

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Whoever receives
one child such as
this in my name,
receives me;
and whoever
receives me,
receives not me
but the One
who sent me.

Mark 9:37



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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: (Vigil) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday –Saturday: 8:30 a.m. **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** Wednesdays 8:15a.m

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. ; Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays and eves of Holy Days: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

First Fridays: 9:15 a.m.

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Our Parish News

Our Parish will soon commemorate the 60th anniversary of our founding as a mission church. We plan to install an ambry for holy oils and a set of dedication candles before the coming feast of the Holy Family. Several parishioners are putting their talents to work. Your financial contribution to these important projects to enhance church is much appreciated, also.

Mark your Calendars

On the feast of St. Francis, Monday October 4th, we will have the annual blessings of animals at 11am. Bring your pet and a picnic lunch... and friends.



The Imitation of Mary Book Study

Holy Family parishioners are invited to a talk on how to imitate our Blessed Mother Mary and to share their thoughts on this subject at The Imitation of Mary Book Study and Potluck to be held at St. Hedwig Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 29th at 6:30 PM.

Fr. Quan Tran, the author of the book *The Imitation of Mary*, who is also Administrator at St. Hedwig Catholic Church in Los Alamitos, will be the speaker for the evening, which also includes a potluck dinner and small group sharing.

Prayer for Peace

Holy Family Parishioners and friends are invited to join in prayer for peace, sponsored by our Patriotic Rosary Group, during our monthly adoration on the 6th of every month. Prayer for peace will take place after the morning Mass and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Our prayer will include hymns, learning, and meditation.

Please pray for Rain

Our bishop has asked us to pray for relief from the ongoing drought which has been devastating throughout the Western United States. During weekdays Masses, we will use the prayer for rain provided by the Roman Missal whenever appropriate. Please include prayer for rain in your daily prayers, also.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

According to the teachings of the Church in the revised *Pastoral Care of the Sick*, waiting for the end of life to call for a priest in what is popularly called “last rites,” is a **false practice that needs to be corrected**. The Sacraments of the Sick, when administered by a priest, include Confession, Anointing, and Holy Communion. And these sacraments are normally administered long before the dying moment so that with full faculty the sick person may fully benefit from their healing effect. In fact, a deceased person may not receive these Sacraments, so calling for a priest to administer “last rites” at the last moment may be a futile task. Our ministers of Communion to the sick and homebound will make regular visits; and our Christian Service volunteers will make check-up calls to ensure that those who need the sacraments are able to receive them timely. Please contact our parish office to arrange a priest’s pastoral visit during illness in advance of imminent death.

Our Best

The more the world is at its worst, the more we need the Church at its best. —Anonymous

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The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18

Message from Bishop Kevin Vann, JCD

“SB 380, the California bill that aims to expand access to assisted suicide, does the opposite of “do no harm.” It would expand threats to patient safety and incentivize the wrong responses to patient care during serious illness or at life’s end. Therefore, I earnestly invite you to join me alongside my brother bishops in California, disabilities rights groups and a diverse coalition of community members in opposing SB 380. Please contact your assembly member today and urge him or her to vote no on SB 380. Visit the *California Catholic Conference action alerts and No On SB 380* websites to learn more.”

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The Meaning of Discipleship

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

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Doxology and Amen

"Doxology" comes from a Greek word meaning "words of praise." The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer ends, as it began, with words of praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, "Amen." Never was more meaning packed into so short a word. This "Amen," sometimes and fittingly called "the great Amen," is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	8:30 a.m.	<u>September 20</u> <u>Lynne Grace, RIP</u>
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	<u>September 21</u> <u>Fiorella Barreto, Sp. Int.</u>
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	<u>September 22</u> <u>Phi Hoang Nguyen, RIP</u>
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	<u>September 23</u> <u>Dr. Dieu Thuc Do, RIP</u>
Friday	8:30 a.m.	<u>September 24</u> <u>Emily Marin, RIP</u>
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	<u>September 25</u> <u>Mary and Dominic Khong, RIP</u>
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<u>September 25</u> <u>For the Parish/ Mary Nguyen Thi Thin, RIP</u>
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	<u>September 26</u> <u>Fr. Joseph Son Nguyen, Sp. Int.</u>
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	<u>September 26</u> <u>Anne Hoa Thi Nguyen, RIP</u>
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	<u>September 26</u> <u>Philip Vlaic & Tuyen Nguyen, RIP</u>

Thank you for your Offerings

Sunday (09/12/21).....\$3,971.00
Online Giving..... \$340.60
Thank you for your generosity.

Have you registered?

To become a member of Holy Family, register online at www.holyfamilysb.com (newcomers-register) or fill out a registration card located on the church pews.

Pilgrim Virgin Program

We invite prayer groups, families, and individuals to take our **Fatima Pilgrim Statue** home to pray for peace, world consecration, and vocations, for one-week durations, as often as available, throughout the year. Sign-up and instructions are available in the office.