

September 10, 2023

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



GOD'S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



MASSES FOR THE WEEK - MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Saturday

4:30pm: Manuel Matos+, Maria Cabral+

6:30pm/Spanish: Adolfo Trujillo+

Sunday

8:00am: Alicia Andes+

10:00am: Tony Mello+, Llyod Sharp+, Bill Griffin+, Isais Posas+

11:30am: Adolfo Trujillo+

9:00am/(M): All Souls+

9:00am/(T): All Souls+

9:00am/(W): All Souls+

9:00am/(Thurs): All Souls+

9:00am/(F): Manuel Zepeda+

THIS WEEK WE WILL REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Cynthia Harden, Bobby Polanco, Dennis Phillips, Mrs. Sanchez, Nick Neuburger, Tom Tippett, Barbara Tippett, The Louella Cruz Family, The Rocio Trujillo Family, The Cristologo Family, Marta Plascencia, Ernestina Rosenthal, Larry Ellsworth, John Thomas, Kammy Maxfeldt, Eric Fischer, Charlie Masterton, Sue Sugrue, Geri Hanney, Arguello Family, Lauren Ellis, Mejia Nunez Mendoza Family, Faviola Quiroz, Rick Garcia, Maria Spannuth, Jose Garcia, Fred Denier.



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

September 24, 2023

Please pray for our priests as well as those who are studying to become our priests in the future. Our

priests depend upon our prayers and spiritual support. Our Diocese needs good, holy, wholesome and joyful priests to continue the ministry that the Lord entrusted to His Church. Some priests are great homilists; others are terrific with the sick and the elderly; still others serve our young people with great dedication. No two of them are exactly alike in appearance or in their talents. However, taken together they care for the people of God. Please let Father Miguel know how grateful you are for his service and pastoral care.

FALL FESTIVAL



ONE FAITH, ONE FAMILY, ONE COMMUNITY

Join us this weekend!

All are welcome to join us for fellowship and a delicious pancake breakfast after the 8:00a.m. mass, on Sunday of the Festival.

Hope to see you all at our Festival Saturday and Sunday, September 9 & 10.

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

"Vacation Bible School - for Adults"

In this next session we will continue our Walk with Jesus. We will pray to deepen our understanding of the New Covenant that Jesus instituted and the impact this Covenant has in our daily lives.

Saturday Sept 16, 9-11AM in room 2.

Part of this weekend's collection will benefit the **Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement**. This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our priests for their long and loving service to the diocese.



LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Somos responsables unos de otros y debemos guiarnos mutuamente (Ezequiel 33:7-9).

Salmo — Si hoy escuchas su voz, no endurezcas tu corazón (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — La ley del amor nos obliga (Romanos 13:8-10).

Evangelio — Jesús está presente siempre que haya dos o tres reunidos en su nombre (Mateo 18:15-20).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Sal 62 (61):6-7, 9; Lc 6:6-11

Martes: Col 2:6-15; Sal 145 (144):1b-2, 8-11; Lc 6:12-19

Miércoles: Col 3:1-11; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 10-13ab; Lc 6:20-26

Jueves: Nm 21:4b-9; Sal 78 (77):1bc-2, 34-38; Fil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Viernes: 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Sal 16 (15):1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 o Lc 2:33-35

Sábado: 1 Tim 1:15-17; Sal 113 (112):1b-7; Lc 6:43-49

Domingo: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Sal 103 (104):1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

CENTINELAS DE DIOS

En el mundo de la antigüedad los centinelas eran gente de gran importancia. Mantenían la seguridad de las comunidades y su deber era alertarles sobre cualquier peligro o ataque inminente. Antes de que hubiera cerrojos, sistemas de alarma y seguridad, los centinelas eran los protectores, la medida de seguridad. Así que cuando hoy el Señor le encarga a Ezequiel ser centinela, es un cargo de peso. Tan pesado, se nos hace conocer, que si Ezequiel falla y no da la voz de alarma a los que le rodean y ellos mueren en estado de maldad, ¡Ezequiel será el responsable! Este profundo vínculo entre la voluntad de Dios en la tierra y en el cielo se repite en el Evangelio de hoy, donde Jesús nos instruye que tenemos que ser la fuerza de seguridad, los centinelas colocados en estado de alerta para que en ninguna parte del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia, haya dos miembros del único Cuerpo que no estén reconciliados. La Sagrada Escritura nos dice que Jesús reconcilió todas las cosas en el cielo y en la tierra mediante la sangre de su cruz. Pero se nos da la misión de continuar esa reconciliación en la tierra por medio de nuestros incesantes esfuerzos de ser, como escribiera Pablo, embajadores de reconciliación. No nos quedemos muy cómodos pensando que nuestra única responsabilidad es mantenernos fuera del camino de la maldad y la discordia. También hemos de responder por la vida de los miembros de Cristo que nos rodean.

"Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones - para Adultos"

En esta sesión continuaremos nuestro Caminar con Jesús. Oraremos para profundizar nuestra comprensión del Nuevo Pacto que Jesús instituyó y el impacto que este Pacto tiene en nuestra vida diaria. sábado 16 de septiembre 9-11 a.m. en la sala 2