

September 24
2023
Twenty-fifth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

REV. PRABHU AROCKIASAMY, PASTOR
ED CONNICK, DEACON



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION,
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND MASS
SCHEDULES**

SATURDAY 3:15PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
& CONFESSION
3:30 PM – HOLY ROSARY
4:00 PM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY
8:00 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
8:30AM: HOLY MASS
10:30 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
11:00AM: HOLY MASS

**REGULAR
WEEKDAYS
MONDAY-
COMMUNION
SERVICE**
**TUESDAY-FRIDAY
8:00 AM – HOLY
MASS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS
21st Annual Benefit Night
18 November 2023 @ doors open @ 5:30pm

\$ 100 a ticket which admits 2 to Dine with Beer & wine– Dinner served at 6:00pm Drawings begins at 7:00pm. A valid ticket must be presented for entrance & to claim any prize. Need not be present to win. Two (2) tickets drawn every half hour- \$500.00 each Final ticket drawn– winner gets \$ 5000.00
Must be 21 to attend.

During the weekend, After 4:00pm mass, 8:30am mass & 11:00am mass the benefit night tickets are sold.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday 24 Is 55:6-9
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 25 Ezr 1:1-6
Lk 8:16-18
Monday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 26 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
Lk 8:19-21
Tuesday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 27 Ezr 9:5-9
Lk 9:1-6
Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Thursday 28 Hg 1:1-8
Lk 9:7-9
Thursday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Friday 29 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
Jn 1:47-51
Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels

Saturday 30 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a
Lk 9:43b-45
Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Collection details:

Since Fr. Prabhu Arockiasamy is on his vacation the tithing/ collection details will not be printed when he comes back, you will have it printed in the bulletin



In the beginning was the word...
Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEFIT NIGHT DONATIONS

Need soft drinks and bottled water and liquor for the Basket of Cheer Raffle. All items can be dropped off at the church office, Tuesday – Friday, 9AM-12:00Noon, or in the cry room.

The Knights will be selling tickets for Boston Butts. Cost is \$35.00 each and will sell only 50 tickets. Pick up date and time is awaited.

Bake sale will be done before November 1st to cover at least some expenses of the benefit night. The date and time is awaited so, please pay attention to Sunday announcements.

MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 23
4:00 PM
8:30 AM
THE OLLINGERS
BIRTHDAYS
SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 24
8:30 AM
8:30 AM
SALLY
WASHINGTON
YVONNE BUTLER
JEAN DOWNING
SPECIAL INTEN-
11:00AM MARY
JOE BRIERLY
ANGELLA MOORING
SPECIAL
INTENTIONS**

**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 26
8:00 AM
COMMUNION
SERVICE
WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 27
8:00 AM
COMMUNION
SERVICE
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 28
8:00 AM
COMMUNION
SERVICE
FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 29
8:00 AM
COMMUNION
SERVICE
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30
4:00 PM
OPENING
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 1
8:30 AM
OPENING
11:00 AM
OPENING**

Eastern Shore
Medical Weight Loss
251-625-4030



**ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY
AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

A universal horizon

146. There is a kind of "local" narcissism unrelated to a healthy love of one's own people and culture. It is born of a certain insecurity and fear of the other that leads to rejection and the desire to erect walls for self-defence. Yet it is impossible to be "local" in a healthy way without being sincerely open to the universal, without feeling challenged by what is happening in other places, without openness to enrichment by other cultures, and without solidarity and concern for the tragedies affecting other peoples. A "local narcissism" instead frets over a limited number of ideas, customs and forms of security; incapable of admiring the vast potential and beauty offered by the larger world, it lacks an authentic and generous spirit of solidarity. Life on the local level thus becomes less and less welcoming, people less open to complementarity. Its possibilities for development narrow; it grows weary and infirm. A healthy culture, on the other hand, is open and welcoming by its very nature; indeed, "a culture without universal values is not truly a culture".[127]

Foot Note : Ibid.

147. Let us realize that as our minds and hearts narrow, the less capable we become of understanding the world around us. Without encountering and relating to differences, it is hard to achieve a clear and complete understanding even of

ourselves and of our native land. Other cultures are not "enemies" from which we need to protect ourselves, but differing reflections of the inexhaustible richness of human life. Seeing ourselves from the perspective of another, of one who is different, we can better recognize our own unique features and those of our culture: its richness, its possibilities and its limitations. Our local experience needs to develop "in contrast to" and "in harmony with" the experiences of others living in diverse cultural contexts.[128]
Foot Note : Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' (24 May 2015), 189; AAS 107 (2015), 922.

148. In fact, a healthy openness never threatens one's own identity. A living culture, enriched by elements from other places, does not import a mere carbon copy of those new elements, but integrates them in its own unique way. The result is a new synthesis that is ultimately beneficial to all, since the original culture itself ends up being nourished. That is why I have urged indigenous peoples to cherish their roots and their ancestral cultures. At the same time, though, I have wanted to stress that I have no intention of proposing "a completely enclosed, a-historic, static 'indigenism' that would reject any kind of blending (mestizaje)". For "our own cultural identity is strengthened and enriched as a result of dialogue with those unlike our

selves Nor is our authentic identity preserved by an impoverished isolation".[129] The world grows and is filled with new beauty, thanks to the successive syntheses produced between cultures that are open and free of any form of cultural imposition.

Foot Note : Address to the Members of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization, New York (25 September 2015): AAS 107 (2015), 1037.

149. For a healthy relationship between love of one's native land and a sound sense of belonging to our larger human family, it is helpful to keep in mind that global society is not the sum total of different countries, but rather the communion that exists among them. The mutual sense of belonging is prior to the emergence of individual groups. Each particular group becomes part of the fabric of universal communion and there discovers its own beauty. All individuals, whatever their origin,

know that they are part of the greater human family, without which they will not be able to understand themselves fully.
Foot Note : Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' (24 May 2015), 175; AAS 107 (2015), 916-917.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

Announcements

The Parishioners of our Lady of Lourdes (only parishioners) play pickle ball on Wednesday at 6:15pm & Sunday after 11:00am mass @ 2:00pm. You're most welcome to join the game. If you're coming to play, please contact Mr. Vincent Duff at email vincentsduff47@gmail.com. It will be a very good exercise.

**Benefit night planning meeting with Parish people on the following dates 9/19 after 8:30am mass
9/24 after 8:30 am mass
10/8 after 8:30am mass 10/22 after 8:30am mass
Benefit night tickets are sold after the weekend masses so please buy and support our Parish.**

October Announcements

2023 Public Rosary Rally :

Please join the 2023 Public Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14th at noon at Boykin Blvd & DIP. We will assemble at 11:45. Please contact Ruby P Thompson at 251.901.0206 for more info.

2023 Box of Joy Kickoff :

This year's BOJ Kickoff will be Saturday, October 21st after mass. Announcement will be made at each mass on October 21st & 22nd. For more info, please contact Ruby P Thompson at 251.901.0206.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God

on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Rev. Prabhu Arockiasamy

PRAYER LIST

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Roy Williams, Logan Bowers, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Anne Davidson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, Louise Frontz, Janet Gafford, Tony Golemon, Mary Ann Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O'Rourke, James M. O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Rudy Visperas, Melanie Wacker, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Diane Little, Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A. Fred L. Lorge, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith, Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cottrell, Pete, Sam Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Chuck Simmons, Damian Turk, John O'Conner, Fr. Francis J. Sofie Jr., Megan, Stephen Wiese, Matthew Wiese, Raymond Floyes, Kay K. Shaw, Lloyd J. Thompson, Ruby P. Thompson, George E. Merren, Jr., Flora Decker, Mary Ann Fletchery, Pat McKeough, Mathew Wilson, Eddie Booth Jr., Helen Bender, Paige Ellis, Eunice Miles, Gloria Leslie, Diana Holifield, Bea Burton, Janet & John Frazier, Henry Hoven, Mark Westbrook, Ronnie Hudson, Jewanda Taylor Jowe, Nicholas Balch, Jean Stanley, Colleen O'Rourke, Perry Hockaday, David Curtis, Kristi D Young, Beth Kenny, Chad Gorlett, Nicole Washington.

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CASINO BUS TRIP

BEAU RIVAGE - BILOXI MS

It will be one of the sundays

12:30PM - 7:30PM

COST is not yet determined, will have to find from the casino and then decide the cost.

DRINKS, SNACKS and BYOB

MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE (MEN and WOMEN)

Leave at 12:30PM from the Church Parking Lot

Bus departs the BEAU RIVAGE at 6:30PM to Mobile.

**For more info contact: Patsy Ownby
Cell: 251-454-5961**

Look at future flyer for more info