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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
12:00 PM , SFXC—4:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM & 5:00 PM
(Statutory Holidays during the week —
9:00 AM Mass only)
Saturday 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tues - Thurs & Sat. 4:30—5:00 PM
Friday 8:00-9:00 AM & 3:00-4:30 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 8:00 AM—4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact Deacon Dennis at the
Parish Office (403) 228-4170.

**DONATIONS OVER THE PHONE, ON LINE
& IN PERSON.** If would like to donate to help
with the costs and maintenance of the Parish,
please call Lillian at (403) 228-4170.

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THE SPIRIT OF GOD ENABLES US

We thank and praise God for the gift of His Spirit to all those who serve Him. These include every person who has resisted evil and shows forth the true Spirit of God in their lives and actions. There are many good examples.

Our first reading and Gospel have much in common. They show God has no favorite (Act 10, 34). He chooses and uses those that please Him for His mission. It also proves that the Spirit of God is the one to do good. In both Readings, we see men outside the *"camp and the group of disciples"* prophesying and preaching in the power of the Holy Spirit; and casting out devils in the name of Jesus respectively. We also see the zealous and envious disciples getting afraid and worried. Being afraid for their own positions and the authority of their masters, they made efforts to stop them from participating in the ministry and mission of God.

In both cases, Moses and Jesus refused to yield to the fears and request of their disciples. This is because, it is the will of God that all people receive the Spirit and be motivated to do good. This good work includes, prophesying and preaching the good news of the kingdom. So, Moses responded: *"...If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets and, the Lord gave his Spirit to them all."* Jesus told His disciples: *"You must not stop him; No one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me..."* So, for Moses and Jesus, it was a good development. Their responses to their disciples simply show they were opposed to the spirit of envy over the gifts of others. It also shows how modest and meek their hearts are.

Today, James warns us against oppression, suppression, and injustices of all kinds against the weak, the poor and those who do not belong to our group, fold or class. We should not strangle the true Spirit of God at work in others due to envy or by being overzealous. Rather, we should be messengers of justice, peace, progress, charity, mercy, and compassion. This is what the Holy Father Pope Francis is calling all Christians and Catholics at all levels of faith to do.

To do this we must be open and docile to the Spirit of God. Like the disciples of both Moses and Jesus in our readings today, while being zealous in God's work, we must avoid the fear of losing our positions or authority. We must also avoid envy which moves us to try to suppress God's gift to others. Instead, we should read the signs of the times and allow God to be God in His people.

God works in mysterious ways and does not reason like us. Hence, He tells us through the prophet Isaiah: *"My ways are not your ways, and my thoughts are not your thoughts. (Is: 55, 8-9)*. This is simply to say that by allowing His Spirit to operate in those outside the camp of Moses and the disciples of Jesus, God sees much better than us. He chooses whoever He wants and empowers him or her for His mission. Also, it is His desire that all of us His children be filled with His Spirit to work for the establishment of His Kingdom in all hearts. *"Whenever you attempt a good work, you will find other people doing the same kind of work, and probably doing it better. Envy them not"*. Henry Drummond.

Readings for October 3— Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: (Genesis 2:7,15,18-24) The two become one flesh

Second Reading (Hebrews 2:9-11) For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.

Gospel: (Mark 0:2-16) What God has joined together, let no man separate.

Stewardship of Treasure Sep. 11– 17, 2021

General Collections

Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc.

Last Week

\$3,986.00

Together in Action

Together in Action is an annual diocesan-mandated parish charitable appeal that funds diocesan, local, national & international initiatives: www.catholicyc.ca/tia.html

Some employers offer a charitable **donation matching program**, please contact Lillian at Lillian@stmaryscalgary.ca or by phone at the parish office for more information about it.

Goal: \$41,552. Donations to date: \$13,619.00

Thank you for your financial support to St Mary's Cathedral during this difficult time. It is now possible to make a donation through a variety of means. Please visit stmaryscalgary.ca/content/donations to make an online donation. If you have questions about charitable giving, please contact: Lillian at 403 228-4170.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Sep. 27

7:30 am Agapito F. Espinoza (RIP)

5:00 pm Corazon Aguinaldo Martin (RIP)

Tuesday, Sep. 28

7:30 am

5:00 pm

Wednesday, Sep. 29

7:30 am Jason Bickert (INT)

5:00 pm Maria Nicar Ybanez

Thursday, Sept. 30

7:30 am Nick Dilello (RIP)

5:00 pm Issac Ghazala & Carlos Villafuerte

Friday, Oct. 1

7:30 am

5:00 pm Matthew Falacinski (RIP)

Saturday, Oct. 2

9:00 am Ellie McCormick (INT)

5:00 pm Lavonne Limoges (RIP)

Sunday, Oct. 3

8:00 am

10:00 am Fr. John Luxbacher, Lc (INT)

12:00 Noon St. Mary's Parishioners

Sacrament Preparation for Children at St. Mary's Cathedral Parish

The Sacrament preparation program for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** has now begun as its first meeting with parents took place this weekend, September 18.

Preparation for the **Sacrament of First Eucharist** for children currently in Grade 2 will begin in February 2022.

Children in Grade 6 or higher are eligible to receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation**, sometimes called the sacrament of the Holy Spirit. Preparation for this sacrament will begin in February 2022.

You can register your children for the February preparation sessions at any time. Registration forms are available on-line, in the parish office and at the main entrance of the Cathedral.

If you have any questions about the preparation programs for children's sacraments, please call 403-228-4170 or email Marilyn@stmaryscalgary.ca.

Book of the Month: The Gift booth is featuring September's Spiritual Book of the Month *The Examen Prayer: Ignatian Wisdom for Our Lives Today* by Fr Timothy Gallagher, OMV. They are available for \$30. We also still have Scott Hahn's *The Lamb's Supper The Mass as Heaven on Earth*. The focus of Fr. Julian's August homilies.



PRAYER CORNER INTENTIONS: For the sick, the suffering, the elderly, the lonely and all who find themselves on the margins of society, that they may be empowered by God's special care of them. In particular, let us remember *Lucia Vindel, Joan Foster, Maria Fraser, James Lipowy, Laura Meier, Tony Zuczek and Karl Beischroth.*

For those who have died in Christ, that they may be resurrected with Him into eternal life.



RCIA: Curious about the Catholic faith? Feeling drawn toward discovering if becoming a member of the Catholic Church is for you?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) offers the opportunity for those discerning "becoming Catholic" to journey with others toward coming to know God and building a strong relationship with our Father. New session will begin Tuesday, **October 5th**. If you have questions or would like more information on the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Dennis Forai at 403-228-4170 (ext. 226).

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – Financial donations are welcomed by marking your envelopes to St. Mary's "SSVP". If you require assistance, please contact us at 403-397-6028.