

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress. I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 113.

RESPONSE:
Praise the Lord, who raises the poor from the dust.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and forevermore! **R**
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who dwells on high, who lowers himself to look down upon heaven and earth? **R**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the ash heap he raises the poor, to set them in the company of princes. **R**
yes, with the princes of his people. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Though Jesus Christ was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13.

COMMUNION ANTI-PHON:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



The Prayer Book of Jesus, the Psalms, has remained throughout Jewish and Christian history as a deep well of inspiration for individuals and communities at prayer. This little introduction is offered as a help to using the very prayers used by Jesus. In the Book of Psalms we are taught how to use the Word of God as our prayer and how to turn to God in any situation. The text is presented in a way that invites us to actually ponder and pray the psalms we are reading about. A must have for anyone who prays the Office daily.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 19 Sep (St. Januarius, BM)

Proverbs 3:27-34; Psalm 15; Luke 8:16-18
Play is how children become themselves, and how we find ourselves again when we feel lost. Lord, help me to hear with your heart and mind so that I can be who you created me to be.

Tue 20 Sep Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Pr. Paul Chong HaSang & companions, Ms

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119; Luke 8:19-21
The Korean Church was initially a lay Church, without the Eucharist. There must be a living faith before there can be a truly beneficial celebration of the Eucharist.

Wed 21 Sep ST MATTHEW, AE

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19; Matthew 9:9-13
Matthew was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners Jesus came to call. He was open enough to recognize truth when he saw Jesus. He got up and followed him. How do we respond?

Thu 22 Sep (St. Maurice & companions, Ms)

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Psalm 90; Luke 9:7-9
Jesus never forces us to accept his loving presence. He waits for us to be open to the gift he wants to give. The more open we are, the more we will be able to accept the gift Jesus longs to give us.

Fri 23 Sep St Plus of Pietrelcina, Pr

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalm 144; Luke 9:18-22
The life and mission of Padre Pio testify that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted with love, transform themselves into a privileged journey of holiness, which opens the person toward a greater good... - St John Paul II.

Sat 24 Sep Liturgy of the Day

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12; Psalm 90; Luke 9:43-45
Like Jesus' disciples, we often get sidetracked with miracles and the unimportant stuff of life. Jesus calls us today to pay attention, to listen, to remain focussed on the most important aspects of our faith.

Sun 25 Sep 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

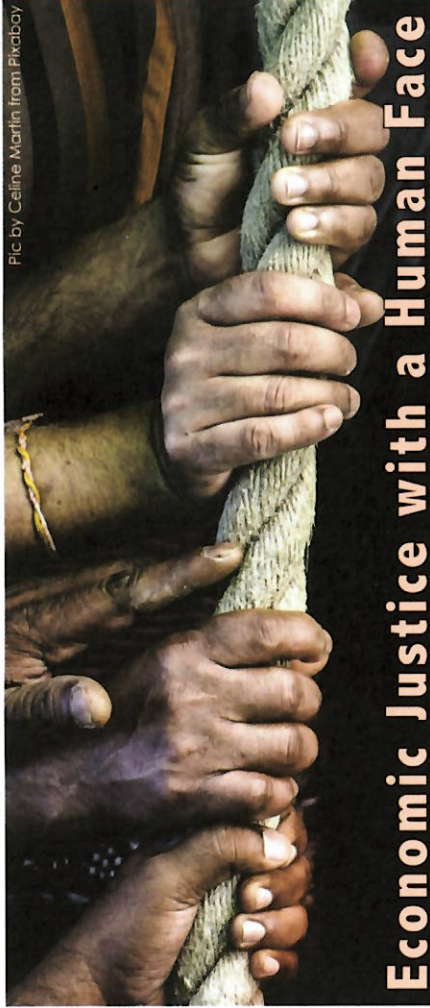
Amos 6:1-4-7; Psalm 146; Luke 16:19-31
Jesus didn't go looking for the cross; rather, it came to him because of the way he chose to live his life. If we choose to follow Jesus, then we, too, must be willing to pay the price for our choices.

(KEY: SOLEMNITY: FE=Fast; Memorial; [Optional Memorial] B=Bishop; M=Martyr; Pr=Priest; A=Apostle; E=Evangelist)

Catholic Link

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C
Divine Office: Week 1 • 18 September 2022



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Economic Justice with a Human Face

The most recent articulation of Catholic Social Teaching is Pope Francis' 2021 encyclical, *Fraterelli Tutti*. We saw last week how he employs the parable of the Good Samaritan in giving a human face to the abstract notion of economics. This, of course, is simply a development of the first principle of CST, the dignity of the person. The pope could not be clearer when he says:

To claim economic freedom while real conditions bar many people from actual access to it, and while possibilities for employment continue to shrink, is to practise doublespeak. Words like freedom, democracy or fraternity prove meaningless, for the fact is that, only when our economic and social system no longer produces even a single victim, a single person cast aside, will we be able to celebrate the feast of universal fraternity.

No longer one single victim? Isn't that unrealistic or wishful thinking? In worldly terms, yes, probably. But at the heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which Pope Francis proclaims, is compassion for every individual who suffers, whether through illness, poverty or religious oppression. Jesus said: "The Sabbath was made for the person, not the person for the Sabbath". Catholic Social Teaching echoes this when it affirms that the economy must serve people, not the other way round.

In South Africa, one of the clearest representatives of this vision has been the Redemptorist, Bishop Kevin Dowling. A man deeply moved by the plight of the poor, in one of his talks he said:

Our advocacy for change, and respect for

socio-economic rights especially for the poor, can and should be predicated on the fundamental ethical and theological principle of the *inviolable dignity of the human being* in their total context, their total situation in life, and on the protection of that dignity – as one facet in building an ethical vision for our economy.

Bishop Dowling goes on to say that it is not enough to do things for the poor. Policies and structures must collaborate with impoverished people and communities to realise the objectives of reducing poverty. The involvement of people is not only a recognition of their inherent dignity but also promotes the CST principle of the common good as the basis for building a more caring economy.

So, we have economic justice inspired by the dignity of every human being and focused on the common good. But another principle of CST is essential: solidarity. Each of us is part of the human family and we are all interconnected and interdependent. Loving our neighbour has global dimensions, as Pope Francis never tires of saying. During one of his papal audiences in 2014 he spoke clearly on the topic:

Solidarity is a recognition that we are all in this together. Solidarity is a word that means much more than some acts of sporadic generosity. It is to think and to act in terms of community, of the priority of the life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few. It is also to fight against the structural causes of poverty, inequality, lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights.

25th Sunday of the Year
17th/18th September 2022

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Date	Intentions
Saturday 17th 17h30 18h00	25th Sunday of the Year Missa pro Populo Prayer & Rosary
Sunday 18th 09h00 18h00	25th Sunday of the Year Gillian Paine RIP Prayer & Rosary
Monday 19th 08h00 18h00	Mass of the Day Catherine Chapman RIP Prayer & Rosary
Tuesday 20th 08h00 18h00	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong HaSang & Companions Godfrey Parkin (Special Int) Prayer & Rosary
Wednesday 21st 08h00 18h00	St Matthew Abigail Bosson (Special Int) Prayer & Rosary
Thursday 22nd 08h00 18h00 18h30	Mass of the Day Patricia Ryan RIP Prayer & Rosary Benediction & Adoration
Friday 23rd 09h30 18h00	St Pius of Pietrelcina Tony Alcock RIP Prayer & Rosary
CONFESSION	Saturdays 16h30-17h15 Or by Appointment

Prayer Intentions: For all in need of our prayers and their families: Malcolm Asher, Allen Galvin, William De Villiers, Margaret Savage, Sarah Glenday, Cecco Giovannini, Phil Barton, Brendan Bosson, Neva Bruce-Brand, Melissa Blumenthal, Lucinda Bromfield, Mark Clifford-Holmes, Elijah, Derek Kudsee, Jana Forrester, Dieter Lauff, Connor Young.

THE SEASON OF CREATION 2022

1 September – 4 October

Week 3 Theme: Loving awareness that we are all connected.

We are part of the whole system – every living thing, big and small has its part in this wonderful interconnected and mutually dependent world. We need to unite with each other and with all creation.

‘Burning Bush’ on the Altar

Please take a ‘flame’ and write your prayer, petition or promise and tie it to our ‘Burning Bush’ on the altar.

Holy Hour: Benediction & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, 22 September at 18h30

Join us for Holy Hour – Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the theme of the Season of Creation.

Novena to St Francis of Assisi

Friday, 23 Sep – Saturday, 1 Oct.

Please join in the St Francis Novena which we will pray at at each Mass.

Season of Creation Retreat

Saturday, 1 October - 10h00-15h00

With Holy Mass at about 12h30

Tree Planting Ceremony – Sunday, 2 Oct

After 09h00 Mass, the Children will help to plant a tree in the parish garden.

SECOND COLLECTION

Priests’ Provident Fund

Sat 24th Sep / Sun 25th Sep

This collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend and is used for the needs of priests, who after years of faithful service in the Archdiocese, have now retired.

Please give generously - envelopes available at the back of the church.

TEA AFTER 09H00 MASS

Sunday 25 September

Next Sunday there will be tea after 9am Mass. All welcome!

More volunteers are urgently needed. If you can help, please sign-up at the back of the church. If you are unable to set up etc, but can contribute a plate of eats, please drop off at the church hall before Mass on the day of the tea. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered and contributed so far. This regular parish get-together is much enjoyed by everyone and is a great way to meet fellow parishioners.

Julie Junor / juliejunor@gmail.com

REFLECTION: 25th Sunday of the Year

Money, like fire, can be a good servant but a bad boss. It can be used as a universal passport to everywhere, except Heaven. Meaningful life has to be based on love, not money. Our remaining years may be few or many, but in the end only the good we've done for God and others will remain.

Richard.

JOIN US ONLINE

Live-Stream: All Masses EXCEPT Saturday:

<https://bit.ly/YouTubeConstantiaCatholic>

Daily Rosary: At 18h00 every evening:

<http://bit.ly/ConstantiaZoom>

Please see our emailers and website for regular updates.

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FR ROBERT AWAY

Fr Robert will be away on leave from 3rd-19th October. All weekend Masses will be celebrated by visiting priests.

Fr Craig Holmes will celebrate Mass on Wednesday 12th October and Friday 14th October at 9.30am on both days.

HUNGER IS REAL FUND

This fund was initiated by our parish to alleviate the very real and ongoing need in our surrounding areas. Please contribute by EFT into the Parish Account - details at the bottom of this page - ref: HUNGER. *To all those who have made donations and continue to do so, a huge thank you for your amazing generosity.*

SENIOR CATECHISM (Gr8-Gr10)

The October school holidays are coming up and Senior catechism (Gr8-Gr10) will be taking a break during this time:

- Last Class Term 3 – Sunday 25 Sep
- First class Term 4 – Sunday 16 Oct

Holy Redeemer in Bergvliet have advised that the church is open daily from 07h30-17h00 and that there is security in place.

SCHOENSTATT

Shrine to Shrine Pilgrimage
Saturday 24th September 2022

From the Constantia Shrine to the Villa Maria Shrine

For more information please see posters and /or contact:

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Our parish mission is to be a welcoming and evangelising Catholic community, striving, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, to know, love and serve God more, as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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