

Ordinary Time

September 6, 2015 ♦ Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

It seems odd that Jesus would tell someone he just cured to keep silent about the whole incident. If I had experienced a miraculous cure, I think my first impulse would be to tell everyone about it and how it came to be. It's hard to keep that kind of good news to oneself. But Jesus' reasons for asking this went beyond mere modesty. He did not want people to follow him simply because of what he did. There were prophets and preachers at that time who called attention to God and appeared to cure those who were ill. They cast out demons and preached their understanding of the truth. But Jesus wasn't like any other person. He wanted people to look within themselves and believe in him because of who he was: Emmanuel, God with us.

If we believe in Jesus only because we have seen a miracle, then our faith is not rooted in a deep conviction of heart and mind. The first time something bad happens, our faith will waver. If we believe only because someone else told us to, then when that person exits our lives, our faith may stop. But if we have had a personal encounter with Christ mediated through sacraments, or in prayer, or through another person and have come to believe in Christ as the Son of God, then our faith will grow. It will see us through rocky times and brighten the rest of our days. We will be like someone whose eyes and ears have been opened, because we will see Christ present in the world and hear his voice calling to us to come and follow him.

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Today's Readings

Is 35:4-7a

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	CATHERINE ALDERMAN	THU	7:00 PM	HENRY MAMMARELLA
SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	FRI	7:30 AM	PARISHIONERS
	9:00 AM	ANNETTE & RAY BRENNAN		9:00 AM	ICA MASS – WILLIAM MCCOLLOM III
	11:00 AM	EDWARD MACCARONE	SAT	5:15 PM	HERBERT FECERA
MON		NO MASS	SUN	7:30 AM	RUTH MONASTERO
TUE	7:00 PM	WILLIAM J. McNALLY		9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
WED	7:30 AM	STANLEY & HELEN STETINA		11:00 AM	JOSEPH J. LUKES

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Henry Mammarella

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Gulla 5:15 Pisarek 7:30 Collura 9:00 McCauley 11:00 Citrano

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Mary Schwendt	Kevin Creamer	Morgan and Parker Davis, Danielle Passifione
SUN	7:30am	Adeline Kieffer	Dan Sweeney	Alyssa Boraten, Kathryn Krueger, Taylor Moyer
	9:00am	Brian Hannon	Pat Fessler	Nick Donnelly, Sean and Stephen Hannon
	11:00am	Mary Ann Cotter	Becky Effinger	Sarah Forkin, Andela and Ethan Kraycik

The second collection next week is for the Monthly Collection

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Looking for a "Faith Refresher?"

Join Msgr. McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers on Monday evenings, beginning September 14th, to learn more about our Catholic faith. **RCIA** isn't just for persons interested in Catholicism, it's for everyone who desires a deeper understanding of what we believe and practice as Catholics. Classes are 7:30-9pm. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as your schedule permits. For more information or to register, contact the parish office at 610.582.2411.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, John Iezzi, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Andrew Martin, Alice Smyk, Barbara Pease, Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Joe Lukac, Linda Domergue, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Linda Ritchie, Paul Geiger and Dolores McCullough

Please welcome our new parishioners: Catherine Bristow & Jonathan Hall

Please congratulate the newly baptized: Nathan Daniel Serrano and his family

Please pray for the recently departed: Thomas Hafer, Salvatore Rispoli and Josephine Iwanowski

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS: Monsignor McCann, Deacon Hiryak, Deacon Bardi and Deacon Giordano visit our parishioners who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or homebound regularly. If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please call the parish office at 610-582-2411.

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Sun	09/06	Social Sunday
Mon	09/07	LABOR DAY – No Mass
Tues	09/08	7pm Baptism Class
Sat	09/12	4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please be advised that on LABOR DAY, September 7th, there will be NO DAILY MASS. Also, the Parish Office will be CLOSED in observance of the holiday.

Immaculate Conception Academy and Early Education 2015-2016 Registrations
We welcome everyone to join us if you have a student entering preschool (age 3) through 8th grade. Academy Tours are available by contacting Shannon Villa at shannon.villa@icaknights.org or 610-404-8645. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record to registration.

Kindergarten students must be aged 5 by 10/15/15 and 1st Grade students aged 6 by 10/15/15.

ICA offers a full day Kindergarten

TRANSFER GRANTS: Any public, private or charter school student who transfers into Immaculate Conception Academy, grades 1 through 7, will receive a Bishop's Tuition Transfer Grant of \$1,500 over two school years (\$1,000 for the first year; \$500 for the second). Call Shannon at 610-404-8645.

Immaculate Conception Academy Aftercare is looking for someone willing to work several hours per week from 3pm to 6pm. Must have completed "Protecting God's Children" and obtain required background checks and clearances. Please call Laura DeFalco at 610-463-8157.

WIN \$10,000 CASH!! The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. Only 350 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held October 9th during the Extravaganza 2015 event. Donation of \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend, please call the Extravaganza Office at 610-374-1695.



Boyer's Food Market **SCRIP Available**

Building a Culture of Vocations

THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE – When the Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a Christian vocation it is saying that the couple's relationship is more than simply their choice to enter a union which is a social and legal institution. A great internet resource is foryourmarriage.org – an initiative of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

ICCYO Fall Registrations: Sign-ups for Girls Volleyball (5th-8th) and Cross-Country (Boys and Girls: Kindergarten-8th) are available on our website: www.ICCYO.com

ICCYO Cross Country Invitational Meet: September 20th - If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Matt at 484-363-9914 or iccyo2003@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins September 27th. It is held in the social hall during the 9am Mass. We welcome all children ages 3 through kindergarten. Registration Forms can be found in the narthex. For more details or any questions, please contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown will be conducting a series of "Caregiver Gatherings" at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Education Center, 10am-noon on September 19th, October 17th and November 21st. If you are interested in attending one (or all) sessions, contact Cindy by September 10th at 610-435-1541, ext. 341 or email cpiripavel@allentowndiocese.org.

October 4th is Respect Life Sunday. At all Masses on the weekend of October 3/4, the Knights of Columbus will be asking for your contributions for a "Rose for Life", the symbol of the Pro-Life movement to help support Birthright, A Baby's Breath, Pro-Life Coalition of Southeastern Pennsylvania and to shelters that house and feed people in need. Please help those who can't help themselves. Pray the Rosary to End Abortion.

Come see Pope Francis on the large screen at Steel Stacks in Bethlehem – September 27th, noon until 8pm
Join our Diocesan family in celebration of the Papal visit.
12pm – Outdoor Diocesan Mass
Music, Food and Fun for All Ages
4pm - Live Stream of Papal Mass from Philadelphia
More information to follow.

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor...You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact Sr. Janice Marie Johnson at 610-289-8900 x 245.

*The Polish-American Heritage Association is running a bus trip to Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY, on October 10th. Known as "Little Poland", spend the day visiting the many Polish bakeries, markets and restaurants. We leave at 8am and return to Reading about 9pm. Members are \$45 and Non-members are \$50. For more information call Sandy at 610-207-7065 or e-mail sahummel@ptd.net **Deadline for reservations is September 19th.***

St. Catharine of Siena School Alumni Mass, Boyertown Pike-September 13th at 10:30am. No matter how long it's been since you've last gone "back to school", please join us in recognition and celebration of our school alumni. Refreshments will be served in the Social Hall following Mass. RSVP to Crissy at 610-207-1981 by September 10th.

NUN RUN/Fun Walk 2015 - September 19th, Sacred Heart Villa, Reading. Bring your family and friends to our **5k NUN RUN/1 mile Fun Walk** to benefit the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart! Register online at mscreading.org by August 31st to guarantee your dry fit **NUN RUN** t-shirt! Registration is \$20 before race day; \$25 on race day. Email Carrie at cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org with questions, to register or to become an event sponsor! Enjoy exercise, music and fun for a good cause!

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday at Noon



September 6, 2015

dear Padre

Monday
SEPTEMBER 7
Weekday
Col 1:24—2:3
Lk 6:6—11

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1—4a
or Rom 8:28—30
Mt 1:1—16, 18—23
or 1:18—23

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 3:1—11
Lk 6:20—26

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 10
Weekday
Col 3:12—17
Lk 6:27—38

Friday
SEPTEMBER 11
Weekday
1 Tm 1:1—2, 12—14
Lk 6:39—42

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 12
Weekday
1 Tm 1:15—17
Lk 6:43—49

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 13
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:5—9a
Jas 2:14—18
Mk 8:27—35

In Spanish Bibles, why do Psalms have different numbers?



I've been looking at a Spanish translation of the Bible. Why are the Psalms numbered differently?

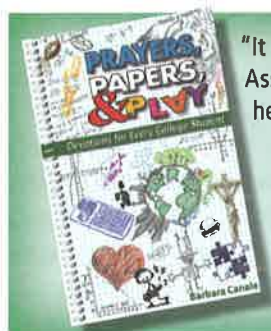
Among the various translations of the Bible, two numbering systems are commonly used: a Greek numbering and a Hebrew numbering. Each system is primarily based on one of two original texts: the older Septuagint, or Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures; or the Masoretic text, a later Hebrew translation. When St. Jerome translated the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, he followed the Greek Septuagint.

In Bibles using Greek numbering, certain pairs of psalms are merged into one, such as with Psalms 9 and 10 and with Psalms 114 and 115. Other psalms are divided into two psalms each, such as with Psalms 116 and 147. Hebrew-numbered Bibles, therefore, may list psalms a bit lower or higher than Greek-numbered ones. The resulting numerical difference is what you are witnessing in your Spanish Bible.

Other examples of Greek-numbered Bibles would be the *Douay-Rheims* and those used in Eastern Orthodox churches. Many modern English Bibles, especially those used in Protestant churches, follow the Hebrew numbering. But numbers aside, most contemporary versions of the Bible draw from several sources—including the Greek Septuagint, Masoretic Hebrew, Latin Vulgate, and Dead Sea Scrolls—to create an accurate and effective Old Testament translation, whether in English or Spanish.



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