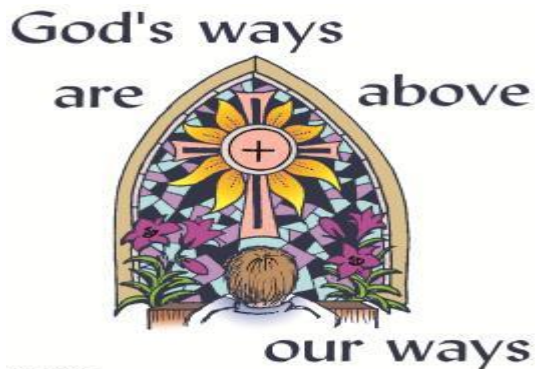


Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2020

Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.— *Isaiah 55:7b*



DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine. Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last. Copyright © J. S.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalms — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

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: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Sunday (9/20) Mass Schedule

7:00am: John & Rose Rocha+

8:15am: Alicia Andes+, Melvin Vierra+

9:30am: Carmen Mosqueda Fonseca+

Weekday Mass Schedule

8:00am/(M): All Souls+

8:00am/(T): All Souls+

8:00am/(W): All Souls+

8:00am/(Thurs): All Souls+

8:00am/(F): All Souls+

The parish office is once again closed to the public.

If you need to reach us, the best way is to email mariapolanco@saint-christophers.com or you can also call 209.745.1389. Confessions are now by appointment only. As always, we thank you for your patience and understanding. Things are changing day by day and we are doing our best to adapt to the new regulations.

Attention Parishioners!

In order to stay connected with you, the Parish Staff is working to update cell phone numbers and email addresses of all parishioners. With this information, we would be able to send texts and emails to make sure you are aware of cancellations and other important information. Please email your cell phone number and email address to mariapolanco@saint-christophers.com. Thank you and God Bless.

Religious Education News

ATTENTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES!

We appreciate your patience during these unpredictable times registration for returning 2nd year families (only) will occur soon. More details will be provided in the coming weeks Thank you!

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968)

September 23

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually “bilocate” in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or “read hearts” before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ’s wounds imprinted on Padre Pio’s hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of “trials accepted with love,” referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio’s faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio’s offering his sufferings in union with Jesus’ passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio’s prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today’s holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint’s most frequent advice: “Pray, hope, and don’t worry!”

Vigésimo Quinto Domingo

del Tiempo Ordinario

20 de septiembre de 2020

[R]egrese al Señor, y él tendrá piedad;
a nuestro Dios, que es rico en perdón.

— *Isaías 55:7b*



LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Así como el cielo está muy alto por encima de la tierra, así son los caminos y los pensamientos de Dios sobre los nuestros (Isaías 55:6-9).

Salmo — El Señor está cerca de todos los que lo llaman (Salmo 145 [144]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo se magnificará a través de mí, sea que yo viva o que muera (Filipenses 1:20c-24, 27a).

Evangelio — Los últimos serán los primeros y los primeros serán los últimos (Mateo 20:1-16a).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

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

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

Sábado: Ecl 11:9 — 12:8; Sal 90 (89):3-6, 12-14, 17; Lc 9:43b-45

Domingo: Ez 18:25-28; Sal 25 (24):4-9; Fil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

DIRECCIÓN

Isaías nos dice algo que ya sabemos, pero que parecemos olvidar de tanto en tanto. Nos dice, en esencia, que Dios es Dios y nosotros no lo somos. Cuando estamos confundidos, llenos de problemas y no podemos solucionarlo todo, tal vez sea sabio recordar a Isaías (alguien que está más en la sintonía divina que nosotros) hablando en nombre del Señor y explicando que Dios se mueve de maneras que ni siquiera podemos imaginar. En comparación, san Pablo lo ha resuelto todo. Casi todo. Cuando menos entiende su llamado en esta vida: dar gloria a Cristo en todo lo que hace. Esto debería marcar el rumbo para nosotros. Jesús también nos marca el camino, explicándonos una vez más en la parábola de los viñadores que los últimos serán los primeros, y que los primeros serán los últimos .Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Noticias de la Doctrina!

Agradecemos su paciencia durante estas tiempo de incertidumbre. Las inscripciones para el catecismo serán durante el mes de septiembre. Proximamente tendremos mas detalles. Gracias!

