

Ordinary Time

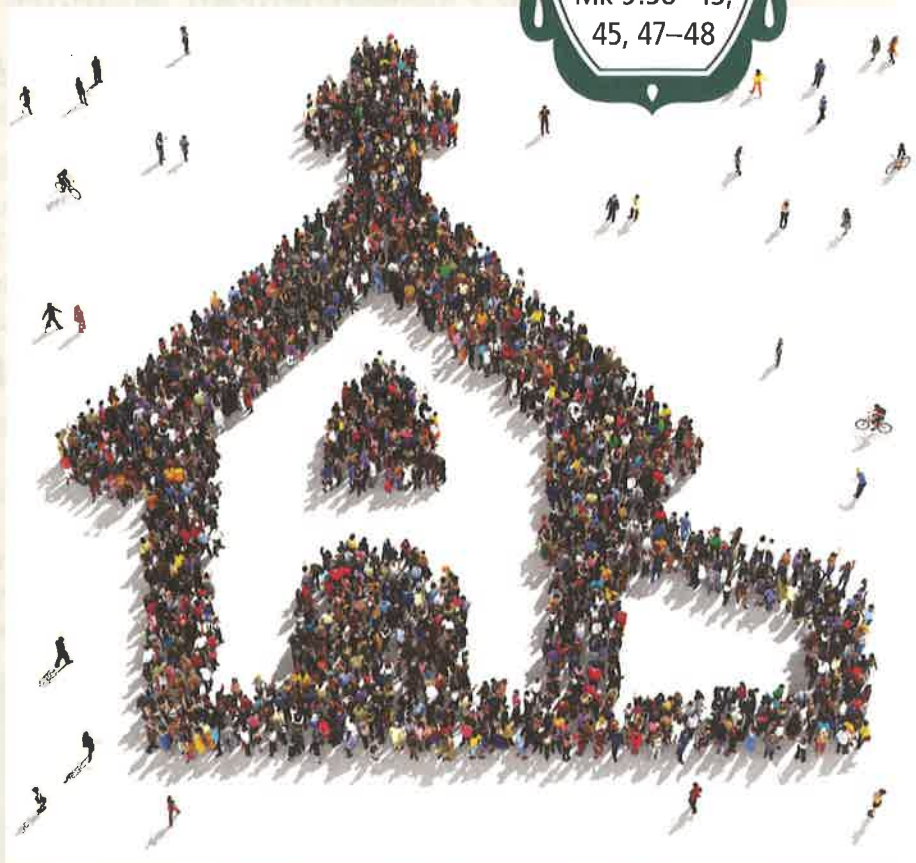
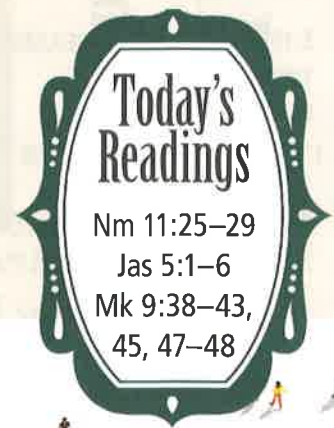
September 27, 2015 ♦ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the great religious scandals is the multiplication of Christian denominations. Fueled partly by arguments about structure, Scripture, and theology and emphasis on individual autonomy (“I don’t like what you’re doing so I’ll start my own church”), the number has risen over the last few centuries into the hundreds. We can be certain this isn’t what Jesus intended. His frequent prayer was “that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you” (John 17:21). But Jesus knew the human temptation to exclude those whom we do not like or understand. The call for oneness can be distorted into the call for exclusiveness, with a select few deciding who’s in and who’s out, depending on criteria they alone decide.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds the disciples that they are not the sole recipients of spiritual gifts or divine grace. Perhaps remembering the account in Numbers, Jesus gently points out that those who preach, heal, or cast out demons in his name are not doing wrong simply because they are not part of the twelve. They, too, can be part of Christ’s mission. Jesus reminds them (and us) of the catholic (universal) nature of the body of Christ. I think this, in some way, prepared them for the spread of Christianity throughout the world.

As Catholics we are diverse and unique. We are also united to many Christian brothers and sisters through our common, Trinitarian baptism. And so we pray for the day that all people will be one in the fullness of Christ’s power and truth.

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	THU	7:00 PM	BARB & CAROL SICHENDER
SUN	7:30 AM	GLORIA GILL	FRI	7:30 AM	MICHAEL FASTI
	9:00 AM	ELI IEZZI		9:00 AM	ICA Mass – KIM TWADDELL
	11:00 AM	DOMINIC & SOPHIE PAOLUCCI	SAT	5:15 PM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON		NO MASS	SUN	7:30 AM	BENJAMIN POTTS
TUE	7:00 PM	REV. JOSEPH REILLY		9:00 AM	ROSE WITKOWSKI
WED	7:30 AM	MARY, DOMINIC & PAT VARNEY		11:00 AM	FR. JOSEPH BARNES

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Josie & Gus Fredriksen

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Lukes 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	Joseph Bailey	Mike Austrevich	Diego, Jacob and Hannah Santos
SUN	7:30am	Dan Sweeney	Dennis Piontek	Mason Cambria, S. Mangan, Samantha Reitnour
	9:00am	Pat Fessler	Isabelita Santos	Avery Lang, Ally Santos, Jordan Yerger
	11:00am	Greg Shemanski	John Peterson	Austin Lobaugh, Faith Ouimet, Josh Piccarreta

The second collection next week is for Church Building & Parish Maintenance

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Looking for a "Faith Refresher?"

Join Msgr. McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers on Monday evenings 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, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Linda Ritchie, Paul Geiger, Michael Girton, Shirley Koch, Paisley Stout, Sara Norris and Dolores McCullough

Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Daley
 Pray for the recently departed: Millie (Petrillo) Dissinger and Joseph R. Lukac

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.

The Parish Family of Immaculate Conception Church Welcomes Pope Francis

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Mon 09/28 7:30pm RCIA
Fri 10/02 7pm Junior High Youth Group
Sat 10/03 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please be advised that on September 28th there will be NO DAILY MASS.

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.

Begin your day on October 3rd with a wonderful Pancake Breakfast at the Exeter Dairy Queen. Breakfast will be served by our Women's Society members 8-11am. Your breakfast will include pancakes, bacon, coffee, hot chocolate, juice and smoothies. Tickets are \$7/adults and \$5/children under 12 and include coupons worth \$4 to spend on future purchases at either Exeter or Kenhorst Dairy Queen locations. 100% of the ticket proceeds benefit our church. We look forward to seeing you!

Buy your *Bosco's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Pass* today in the narthex of the church to save \$\$\$ on October 20th 9am-11pm. The shopping pass is \$5 and 100% of the proceeds go to the church. A purchase of only \$20 earns back the price of the pass. You will enjoy a whopping 25% off your purchases throughout the store (exceptions listed on the pass). The extended shopping hours allow you plenty of time to shop and save. Enjoy refreshments, entertainment and a chance at some valuable prizes. YOU could be the winner of one of the \$100 or \$500 shopping sprees so don't forget to drop your stub off at one of the collection boxes throughout the store.

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.

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing "Roses for Life" after each of the masses on October 3rd/4th. The money collected from your generosity will be used to support Birthright, A Baby's Breath and the Southeastern PA Pro-Life Coalition.

Designer Purse BINGO – October 18th, 1pm (Doors open at 11am) – ICC social hall - \$25 for 20 games – Bring Purina One chow for 3 free raffle tickets. Call Barbara at 610-582-1358 for tickets.

World Meeting of Families Prayer

*God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
you have made us
your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.*

*May your grace and love
help our families
in every part of the world
be united to one another
in fidelity to the Gospel.*

*Mary the example of the Holy Family,
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
guide all families, especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth and live in your love.*

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
pray for us!*

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP will meet Friday, October 2nd, 7-9pm in the lower level meeting room of the Parish Center. All of the teenagers in our parish in grades 7 & 8 are welcome to attend for an evening of fun, food, games, prayer & praise. Bring a friend.

Kennedy House invites all volunteers and people who donate to the Soup Kitchen to a special Mass at Saint Peter the Apostle Church, 326 S. 5th St, Reading - October 3rd at 4pm. Reception and message will be after Mass at Marciano Hall. The volunteers of the year will be recognized.

Immaculate Conception Home School Organization will be holding our annual **Christmas Bazaar** in the social hall on November 21st, 9am-3pm. Vendor spaces are still available. If you would like more information on becoming a vendor, please email ICAXmas@gmail.com or stop in the parish office for an application.

The National 40 Days for Life Campaign and Prayer Vigil goes through November 1st. Daily prayer vigil in front of Reading Planned Parenthood, 4th and Franklin Streets, 7am-4pm, Monday to Saturday. 610-375-3395.

John Paul II Center has two positions open for a caring and dedicated teacher assistant to work with adults and students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Work 25-29 hours per week in a rewarding environment. Experience with special needs population and bilingual a plus. Email your resume to madams@johnpauliicenter.org.

Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday at Noon



September 27, 2015

dear Padre

Monday

SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday
Zec 8:1-8
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel
and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
or Rv 12:7-12a
Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome, Priest and
Doctor of the Church
Neh 2:1-8
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse of the Child
Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
Lk 10:1-12

Friday

OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian
Angels
Bar 1:15-22
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday

OCTOBER 3

Weekday
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

OCTOBER 4

Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Gn 2:18-24
Heb 2:9-11
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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Why do Scripture readings jump around?

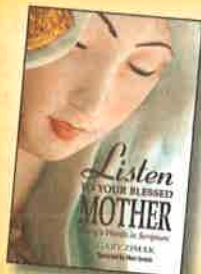


Why are the Scripture readings for Mass so piecemeal? We read part of a verse then jump to another part. Doesn't reading the Bible like this distort the meaning of the passage?

The readings for Mass are in a book called the *Lectionary*. Our current *Lectionary* was set up after the Second Vatican Council. It uses a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings, so over three years we hear the majority of the Bible at Mass. Its introduction states, "The present **Order of Readings for Mass**, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose" (*General Introduction to the Lectionary*, Second Edition #60). So the readings are not piecemeal but rather arranged so

we are exposed to the whole of God's word within three years. At times a given reading may not be complete—for example, the first reading for the third Sunday of Advent, Year B, is Zephaniah 3:14-18a. This is done not so much for brevity but for clarity. Those who organized the *Lectionary* thought that this excerpt made the message clearer or gave better emphasis to a point in the reading. It certainly is good to get out your Bible and to read the whole section so you can see what is missing, but when the word is proclaimed at Mass, the current arrangement is most effective.

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By listening to and imitating Mary's question to God's messenger ("How can this be?"), we can learn to ask the Lord for the information needed to serve him better. As we learn to imitate our Lady, we'll be less concerned with the potential consequences and more focused on what God wants us to do.

—From *Listen to Your Blessed Mother: Mary's Words in Scripture* by Gary E. Zimak

To read sample pages from *Listen to Your Blessed Mother*, visit Liguori.org, type the title or 823756 in the search bar, and click on the book.