



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

September 23-24, 2017

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - LIFE MEANS...

"For, to me, 'life' means Christ." —Philippians 1:21

What does life mean to you? Some of us would answer: "Life" means family, friends, and work. Life means church on Sunday, Thanksgiving dinners, a new car, or a wedding in the family.

Paul doesn't talk like this. He bluntly asserts: "Life" means Christ. Paul had "come to rate all as loss in the light of the surpassing knowledge" of his Lord Jesus Christ (Phil 3:8). For Jesus' sake, he "accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be" his Wealth (Phil 3:8).

Is Christ a part of your life, or your whole life? Does everything in your life have meaning only insofar as it is God's will? Is Christ it, all of it? Are you looking forward to death so you can be home with the Lord (2 Cor 5:8) and see Him face to face? (1 Cor 13:12; 1 Jn 3:2) Are you attached to the things of the world, or have you counted them all as "rubbish so that Christ may" be your Wealth? (Phil 3:8) Have you chosen the better part, that is, sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to His words? (Lk 10:39, 42) Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All! You are the Way, the Truth, and the only Reason for living (Jn 14:6).

Prayer: Jesus, I give You all of my life so You can be all of my life.

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins and Juanita Stacy

Family Chalice Program

Sep 30/ Oct 1 Corkey, Sandie and Hope Hickey
October 7/8 Jerod and Tami Keesee
October 14/15 Brad and Tabitha Eggemeyer
October 21/22 Pam and Cassie Ashford
October 28/29 Keith, Kathleen and Halle Barkley
November 4/5 Rodney and Michele Bohr
November 11/12 Nick and Cara Ashford
November 18/19 Tony and Mary Treadwell

Birthdays

Sept 25th Karen Asher, Keith Barkely
Sept 26th Adam Britten
Sept 28th Alice Britten
Sept 30th Art Britten

Anniversaries

Sept 25th Melvin & Sue Willis

Stewardship Reports

09/17/17 Stewardship Report

Individual	\$1240.00
Loose	\$ 118.00
Children	\$ 0.00
Total	\$1358.00

09/17/17 Building Fund

Individual	\$ 120.00
Loose	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 125.00

9/17/17 Hurricane Relief

Individual & Total	\$ 500.00
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9/17/17 Special Collection Catholic Charities

Individual	\$ 175.00
Loose	\$ 88.00
Total	\$ 263.00

Church Cleaning for September

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Melanie Hinson, Krista Johnson

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Sept 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Lauren and Stephen
Lectors: Ron Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Carie Weinheimer

Sunday, Sept 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Wesley and Jackson
Lectors: Nick Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler,
Joannie Kling, & Sandie Hickey

Saturday, Sept 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Halle and Hope
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, Oct 1, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Trace and Owen
Lectors: Cliff Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten, Kay
Britten, Marla Britten

Saturday, Oct 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Hope and Lauren
Lectors: Kay Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, Oct 8, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Madison and Ali
Lectors: Marcia Conrad
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler, Carie
Weinheimer, Joannie Kling

Saturday, Oct 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Saffron
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, Oct 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Kate and Jackson
Lectors: Nick Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Marla
Britten, & Susan Britten

Announcements:

Communion Services will **Not** be held on Monday 9/25/17. Communion **WILL** be held on Thursday 9/28/17 and Friday 9/29/17 this week.

The **Parish Council** is looking for volunteers to act as points of contact for different infrastructure systems throughout the grounds and buildings of the Parish. If you have experience or simply willingness to volunteer for one of the positions, or for more information please contact Jason Eugea at 806-335-6805.

Please join the Parish Council for a potluck dinner after mass on Saturday evening September 23rd. For more information please contact one of the Parish Council members.

One Day Women's retreat October 7, 2017
9-3p.m. J&L Event Center
1200Park St
Panhandle, TX
No fees, Call Kim Kuehler for more
information 806-437-5685

Contact: Cara Ashford at 806-584-6250 or ashfordcar@gmail.com (preferred), if you have information for the bulletin.

Blessings of the Rosary: 1. Sinners are forgiven. 2. Souls that thirst are refreshed. 3. Those who are fettered have their bonds broken. 4. Those who weep find happiness 5. Those who are tempted find peace. 6. The poor find help. 7. Religious are reformed. 8. Those who are ignorant are instructed. 9. The living learn to overcome pride. 10. The dead (the Holy Souls) have their pains eased by suffrages.

Benefits of saying the Rosary: 1. It gradually gives us a perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ. 2. It purifies our souls, washing away sin. 3. It gives us victory over all our enemies. 4. It makes it easy for us to practice virtue. 5. It sets us on fire with love of Our Lord. 6. It enriches us with graces and merits. 7. It supplies us with what is needed to pay all our debts to God and to our fellow men; and finally, it obtains all kinds of graces for us from Almighty God.

RCIA The Journey of Faith begins with your questions

What is faith? How does faith grow? What do Catholics believe and why is it different from other faith traditions? How different is it really?

Classes for the Christian Initiation of Adults are available for anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. The process begins with an “Inquiry” period when questions lead to exploration. Drop in – no obligation, no commitment, no pressure at our Q & A sessions.

The second phase is the “Catechumens” period for those who are interested in becoming fully Catholic. Classes end in the Mystagogy”

period, with a focus on how to identify God’s special calling and purpose for your life.

If you’d like to take this journey of faith, call the

RCIA Directors:

Tabitha Eggemeyer 806-651- 9176

Krista Johnson 806-223- 6244

Already Catholic?

If you love your faith and would like to help mentor someone on their journey, please sign up to become a sponsor or join the RCIA team.