scheduled to read at each weekend Mass. Training is available to properly proclaim God’s word. Lori Smith or Ben White at 209-745-1389.

Let us pray for our sick: Manuel Francisco Silva, Beto Da Sanchez, Charlie Morales, Francisca Martinez, Nick Neuburger, Larry Ellsworth, Aslan Khamo, Maria Gonzalez, Senon Franco Jr.



Registration for 2024-2025/CLOSED

To all who have donated to the roof project. A total of \$70,265.00 has been received. Our Goal: \$134,000.00.



Save these Dates!!!!

+St. Christopher's Church Grandmas Guild and our Youth Group invites you to

Join us for the **Blessing of the Animals, Friday, October**

4, from 5:30-7:00pm On the church plaza. Bring your pets for a blessing; all Shapes, sizes, and Species welcome!

All animals must be on a leash or in a carrier. Bags for waste clean-up and water will be provided. Each family will receive a certificate of blessing.

+Gathering all the children of the parish to join us for the **Saints Alive Event** that will be held on **Monday, November 4th** in the church Plaza From 5-7pm. Meet our Saints in costume and hear their story! Who's that Saint Bingo Game, crafts and earn a bag of candy with a filled Saint Bingo Card!

We need adult volunteers to be saints and help with the events for the evening. We can help create your saint costume and saint story. Look for an upcoming "I want to be a Saint" Meeting to be determined soon.

We also need donations of candy for this special evening. Please drop off any candy to the parish office as soon as possible.

You may contact Rhonda, 209-471-2631 or Eva, 209-814-1106 to offer your help or with any questions.



Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 15 de septiembre de 2024

El Señor me ayuda, por eso no quedaré confundido.

— *Isaías 50:7*



LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — En la tribulación el Señor Yavé me ha abierto los oídos para que yo escuche. (Isaías 50:5-9a).

Salmo — Caminaré en presencia del Señor, en el país de la vida (Salmo 116 [115]).

Segunda lectura — Demuestra tu fe por las buenas obras que produces (Santiago 2:14-18).

Evangelio — Después que Pedro profesó que Jesús es el Mesías, Jesús lo reprendió por tratar equivocadamente de apartar a Jesús de su misión. (Marcos 8:27-35).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17; Lc 7:1-10

Martes: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Sal 100 (99):1-5; Lc 7:11-17

Miércoles: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Sal 33 (32):2-5, 12, 22; Lc 7:31-35

Jueves: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Sal 118 (117):1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lc 7:36-50

Viernes: Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Sábado: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Sal 56 (55):10c-14; Lc 8:4-15

Domingo: Sab 2:12, 17-20; Sal 54 (53):3-8; Sant 3:16 — 4:3; Mc 9:30-37

ESCUCHANDO Y RESPONDIENDO

En las lecturas de hoy se entrecruzan tres temas: escuchar a Dios, la fe vs. las buenas obras y perder nuestra vida para poder salvarla. ¿De qué manera están relacionados estos temas? En Isaías, el Siervo Sufriente padece muchos disgustos y burlas, pero puede soportarlos porque ha escuchado los mensajes de Dios día tras día. El salmo nos dice que Dios también escucha. Dios escucha nuestras súplicas y siempre está dispuesto a salvarnos. Cuando nuestra fe se profundiza, también se profundiza nuestro deseo de hacer obras de justicia y caridad que fortalecen el Reino de Dios. Dios guía nuestras acciones de maneras que muchas veces no podemos ver y no siempre vemos los resultados. Se nos llama en fe a confiar en que lo que hacemos es suficiente y que nuestra disposición a escuchar los mensajes de Dios nos guiará por el camino correcto.

Noticias de la Doctrina!

¡Registraciones de la doctrina se ha cerrado!

PERDONA A OTROS

Hay muchos tipos de limosnas que nos ayudan a obtener el perdón de nuestros pecados; pero ninguna es superior a cuando perdonamos de corazón un pecado que se ha hecho contra nosotros.—San Agustín