

# 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

# ST. HYACINTH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### WELCOME TO ST. HYACINTH CHURCH

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Parish registration forms are at the Information/Welcome Desk and website.





## Schedule & Intentions

Mon, Sep. 21, 2020	NO MASS
Tue, Sep. 22, 2020— Eben Gwen Johns	6:00 PM
<b>Wed, Sep. 23, 2020</b> — + Joseph Hoang	8:15 AM
<b>Thu, Sep. 24, 2020</b> — + Van Blen	8:15 AM
Fri, Sep. 25, 2020— + Sharon Craig Wilson	8:15 AM
Sat, Sep. 26, 2020— + Brittani Caswell	5:00 PM
Sunday, Sep. 27, 2020—+ Marcel Fischbacher	8:00 AM
St. Hyacinth Parish Family	10:30 AM
+ Roberto Hernandez	12:00 PM

### From the Deacon's Desk:

Pope Benedict XVI reflected on martyrdom saying, "where does the strength to face martyrdom come from?"

Martyrdom is the gift of God's grace that enables a person, out of love, to give his life for Christ and for the Church, hence for the world.

The best preparation for martyrdom is not strength training or interrogation endurance exercises, but rather the practice of humility of heart. It is from a deep and intimate union with Christ

St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, often prayed, "Jesus, may I die a martyr for you."

Therese's unique character of holiness combined a desire for holiness with a profound knowledge of her own inability to accomplish this without the assistance of grace, and an unbounded confidence in Jesus. Although Therese did not die the death of a martyr, she certainly had the heart of one.

By using the envelopes sent to you every other month, we are able to properly credit you for your contributions.

Mass Times: Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun 8:00 & 10:30 am

Noon on Sunday (Spanish)

Mass Live-stream: Sunday 10:30 am on our website StHyacinthAmarillo.org

<u>Daily Mass:</u> Tue. 6:00 pm, Wed., Thu., Fri. at 8:15 am Adoration & Reconciliation: Tue. 5:00—6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS — (OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

Mon: 9:00 - 12:30 pm; Tues- Fri: 10:00 - 3:00 pm Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon 10 days prior to publication Email: mail@StHyacinthAmarillo.com

STAFF

Parish Administrator: Rev. Guadalupe Mayorga

Deacons: Mr. Arnold Schwertner Mr. Henry Wilhelm

Secretary/Receptionist: Ms. Barbara Shipman Business Mgr./Bookkeeper: Ms. Grace Stringer

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Director: Ms. Maria Dorotik

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**SACRAMENTS** 

Baptism: Call office for appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Tuesday 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Weddings: Make appointment with Priest at least six months prior to marriage

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Being officially registered in a parish is very important to every Catholic. If moving, or making any changes of address or phone number, please contact the church office.

Remember to wear a mask to Mass and during reception of Holy Communion. The "Amen" response to "The Body of Christ" is a communal response and does not need to be repeated when receiving.

The church and bathrooms are sanitized after each Mass but if you are sick, please stay home.



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### Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How well do you look the part?

Tracy Earl Welliver



# FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS AT ST. HYACINTH CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Faith Formation calendar and registration form is online at our website <u>StHyacinthAmarillo.org</u> for the 2020-2021 school year with some changes to our program.

Contact Maria Dorotik at 358.1351 with any questions.



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# Thank You!,

For all the cards & well wishes for my birthday. You are most generous. May God bless you abundantly,

Fr. Lupe



Our goal of \$37,566 has been surpassed! Thank you for your generosity by pledging \$38,940.







SECOND COLLECTION
Sep. 20th-Catholic Charities

### HOLY CROSS Catholic Academy



students now have tickets available for the 2020 Catholic Life Insurance Catholic Schools Sweepstakes. Raffle tickets are only \$5.00 each.

The grand prize winner can choose one of the following prizes:

- 2021 Ford F-150 truck
- 2021 Ford Focus Sedan
- \$20,000 prepaid VISA card

Each participating school is guaranteed to have a winner of a \$1,000 prepaid VISA card individual winner drawn from tickets sold by their school. Drawing to be held February 12, 2021.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Holy Cross at 806-355-9637. Thank you for your support!

### 23rd Annual Respect Life Banquet

Sunday, Sept. 27th

Civic Center Heritage Room

Prime Rib Dinner
By
The Big Texan

4:30 pm Social Hour 5:30 pm Dinner

Keynote Speaker Kathryn Whitaker

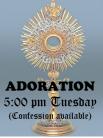


Genny Peters, Lena Bailey, Kendra Haiduk, Thomas Kempf, Jandel Albarran, Juanita Mendez, Alex Lor, Viola Keller, Gerald Michels, Robert Birkenfeld, Jeanette Bezner, Pat Burns, Victoria Barra,

Sandera Dear-DeWeese, Nikaia Lang, John W. Zimmerman



For information about becoming Catholic, contact Lori Wilhelm 806.336.5180



# **WEEKLY PRAYER**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

**SUN 9/20** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt

20:1-16a

MON **9/21** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

TUE 9/22 Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34. 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

WED 9/23 Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

THR 9/24 Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

FRI 9/25 Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

**SAT 9/26** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and

17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

**SUN 9/27** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or

2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

**Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday

**Monday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

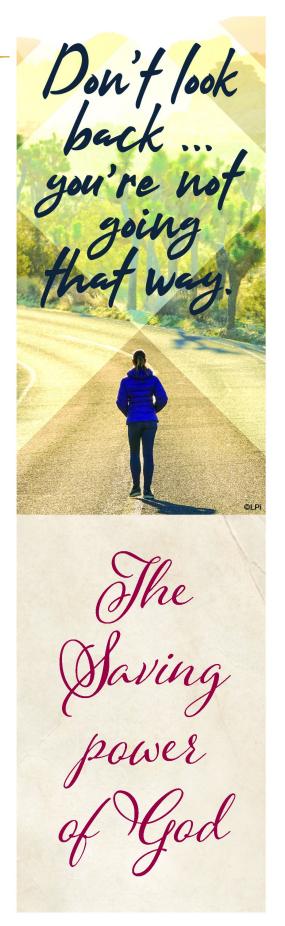
**Wednesday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

**Saturday:** Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs **Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Think for a moment about the most special person in your life. Why do you love them? Many people will answer that question noting character traits they admire about the person, pointing to an indescribable compatibility that exists and describing a deep sense of connection and intimacy or even a sense of rightness about the relationship. In relationships that are authentic and true, rarely are the personal benefits gained from the relationship noted as motivating factors for its pursuit. If we truly love someone we do so simply because it is right and good to do so and not for some other self-serving reason. Why do you love God? The sense of happiness and the gift of mercy that come from that relationship are God's to give, regardless of when in life we come to Him. God's ways are different than ours.



# OLP!

### **FIRST READING:**

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

(Is 55:9)



### **PSALM:**

The Lord is near to all who call



### **SECOND READING:**

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20c)



### GOSPEL:

"Take what is yours and go.
What if I wish to give this last one
the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish
with my own money?
Are you envious because
I am generous?'
Thus, the last will be first, and the

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# **WORSHIP & MEDITATION**



If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.