**BULLETIN 09-15-2024**

***24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

 ***Pastor’s Message***

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

There are tough readings this Sunday. They begin with the third of four passages from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah usually called the Servant Songs. These songs speak about the call of the Suffering Servant. The Church sees them as pointing directly to Jesus Christ. The Third Servant Song from today’s reading is very difficult to hear. The servant is treated horribly. People beat him, and pull his beard. They hit him in the face and even spit on him (Isaiah 50:5-9). All this hurts the servant, but it doesn’t make him change because his mind is set on doing God’s will. He is doing the mission of God. Anyone who is attacking him is attacking the mission that God has given him, and, ultimately, attacking God.

***In the gospel, Peter professes that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. Certainly for Peter and the other apostles, the Messiah is a triumphal figure, someone who would defeat the Roman dominance. But Jesus does not see his role that way. Yes, he is the Christ, but his mission is this: "To suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days" (Mark 8: 31). When Peter hears this, he says “No way” and tries to dissuade Jesus. But Jesus rebukes Peter and calls him "Get behind me Satan" to indicate that only the devil would interfere with the mission of God. These are strong words but the strength of the rebuke “Get behind me Satan” clearly indicates that this is the only way that his mission will be achieved.***

This way of suffering and sacrifice is not something only for Jesus, suffering and sacrifice are for all of us. That is the principal message of today’s Gospel. Following Jesus Christ is a serious business. It is not a matter of being a member of a community. It is not a matter of observing rules and regulations. It is not a matter of knowing the beliefs. To follow Him we are to put Him before everything else in the world, even our own lives, even to die for the sake of Jesus Christ.

***Following Jesus is always having a cost. That is because good is always opposed by evil. Yes, it takes courage to be a real Christian. It takes more courage to be a true Catholic, who is not going to compromise with the values of the world, but rather to stand up for the Truth that is Jesus Christ. It takes courage to live the Lord’s words in today’s gospel: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me” (Mark 8:34).***
We pray this week for the courage to be Catholic. May God bless us all!

— Fr. Joe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1.**     **Faith Formation classes have started. Registration for faith formation continues throughout this month. Please pray for all the catechists and our children.**

***2.******Thanks to all who helped with the Food Pantry clean-up last Saturday. We are now ready to begin our monthly food distribution to serve the hungry.  Please check the bulletin for new and different food items needed for each month. We are so grateful for your generous support.***

**3.**     **There will be a second collection next weekend to support priests’ retirement and benefits. Our parish’s assessment is $7,354. Thank you**

***4.******The Bible Study class has started with Deacon Francis Skinner. The class is held every Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. Please come to join us.***

**5.**     **If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or wishing to grow in the knowledge of your Catholic beliefs, the OCIA class is for you. The class is held every Sunday after 9:30am Mass.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

09/14 Saturday 5:00 pm + Jesus Mena Lopez

09/15 Sunday 7:00 am + Paul Farrar

 9:30 am + John & Theresa McKinney

 12:00 pm + Salvador Perez Galindo, Elvira Salinas Dias & Arturo Ramirez Palacios

09/16 Monday NO MASS

09/17 Tuesday 7:00 am + Phanxico Xavier Tai Nguyen

09/18 Wednesday 7:00 am + Maria Thom Vu

09/19 Thursday 7:00 am + Lonnie Angel

09/20 Friday 7:00 am + Fr. Peter Tomaino

**NEXT WEEKEND**

09/21 Saturday 5:00 pm + Eugene Rosensky

09/22 Sunday 7:00 am +William Ruth Wells

 9:30 am + Gary Lang

 12:00 pm + Luis Fernandeo Gonzalez Moreno

 **(+) Deceased (SI) Special Intention**

**Catechetical Sunday**

***Parents are truly***

***the primary teachers of***

***their children . . .***

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. This Sunday, we not only note the work of catechists but also commend and encourage parents and guardians to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

**Walk with One**

Following the *Year of Eucharistic Revival*, we are called to by our bishops to deepen our faith and actively spread the Good News throughout the **Year of Mission**. A key component of this mission is *Walk with One*, an initiative encouraging us to accompany an individual on their journey back to Christ and His Sacraments. Let us seize this chance to be vibrant witnesses of Christ’s presence, offering hope and healing to someone in our lives. A great means to this end would be attending —

**Bible Study**

Tuesday Evenings at 7:00pm

Deacon Francis Skinner

**You Can Help Your Marriage**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking? Retrouvaille (retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples. For confidential information, or to register for the program beginning Sept 27-29th in the Charlotte area, email 3062R@helpourmarriage.org or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. **You will never need to reveal info about your problems**.

**Let Us Pray For Our Parishioners...**

Johnny Apodaca

Tracy Barber

Joseph Carter

Angel M. Cuellas

Marie Forbert

Theresa French-R.

Amanda Garcia

Mario Garcia

Willa Graham

Myles Harris

Maria Hdz.

Aber Johnson

Jorge Lagueruel

Deacon Larry Lisk

Daysi Martinez

Linda McKinney

Felicia Murphy

Nancy Nkwokolo

Gladys Ozor

Hector Sanchez

Maria G.Sanchez A.

Paula Rodriguez

Andrew Royster

Mariane Smith

Venuste Tuyikunde

Rosario Martinez

 **LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION**

 Offertory: $ 4,172.00

 Faith Formation: $ 30.00

 Food Pantry: $ 250.00

 Total: $ 4,450.00

 ***THANK YOU!***

 **Sisters of Charity of**

**St. Vincent De Paul**

**SILVER JUBILEE**

**1999-2024**

 **Saturday *October 12th 2024***

 **Time: *5:00pm***

 **Venue: *Christ the King Church***

 **Eucharistic Celebration with**

 ***Rev. Fr. Joseph Dinh***

 ***Rev. Fr. Philip Kollithanath***

 ***Rev. Fr. Baiju Paul***

**You Are Cordially Invited to the**

**Refreshment Thereafter! !**

**PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER!**

**- Box Pasta - One Pound box**

**- Peanut Butter 15/16 ounce jar**

**- Pasta Sauce - canned or plastic**

**(regular size, not large) - Cereal - Boxes or bags**

 **(regular size, not large)**

 ***No glass containers,***

***No fresh food or outdated food, please.***

***As always, we are grateful for monetary donations.***

***God Bless you for your generosity!***

UPCOMING

Sept 25 40 Days for Life begins

Sept 27-29 Retrouvaille Weekend (English)

Oct 26-30 Fall Furniture Market

Oct 27 25th & 50th Wedding Anniv Mass, Clt

Nov 1 **ALL SAINTS DAY (Friday, Holy Day)**

Nov 3 Daylight Savings Time ends

Nov 5 Election Day

Nov 16 Together in Holiness Family Conference

Nov 24 **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

  ***Room at the Inn Fundraiser***

October 3, 2024

Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem

Guest Speaker: Candace Owens

To Register: **RoomAtTheInnBanquet.org**

**Help for Struggling Marriages**

**Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille and to register for the fall program beginning with a weekend, **Sept. 27 to 29,** contact Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701, or 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org, or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

**OCIA (formerly RCIA)\***

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults prepares people to become Catholic. This process is designed for unbaptized persons and persons of other faiths. Baptized but uncatechized Catholics may also participate for reception of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

\*Why the name change? In Latin, it is *ordo initiationis christianae adultorum,* so the USCCB changed the English for a more accurate translation.

**Kellin Foundation**—For professional help with prevention, treatment and healing of trauma/ mental health/substance use challenges: **336-429-5600**

**Interactive Resource Center—** Day resource center for those facing homelessness: 336-332-0824.

InteractiveResourceCenter.org.