

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017



**First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Responsorial Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9;
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10; Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**

Sacred Community

St. Paul's words today are especially challenging: "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew urges us to do all that is possible as individuals and as a community of believers to bring healing and peace to our relationships and world. This requires respect and understanding, as well as sharing our stories and opening our hearts.

Our Lord reminds us that as we gather in faith and love, He is with us: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." These words of Jesus bring us back to the true sense of being part of a *sacred community* where we gather around Jesus and ask Him how we are to follow Him. We are created to live in community and welcome others—to keep our eyes on Jesus and to exclude no one. For He is among us! Thanks be to God.

Faith Formation Registration: For Children, Youth, and Adults of Our Parish

Families with children or youth wishing to prepare this year for the Sacraments of the Eucharist (First Communion) and Reconciliation (First Confession) or Confirmation (High School students) are invited to register this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, September 2 and 3, following our Masses or stop by the office during the week for a registration form.

Adults who would like to become baptized members of the Catholic Church through our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults); as well as **adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation**; and **adults who would like to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church** (those baptized in another Christian tradition) are also invited to register!

Fence Replacement — Update

The Finance Council has not given up on our new fence. It has been more difficult than expected. We are requesting bids from other contractors and hope to be able to move forward on the project as soon as possible. We will let you know when we have more information. Thank you for your patience.

Parish Site Committee Update

Our Parish Site Committee is making every effort to respond to the recommendations from the January 2017 survey. We have been working with our architect, Allen Robinson, with the goal of addressing the overwhelming preference to maintain the current worship space of our beloved church, while focusing our plans on sufficient ministry and multi-purpose space, larger kitchen facilities, new bathrooms, a vestibule at the entrance of the church, and parish office and storage space. We have begun meetings with members of our outreach ministries and others for further input. Thank you for your prayerful support and participation in this important process for our parish.

Why Catholic? Facilitator Training

A training for the small community facilitators of our Why Catholic? process will be taking place this Sunday. Beginning with lunch at 12:30 pm, followed by the training at 1:00 pm. If you have offered to serve, or are interested in serving, as a facilitator, please attend. If you have any questions, or would like to sign up for a Why Catholic community for the 6 week process beginning in October, please contact Tess at 596-5170 or Alondra at 277-1294.

Care of God's Creation

September 1 was recognized by Pope Francis as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of God's Creation. We are remembering the entire month as a special time to pray and care for God's creation. Please visit the following sites — they are also available on the church website!

www.ourladycarmelvalley.org

<http://livelaudatosi.org/>

<http://catholicclimatemovement.global/world-day-of-prayer/>

<http://tinyurl.com/yczomwdm>

(this links to a Catholic Relief Services page on caring for creation)

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm>

"Lord, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of creation and reawaken our gratitude and sense of responsibility." —Pope Francis

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Hurricane Harvey Assistance

Bishop Garcia has asked for an emergency 2nd collection on **Sept. 23-24**. The collection will be used to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities and provide pastoral and rebuilding support for the victims.

2nd Collection—Next Sat. & Sun., Sept. 16-17

Seminarians and Continuing Ed. of Priests

Offertory Report 8/27/2017

Because of the Labor Day weekend our parish counting team did not meet. The report for 9/3/2017 will be in our bulletin next Sunday.

Mass Intentions Sept. 9-15, 2017

Sat., 4:30 pm	+Robert Schruben
Sun., 9:00 am	Mike Coakley
Sun., 11:15 am	+Rodrigo Yglesias
Sun., 5:00 pm	+Arnulfo Gallegos
Wed., 7:00 am	Victims of the Hurricanes and Earthquake
Thu., 7:00 am	Greg and Susan Franks
Fri., 7:00 am	Sick of the Parish



NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Bautismos, Bodas, Quinceañeras - Favor de hablar con P. Dennis.

Confesiones - Cada sábado, 3:30 pm y por cita.

Músicos - Si toca guitarra u otro instrumento, favor de participar en nuestro coro. Los ensayos son a las 4:15 pm antes de la Misa Dominical.

¿POR QUE SER CATOLICO?

Empezando en octubre, nuestra parroquia participará en el proceso especial para profundizar y vivir la alegría de nuestra fe Católica que se llama *¿Por Qué Ser Católico?* ¡Las 6 semanas dos veces por año nos ofrecerán la oportunidad de crecer individualmente, juntos como pequeñas comunidades y como comunidad parroquial!

CATECISMO PARA LOS NIÑOS, JOVENES Y ADULTOS - Tenemos registraciones de las clases de Primera Comunión para los niños, y de las clases de Confirmación para los jóvenes y adultos de la parroquia, este domingo, después de las Misas. Este año tendremos clases de Primera Comunión los domingos en español a las 4 pm, antes de la Misa de 5 pm y en ingles, después de la misa de 9 am.

"Señor, enséñanos a contemplarte en la belleza de la Creación y despierta nuestra gratitud y nuestro sentido de responsabilidad."

Papa Francisco

Youth Corner (Matthew 18:15-20)

Jesus tells us that when we gather with others—even one other—in His name, He will be in with us. This Good News reminds us of the importance of living the joy of the Gospel! Let us dwell in the Heart of Jesus and do all that we can to bring His healing, peace, and mercy to others!

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am & 11:15 am
Spanish Mass: Sunday at 5 pm
Weekday Masses:
Wednesday through Friday 7 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday
9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

Ministries / Contacts

Pastoral Council: Jeff Hawkins, Chair, Patrick Dowd, Vice Chair, Lori Jakubowski, Secretary, Tess Arthur, Alondra Klemek, Adele Margolis, DeDe Woodhead,
Finance Council: Joe Hertlein, Chair, Rafael Maldonado, Vice Chair, John Finn, Secretary, Diane Douglas, Pat Ryan, Steve Zalan
Faith Formation: First Communion Year 1: Lorena Cabrera and Esther Valdez
 First Communion Year 2: Christian Haun and Patricia Merrifield
 Confirmation: Teresa Brunson, Christina Haupt, Lori Jakubowski
 RCIA / Becoming Catholic: John Condon
Hope's Pantry: Lydia Newton • Wednesday 10 am–12 noon
Hope's Boutique: Deborah Kimes • Wednesday 10 am–12 noon
Manna Ministry: Joni Zabala • joni@thegrid.net
Music Ministry: Larry Carolan (4:30 pm & 9 am Mass)
 Louis Lebherz, Director, Barney Hulse, Piano (11:15 am Mass)
Lectors: DeDe Woodhead
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