



RELIGION THAT IS PURE AND UNDEFILED
BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER IS THIS:
TO CARE FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS
IN THEIR AFFLICTION.

JAMES 1:27

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 29, 2021

Moses gave the Israelites their Law, which provided the structure for daily life. As recorded in the Bible, over half of the Law is about rituals for worship and sacrifice. A related concept is the concept of a person's ritual purity (or cleanliness), which is required for participation in both social and religious activities, since persons become unclean by physical contact with other unclean persons, animals, or objects. Other ways a person becomes unclean include the presence of skin lesions, bleeding, or a bodily discharge. Unclean persons are required to purify themselves to be again considered clean. Despite the Law's complexity, observant Jews considered it a privilege, not a burden, to observe its precepts, and they continue to do so today.

MOSAIC LAW AND TRADITIONS

The scribes and Pharisees are focusing on the disciples' failure to properly wash their hands prior to eating. But nowhere in the biblical texts of the Law are there regulations regarding the washing of hands before or after meals. These regulations, as described by Mark, are merely practices like those that arise

in all societies; if they continue long enough, they can seem like sacred duties, sanctified as "the traditions of their elders."

This distinction is the source of the tension in these three readings. Moses and James both tell their people that they are recipients of a divine gift that requires special care, while Jesus is practically livid when the scribes and Pharisees react harshly to the disciples' failure to wash their hands according to Jewish practices.

Such a distinction between divine law and human practices is valuable for our own lives. When we hear of another's misdeeds, we should evaluate the seriousness of the offense before forming our own impression. Is this truly a serious moral matter? Or something less weighty? Carefully discerning the seriousness of such matters might reveal that things are not as grave as they first appear. Such care is an exercise in Christian charity, one way of acting on the word we have received as members of the Body of Christ.

Today's Readings: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4; 4-5;
Jas 1:17-18; 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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Celebration of the Sacraments:

Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six
(6) months prior to the
anticipated date 903-769-3235

Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Michael Allen. Joe Fazzio. Miller Family. Rick Boultinghouse. Rheannon Dahm. Rick & Teri Jackson. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Daniel Corrigan. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Molly Dunn. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: MeLinda Miller, wife of Luke, mother of Vincent. Judi Fazzio, wife of Joe Fazzio.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community: Dawn Quinn, US Army PVT 2nd Class (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; 2nd Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm: The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading: Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel: You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 8/28 Deacon Jose Luis Mireles (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Sun 8/29 Deacon Pena & Deacon Williams (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Tue 8/31 Deacon Sosa & Deacon Trevino (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Wed 9/01 Rev. Cyril Apassa (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Thurs 9/02 Rev. Matias Rodriguez (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Fri. 9/03 Alphonsus Lambe+ (Legion of Mary)

Sat. 9/04 Carlos Gallardo+ (Pat Gallardo)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the month of June, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,882

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 4,176

Attendance 8/21 Saturday 41 8/22 Sunday 50

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.



Pope's Intention for August:

The Church. Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

STOP THE FLYING

A flying rumor never has any trouble making a landing.

—Anonymous

THE VALUE OF LABOR

Heaven is blessed with perfect rest but the blessing of earth is toil.

—Henry Van Dyke

CARE OF CREATION

The Church has a responsibility towards creation and she must assert this responsibility in the public sphere.—Pope Benedict XVI

DOERS OF THE WORD

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called "catholic" (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today's text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the "first fruits" of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the "word" as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become "doers" of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the "works" of love, for example, by caring for the "orphans and widows in their affliction."

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Would you be interested in spending an hour with our Lord in adoration?



Please contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.



Patriotic Rosary for Peace in America
Due to conflicting summer schedules there will be no Patriotic Rosary Sept. We will start back on Saturday, October 2nd at 9:00am.



Fr. Mike, Luke and Vincent want to express their sincere gratitude for the thoughtful, generous donations to help cover the cost of the funeral and other expenses. That they will continue to have, as they recover from the financial strain of the past month.

The donation box will remain in front of Bridget's office, through Sunday, August 29th. If you were unable to make donation this past week and still wanted too. You can drop off a check payable to Holy Spirit with "Miller Family" noted in the memo field. You may also give cash or write a check directly to Luke Miller. Fr. Mike will hand deliver donations to Luke and Vincent the first of the week, in order to help make their burden a bit easier to bear.

God Bless

Are you ready for some coffee and donuts after Sun., 9:00am Mass? Looking to start back **Sunday, Sept. 12th**, if we can get volunteers to help with the following:

AS OF 8/24 we have 3 people that signed up for one the following: Serve coffee; juice; donuts and clean up kitchen for the 1st Sunday of each month (when no K of C breakfast), 2nd Sunday, 3rd, 4th and when there is a 5th Sunday. Also, needed alternates for these weeks. Volunteers needed for picking up donuts at 2869 & 14, then deliver to church. **IF WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS SIGNED UP BY SEPT. 1st IT WILL BE CANCELLED.**

Thank you to the six parishioners that offered to purchase donuts on a monthly basis (estimate cost of donuts on a weekly basis is \$33.00) this was the cost before covid. Sign-up sheet located outside my office.

Questions, call 903-769-3235 or email holy.spirit2@yahoo.com

Thank You, Bridget

September Second Collections: 4th & 5th: "Building & Maintenance Fund."; 11th & 12th "Catholic University of America."; 25th & 26th: "Aid to the Church in Central/Eastern Europe."

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749 or Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953.** The Statue will be delivered to your home on the day of your choice and picked up at the end of one week. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **We are in the need of pasta; canned vegetables and sauce.**

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net



Thank you,
Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd;
Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin
Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team

HELP NEEDED — CALL FR. MIKE

1. **We are in need of an organist, do you know of anyone that would be interested?**
2. **Help needed in maintaining our meditation garden?**
3. **Fr. Mike needs someone that can climb a ladder to change light bulbs.**

Did you know that our **Rosary Group repairs broken rosaries?** Also, if you have **old jewelry** that you don't want any longer, they will be glad to take it off your hands. They use old jewelry to make rosaries. What a precious gift to have from your mother's or grandmother's jewelry made into a rosary. Call Jean Kelly 903-857-9868

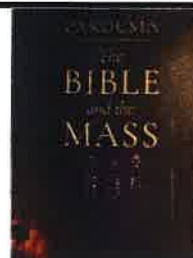
CHOIR PRACTICE is held in our church every Thursday at Noon, come and join us.

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR MASKS

Have you ever wondered where the Mass is mentioned in the Bible? You are invited to enjoy the latest video Bible study called **Parousia: The Bible and the Mass** featuring the excellent speaker and renowned theologian Dr. Scott Hahn.

Jane Bidlack will facilitate this study on the third Sunday of each month after Mass, beginning September 19th for ten months of beautifully produced lessons and group discussion.

Please call Jane @ 903-569-7749 to register or sign up on the table outside the Secretary's office for the next few weeks. I look forward to sharing this time together with you - one hour, one time each month.



Jane

The Holy Spirit New Ministries Schedule starting Sept. 18, 2021 through January 2, 2022 was in last weeks bulletin, 3rd page.

If you are unable to serve on your assigned date, please switch with someone else.

Thank you for your ministries.

Fr. Mike

The St. Philip Institute Presents

Catechist Conference: Proclaiming The Truth With Joy

Join the St. Philip Institute team for a dynamic day of teaching, prayer, and support for catechists in the Diocese of Tyler. This conference will take place on August 28 at St . Matthew Catholic Church (St Paul Family Center) in Longview, TX from 9 am to 4 pm

Pints with a Priest

Join us the first Thursday of the month for Pints with a Priest, a young adult ministry in Tyler. Pints with a Priest will meet at True Vine from 7-9 pm for a formational talk and fellowship with priests from throughout the diocese. **Note: Due to other commitments Pints with a Priest will be on September 9**

East Texas Sanctity of Life Banquet

Join the Diocese of Tyler for the Sixth Annual East Texas Sanctity of Life Banquet with featured speaker Ashley Bratcher. The Banquet will take place October 11, at (Holiday Inn Conference Center) in Tyler, Tx from 6 pm to 8 pm. **Fr. Mike would like to put together a Holy Spirit table of eight to attend, cost \$50.00 per person. If interested please call 903-769-3235 or email holy.spirit2@ yahoo.com the church office to let Bridget or Fr. Mike know you are interested.**

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

The St. Philip Institute is co-hosting the Together in Holiness Marriage Conference with the St. John Paul II Foundation on October 23, 2021. Please see the attached document with bulletin announcement samples. Please run this bulletin announcement between now and Sunday, October 17, 2021. Thank you in advance for your help! If you would like this in a different format please email our Conference Coordinator Sara Dietz at sara@forlifeandfamily.org

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