



### HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training. We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

**Psalms** — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

**Second Reading** — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

**Gospel** — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK † MISAS DE LA SEMANA

September 21-27

Saturday/4:30pm/Augusto Coutinho †, Maria Spannuth †, Lee Roy Weiland †, Carolyn Kehr †

6:30pm/Clementina Rodriguez †, Isabel Topeto †, Eпитacio Rodriguez †

Sunday/8:00am/Alicia Andes †,

10:00am/Tony Mello †, Arelia Flores †

11:30am/All Souls †

Monday/9:00am/All Souls †

Tuesday/9:00am/All Souls †

Wednesday/9:00am/Rafael Perez †

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: Maria Aurora dos Santos+, Manuel Francisco Silva, Beto Da Sanchez, Charlie Morales, Francisca Martinez, Dave Robinson, Nick Neuburger, Larry Ellsworth, Aslan Khamo, Maria Gonzalez, Rosemary Lanza, Larry Mitchell, Senon Franco Jr., Maria Duarte Mota Ferreira, Kenney Salas.

### September 29 - Priesthood Sunday

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." – St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests.



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.



Next weekend, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Galt Sunshine Food Closet in the vestibule. We have a constant need for **pasta, rice, beans, peanut butter, dry cereal, canned tuna & chicken**. Thank you for your continuous support.



## Religious Education News

**Registration for 2024-2025/CLOSED**

## Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 22 de septiembre de 2024

Los pacíficos siembran la paz y cosechan frutos de justicia.— *Santiago 3:1*

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Los impíos dirán: Probemos y sometamos al justo (Sabiduría 2:12, 17-20).

**Salmo** — El Señor sostiene mi vida (Salmo 54 [53]).

**Segunda lectura** — Donde hay envidia y ambición habrá también inestabilidad y muchas cosas malas. (Santiago 3:16 — 4:3).

**Evangelio** — Jesús les advierte a sus discípulos que viene su Pasión y Resurrección, luego les enseña a tener humildad y sencillez como la de un niño (Marcos 9:30-37).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Prov 3:27-34; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Lc 8:16-18

Martes: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Sal 119 (118):1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lc 8:19-21

Miércoles: Prov 30:5-9; Sal 119 (118):29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lc 9:1-6

Jueves: Eclo 1:2-11; Sal 90 (89):3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lc 9:7-9

Viernes: Eclo 3:1-11; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lc 9:18-22

Sábado: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 o Ap 12:7-12a; Sal 138 (137):1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Domingo: Nm 11:25-19; Sal 19 (18):8, 10, 12-14; Sant 5:1-6; Mc 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### CÓMO TRATAMOS AL MENSAJERO

No debemos precipitarnos a definir quiénes son "los malvados" y quiénes (es decir nosotros) son los justos. Tendemos a clasificar rápidamente a los demás como malos, porque solemos considerarnos buenas personas. No nos gusta que una voz profética nos critique con malas noticias sobre nuestro propio comportamiento. No nos gusta que nos reprochen que hemos transgredido la ley ni que nos acusen de no haber actuado acorde a nuestra formación. Puede que condenemos e insultemos a quienes nos enfrentan a estas verdades sobre nosotros mismos, pero si fuéramos realmente buenos, les agradeceríamos por ayudarnos a permanecer en el camino correcto. Éste es el trato que le dieron a los profetas y el trato que le dieron a Jesús. ¿Es éste también el trato que les damos a las personas cuyos mensajes no nos gustan?

## Noticias de la Doctrina!

**¡Registraciones de la doctrina se ha cerrado!**