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Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

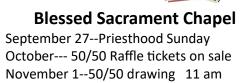
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"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:16

ORDINARY

 $25^{th} SUN$

Coming Events CALENDAR



The 2019-2020 Financial Accountability Report is posted on the BSC Website.



September 13--\$1006 Weekly budget: \$952 MTD collection--\$2200 MTD budget--\$1904 YTD collection--\$11,966 YTD budget--\$10,472 Picnic Fund--\$2740

May each of us give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.



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Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary During Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

l Didn't Do It"

A little girl came home from school and said to her mother, "Mommy, today in school I was punished for something I didn't do." The mother exclaimed, "But that's terrible! I'm going to have a talk with your teacher about this... by the way, what was it you didn't do, before I call her?" The little girl replied, "My homework!

HUMILITY

No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Monday:	St. Matthew	
Tuesday:	Autumn begins	
Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)		
Saturday:	Ss. Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary	

AUTUMN

Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves, We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!

DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

Civilizeit.org

What is needed is good, honest, civil dialogue. This means that we must treat everyone as worthy of being at the table, worthy of our respect, and worthy of being heard. Civilize It challenges Catholics to model love for neighbor through respect, civility, and compassion during the 2020 election cycle. Put your faith into action and make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree.



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The Lord is near to all Who call on Him.

From the desk of Father Sinoj



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! God's abundant Mercy is beyond our understanding and imagination. A deep introspection into our lives will give us very many examples of God's Mercy. We also are given many examples explaining God's Mercy. This Sunday we have the parable of the laborers in the vineyard, who were hired by the landowner in different hours of the day but were paid equally as promised. God showers his Mercy upon all who respond to His invitation even at the last hour.

The men who were standing in the market-place were not street-corner idlers, wasting their time. They were waiting for work, and the fact that some of them stood on until even five o'clock in the evening is the proof of how desperately they wanted it. So we are not expected to be idlers in our Faith. We are called to eagerly and consistently look for opportunities to live our Faith.

We also see the generosity of God. These men did not all do the same work; but they received the same wage. All service ranks the same with God. It is not the amount of service given, but the love in which it is given that matters. Also, we cannot earn what God gives us; what God gives us is given out of the goodness of His heart. What He gives is not wage, but gift; not reward, but grace.

(```··´`') Always `··,(```··´`') Keep (``···´''),.·´ Smiling! `·,.·´

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

September Birthdays

1--Norwetta Taylor
2-- Emma Latta
3--Venice Higgs
6--Shelby Webster
7--Aubrey Ottofy
8--Mary Hagan
20--Mary Katherine Gough



September 8--October 7

Celebrate Our Lady's Birthday by beginning a Biblical Journey with her. On-line event: Join well-known speakers daily: Dr. Scott Hahn, Jason Evert, and others. Register to receive an email each day <u>parousiamedia.com</u> or <u>rosarypilgrimage.com</u>

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Mass Intentions

September 6--Kenny Clouse Family

September 13--Ann Denise Ward

September 20: Jonathan Clark

September 27: Charles E. Thompson

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Stephen Hall, Emma Latta, Hank Pardon, Gary Moorman, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Lius Aju, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Rachel Mattingly, Ruth Coble, Nancy Bumm, Camilla Greer, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr. If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage Park. Georgia Holland lives in St.. Louis but stays active in BSC happenings. Please pray also for all who, because they are vulnerable, cannot attend Mass. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

Give us This Merciful Heart.

God always wants mercy and does not condemn it in anyone. He wants heartfelt mercy because he is merciful and can understand well our misery, our difficulties, and also our sins. He gives all of us this merciful heart of his. --Pope Francis

Who in your life needs forgiveness instead of judgment and condemnation?

<u>Lectors</u>	
<u>September: 20:</u>	_Layson Brooks Kathi Skidd
<u>September 27:</u>	Sarah Malone Jacques William
<u>October 4</u> :	Layson Brooks Barbara Bisel

Grumbling or Grateful

It's not fair." How often have we heard this expression? How often have we grumbled or thought it ourselves? Like the vineyard workers in today's Gospel, it's easy to fall into the trap of envy or comparison. At times we might feel like the Lord bestows greater blessings on others, some of whom we may even believe are less deserving. Practicing gratitude is an excellent antidote to comparing ourselves to others. As good stewards, we acknowledge that everything we have is a gift from God and that we are all blessed differently. We are called to recognize our gifts and blessings, use them justly in service to others, and give back a generous portion to the Lord from grateful hearts. Focusing on gratitude can help us recognize God's generosity and can dispel negativity that comes from measuring our lives against those of others.

Matthew the Apostle, also known as Saint Matthew and as Levi, was, according to the New Testament, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. According to Christian tradition, he was also one of the four Evangelists and thus is also known as Matthew the Evangelist . Matthew authored the first Gospel of the Bible's New Testament, now known as the Gospel of Matthew. Prior to preaching the word of God, he worked as a tax collector in Capernaum. Matthew is the patron saint of tax collectors and accountants. His feast day is September 21.

A Professional Juggler:

Driving to his next performance, a professional juggler was stopped by the police. "What are you doing with these matches and lighter fluid in your car? The police officer asked. "Actually, officer, I am a juggler. I juggle flaming torches in my act." "Oh, yeah? Let's see you do it." The juggler gets out of the car and begins juggling the blazing torches masterfully. A couple driving by slows down to watch the performance. "Wow," the driver says to his wife. "I am glad I quit drinking. Look at the test they are giving now!"

RiverValley Behavioral Health offers a Crisis Line which is fully operational 24 hours/7 days a week. Clinicians are available to provide needed and timely support. If you know someone who needs help at these difficult times, please share this number.. Crisis Line: 1-800-433-7291. Available 24 Hours Day.

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually "bilocate" in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or "read hearts" before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of "trials accepted with love," referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vaticar; of Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: "Pray, hope, and don't worry!"

Karl Zorowski

Church Mice

How to help fight the Coronavirus:

- 1. Regularly wash your hands.
- 2. Faithfully fold them in prayer.
- 3. Repeat vigorously.

