

Dear Padre

September 1, 2019

Life seems to be an endless grind of work, family responsibilities, and more work? Can you help me find meaning in my work?

You've hit upon one of life's great mysteries! We struggle to make sense out of our work, our pain, and our joy. There's no simple answer to your question, but let's begin by looking at nature.

Leaves fall when autumn presages winter. Cold winds howl, and spring eventually refreshes us before the summer swelter envelops us. Again and again, one season must "die" before the next one gives life. A similar process happens within us. Our work, tears, and lonely times are part of a cycle of death and rebirth. Like the changing seasons, these open us to new growth.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from him. It can also be redemptive. By enduring the hardships of work...[we] collaborate in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work" (CCC 2427). Christ went this way before us, and he will be with us in our difficulties.

Work can be difficult, hectic, and sometimes seem senseless. But we can trust that Christ is present in these ups and downs. We can let go of anxiety and say, "Jesus, I trust you are with me now, in this moment of work or pain, and that together we will get through this."

May you find hope this Labor Day weekend amid your struggles through the wonderful journey of life.

—Fr. Pat Grile, CSsR

*Dear Fr. Marcin and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,
Thank you for opening your parish hall to our family for the wake and visitation for Gerald Vrazel. Your kindness is so very much appreciated you opened your arms and your doors to me and my family in our time of sorrow. Thank you!
May God bless each and every member of the parish.
Love in Christ, Shelley Vrazel*

The Creation of a New Parish Directory has been:

Postponed
until further notice

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish



SEPTEMBER 1
2019
22ND SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME

The Power of Humility

Humility isn't a popular virtue! In fact, among the Greeks and the Romans it wasn't considered a virtue at all. In a sixth-century BC list of 147 wise maxims, humility isn't even mentioned. For the ancient Greek or Roman, obtaining and defending honor was more a goal than humility ever could be.

Yet the Jewish faith values humility, as seen in Old Testament texts like the one we read today. The humble strength of conducting affairs quietly and justly makes you more loved—more so than someone who gives many gifts. Parents should reflect on this.

As Christians following a Savior who was great through his service, humility is not only recommended but becomes the ideal. Let the first be last. Let the greatest be the servant. Humility is simply living the truth of who you are. You are both great and insignificant. We can and should use all our knowledge and strength to sow the fields of creation, as in this painting. But only God gives growth.

Humility is favored by true self-knowledge. We are creatures and not the Creator. We don't make the rules of life or define right and wrong. We discover, accept, and love these laws. A healthy awareness of our limitations doesn't enslave us. It sets us free. A humble knowledge of the truth is empowering.

We are amazingly talented people, each uniquely loved and gifted by God. Each of us can achieve, and



Piece: Prayer in the Field, 1966
Artist: Mijo Kovačić
Location: Vatican Museums

should strive for, the greatness he offers us. Humility makes us capable of true and lasting greatness—just look at Christ.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How well do I know myself—both my strengths and weaknesses?

Do I see everything as a gift and respond with humility?

*My son, conduct your affairs with humility,
and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.*

Sirach 3:17

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5:30PM

SUNDAY
MASS
8:30AM & 11:00AM

MONDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE
8:00AM

TUESDAY
MASS
5:30PM

WEDNESDAY
MASS
8:00AM

THURSDAY
MASS
8:00AM

FRIDAY
MASS
8:00AM

MONTHLY

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
8:30AM TO NOON

FIRST SATURDAY
MASS
8AM

FIRST WEEKEND
ALL MASSES

LITANY TO THE SACRED
HEART OF JESUS

HOLY DAYS & SOLEMNITIES
8:00AM & 6:00PM

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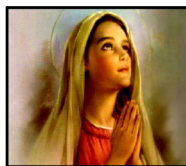
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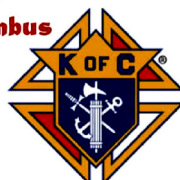
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Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish



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Committee

Altar
Society

Pray the Rosary and read the Bible daily.

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Heart

A Ministry of
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
for ages 50+

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Every Second
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Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
Tuesday at 6PM
DAUGHTERS OF MARY
WOMEN RENEWING FAITH AND FAMILY



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
September 1, 2019

Christ at the Head of the Table

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In a commencement address at Northwestern University, comedian and talk-show host Stephen Colbert recalled what he learned from his experience as a member of an improvisation group. “One of the things I was taught early on,” he said, “is that you are not the most important person in the scene.” He said the best improvisation comes from a team that listens and responds to each other to “serve a common idea.” When someone

demands attention or tries to force a skit in a certain direction, the comedy falls apart. I never forgot his advice. It is appropriate in families, in workplaces, and among friends. And I confess I have had to apply it to myself on more than a few occasions.

Jesus’ parable on humility, using a wedding reception as his setting, is a caution against presuming that we know best or that we—our goals and talents—are most important. He is not advocating false modesty or a refusal to use the gifts God gives us. Rather, Jesus asks that we start from a place of humility and service. He wants us to allow others to say what they need and how we can help before we presume to know the solution or how the situation should unfold.

First and foremost, the figurative head of the table belongs to Christ, and it’s up to us to obediently go where he tells us. He will give us our place. It’s worthy to note that at the table of the Lord, every place has the same significance and everyone is a welcome guest. The important one is Christ. After that, we are all equals, regardless of who we think we are. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

One must not exaggerate the mystique of work. The person is not only work; there are other human needs that we must cultivate and consider, such as family, friends, and rest. It is important, therefore, to remember that any work must be at the service of the person, not the person in the service of work.

—Letter to conference on human development, November 23, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Rather than practicing one-upmanship, when I am with a braggart am I able to remain humble?
- Do I allow my actions, such as kindness and generosity, to speak louder than words?

The Spirituality of Work

By Kathy Coffey

Monday is the day of the week many people dread. After the weekend, a collective sigh wafts across the world: “Ugh. Back to work.” The drill can be tedious, the routine exhausting, and the boss stupid. Work may appear to be a grubby girl cleaning the sooty fireplace, but beneath the ragged camouflage hides the beautiful Cinderella. How can we learn to see work as a productive outlet, a means of support, and God’s gift?

The problem may come from compartmentalizing our prayer and our work. Is Sunday the tidy hour given to God, separate from anything else we do? Or does our faith permeate every minute of every day, especially endless hours spent working?

To resolve this dilemma, let’s look at our model, Jesus. He was surrounded by people who worked: fishermen, farmers, tax collectors, shepherds, and soldiers. He drew his images from a woman baking, a farmer pruning vines. He worked hard, too.

Jesus’ first followers continued along that path. Paul the tentmaker wrote: “You know well that these very hands have served my needs and my companions. In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak” (Acts 20:34–35). The Benedictine



abbeys of the Middle Ages were founded on two cornerstones: *ora et labora*, prayer and work. The Franciscan missions in California were beehives of activity: crops were grown, grain milled, wine made, furniture carved, cloth woven, paintings and sculptures created. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux fell asleep during

formal prayer, but she found God in routine, daily occupations—her “little way.”

These examples show that we’ve always respected work, considering it essential to a full life. A subtle pecking order undercuts this respect, distinguishing “loftier” work (done with clean hands) from “lower” work (grubbier). But healthy folks relax those distinctions. An “earthy” pastor drew protests when he pitched in to wash dishes after a potluck dinner. He pleaded with those who tried to take over, “Please let me finish. It’s the only tangible thing I’ve accomplished all day.”

A local physician delights in her garden. Mucking in the dirt relieves her stress. Like many whose work is primarily mental, she finds that physical labor helps her feel whole.

More dangerous than the hierarchy of work is the suggestion that somehow we taint our spirituality with drudgery. The teaching of Jesus about the lilies of

the field (Matthew 6:28–29) prompts criticism of overwork and consumerism.

We need to understand that the paycheck fills legitimate needs, providing education, shelter, and medical care for ourselves and our children. Furthermore, work provides creativity, a social dimension, and a step beyond the self.

Anyone who has ever questioned work’s importance to the human spirit should watch preschoolers at play. Many pretend to be firefighters, parents, doctors, or truck drivers, modeling mysterious adult responsibilities. In Montessori schools, children wash dishes that aren’t dirty for the sensuous joy of the task: clean scent, warm water, popping bubbles.

We may have lost that first fascination with work through numbing repetition. But many recapture it through hobbies: working on a toy railroad or a pottery wheel seems more fun if it’s not for a paycheck.

Our outlook thus colors our work. Seeing the potential to encounter God at every turn of the page or pour of the coffeepot enlivens repetitive processes. And, if we see a job done well as an opportunity to glorify God, this attitude will add meaning to our work. +

PRAYER

Lord, you came to be the humble Servant of God to all people. Give me a humble heart so I may be a selfless, compassionate servant to the poor and vulnerable.

—From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 2–7

Monday, Weekday:

1 Thes 4:13–18 / Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday, St. Gregory the Great,

1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11 / Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday, Weekday:

Col 1:1–8 / Lk 4:38–44

Thursday, Weekday:

Col 1:9–14 / Lk 5:1–11

Friday, Weekday:

Col 1:15–20 / Lk 5:33–39

Saturday, Weekday:

Col 1:21–23 / Lk 6:1–5

Bringing Home the Word

September 1, 2019

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Q. I have a blessed candle, how should I use it.

A. First of all, the blessing included in the *Roman Missal* summarizes the spiritual symbolism of this sacramental.

O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to the just man Simeon the light for revelation to the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to your people’s prayers, you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise of your name, so that, treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light which never fails. Through Christ our lord.

It is appropriate to leave the blessed candle in a prominent place in your home or on a prayer table. This reminds you of Jesus, light of the world, and invites you to prayer. Then when you devote time for personal or communal prayer in your home, you can light the candle to help you focus.

Candles provide a powerful spiritual ambiance, which even the secular world recognizes. They can calm the heart and open us up to the light of God.

Another way to use blessed candles is to bring them out during severe weather. Traditionally Catholics would always light the blessed candle during a strong storm, invoking the power of God to protect their home. And as is so often the case, Catholic spiritual traditions have a practical element: the candle will be useful if the power goes out.

Additionally, on account of their association with the “Light of the World,” blessed candles are a powerful sacramental to use against evil spirits prowling about. The devil lives in darkness, and so the light of the blessed candle invokes the power of God to keep the devil’s influence at bay.

Last of all, if you are not able to use the blessed candles because of fire codes, or simply because the candle is no longer usable, it is best to dispose of it properly:

Catholics are instructed to dispose of old sacramentals in a way that shows due reverence. All sacramentals can be either burned or buried in order to properly dispose of them. This type of disposal honors their sacred purpose and returns them to the earth in a dignified way. If a person is unable to do either, the sacramental may be dropped off at the parish office and someone on staff can take care of it.

If you are looking for something to enhance your spiritual life, consider using blessed candles to enlighten your soul, bringing it out of darkness.

MINISTER’S
SCHEDULE
9/7/19
9/8/19

Sat. 9/7 5:30pm

Ushers

D. O’Rourke
L. Thompson

Lectors

- 1) P.Dais III
- 2) G. Peloux

Extraordinary Ministers

B. Burton
J C Martin
S. Washington
B. Cooper
A. Cooper
B. Kenny

Sun. 9/8 8:30am

Ushers

D. Dumas
C. Boney

Lectors

- 1) M. McKeough
- 2) M. Brierly

Extraordinary Ministers

L. Loftin
P. Dumas
J. Moore
L. Lovvorn
Need substitute
Need substitute

Sun. 9/8 11:00am

Ushers

L. Lavallais
B. Williams

Lectors

- 1) *need substitute*
- 2) *need substitute*

Extraordinary Ministers

M M Collier
D. Harvey
P. Thompson
M. Portella
E. Lipscomb
need substitute

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on the church website*

MASS
INTENTIONS

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 2

8:00 AM
COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 3

5:30 PM
PERPETUAL PRAYER
ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 AM
FATHER’S DAY
REMEMBRANCES

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 AM
FATHER’S DAY
REMEMBRANCES

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 AM
FATHER’S DAY
REMEMBRANCES

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 7

5:30PM
+ DOUGLAS MALONE

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 8

8:30AM
FOR PARISHIONERS

11:00 AM
+LUZ BISHOP



Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30 pm

Lunch Daily at 1:00pm

Pastor’s Office Hours

By Appointment

Prayer List

Rhonda Adams, Tim Anderson, Dale Andrews, Karen Andrews, Richard Anthony, Margaret Arns, Vivian Bacot, Bob Balzli, Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Dorothy Bertagnolli, Don Bertagnoli, Chloe Beshears, Bodeem Blankenship, Blake Blackston, Bethany Ann Boltz, Clement Boney, Toni Boney, Logan Bowers, Sara Bratt, Kateria Brewer, Jason Brown, Jean Brown, Paul Burch, Sr., Pat Burch, John Buhring, Lorrie Burgess, Conrad Burkhardt, David Burris, Marguerite Burris, McKenzie Butterwick, Boatie Campbell, Wendi Campbell, Frankie Cayton, Ami Cheatham, Mary Myers Clark, Rick Claxton, Theresa Coleman, Garrett Colvin, Evelyn Cooper, Helen Couch, Anita Cowart, Claudia Daniel, Patricia Davis, Susie DeWitt, Teresa Dezenburg, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorrierty, Roberta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, John Dumas, John Edwards, Josh Ellis, George Erickson, Johnny Finch, Lynne Floyes, Raymond Floyes, Betty Foster, Elyn Fowler, Louise Frontz, Randy Fuller, Janet Gafford, Tim Frontz, Logan Frye, Ron Garrick, Guillermo Gomez, Marilu Gomez, Joyce Goodman, Walter Grimes, Richard Guess, Greg Hampton, Irene Guess, Margaret Guess, Colleen Hill, Kate Hodge, Diana Holifield, Keith Holified, Randy Hooks, Buddy Hulan, Alaina Hulsey, Chrissy Irby, Elyssa Jacobs, Erin Jackson, Henry Johnson, Joshua Johnson, J.S. Johnson, Kaleb Johnson, Ginny Johnston, Mary Ann Keith, Billy Kenny, Patrick Kenny, Marshall Kern, Ed Kimbrough, June King, James King Jr., Philip Larson, Polly Lartigue, Alfred Leonard, Matthew Lewis, Diane Little, Nancy Cowart Little, Beth Ellen Lloyd, John Loden, Fred Lorge, Joan Lorge, Paul Lyle, Amanda McDonald, Charles McDonald, Lisa McDonald, Shirley McDonald, Donna Magaldine, Mary Martin, John Martin, Paul Martin, Trissie Martin, Kamden McKeough, Stephanie Melton, Helen Merchant, Dolores Merren, May Merren, Faye Methaney, Alana Voivedich Mey, Louis Meyers, Alaina Mickel, Priscilla Miller, Jean Morgan, Archie Moore, Margaret Moore, Marcie Morrow, Cindy Mount, Garrett Mount, Ernestine Murrill, Rose Marie Murphy, Blake Myers, Johnathan Myers, Michael Myles, Paul Naylor, Tiffany Neese, Wally Neese, Ella Rose Norris, Kelly North, Mike Nunery, Darlene O’Rourke, Agnes Parker, Summer Patterson, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Barbara Phillips, Randy Phillips, Dana Pickel, Sue Pitt, Lorraine Carol Provost, Tracey Ransom, Rennie Pitt, Jr., Glenda Pose, Elizabeth Purcell, Holley Reese, Serina Reeves, Gerald Resso, Belinda Richard, Terri Richey, Jimmy Robinson, Marlen Rodriguez, Robert Salva, Jun Santiago, Richard Santiago, Michelle Saynor, Laura Lee Seargent, Grayson Scott, Patsy Sealy, Simon Schum, Stevie Shaw, Kay Shaw, Briley Shirah, Dorothy Simon, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Allison Spillman, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Cheryl Stewart, Sally Stokely, Todd Stringfellow, Chuck Sullivan, Ronald Summerlin, Cecilia Taylor, Charles Taylor, Barbara Thomas, Eddie Thomas, Gwen Thomas, Rita Tillman, Robert Todd, Belinda Tomplait, Cecil Tucker, Dede Unger, Tyler Upton, Nita Van Devender, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Ida Vrazel, Frances Ward, Wayne Ward, Gary Warner, Albert Washington, Sallie Washington, Brad Wells, Mark Westbrook, Ralph Wheat, Marlene Whisenhant, Leroy Wiese, Stephen Weise, Kenny Wiggins, Buddy Wilder, Heather Willamor, Bubba Williams, Kelly Wilson, Shelly Wilson, Agnes Worley, Ashley Wypick, Carol Ziebert, Christopher Zimmerman.

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Army

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Matthew Ladnier
Coast Guard

Kenneth L. McAlman
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Army

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Coast Guard

Sam Schoolfield Jr.
Marine Reserves

Sam Schoolfield Sr.
Marines

Jerrick Thompson
Army Reserves

Quentin
Porter-Washington
Air Force Reserves

2019 Collections

Regular & Holy Days Collection

8/25/19 \$2,698.00
2019 Total Regular Collection
\$136,171.94

Parish Project Collection

8/25/19 \$25.00
2019 Total Parish Project Collection
\$22,983.00



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September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Mass 8:30am and 11:00am	2 Communion Service 8am	3 Altar Society Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 9:00am 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	4 Mass 8:00am	5 Mass 8:00am	6 Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30am—noon 8:00am	7 1st Saturday Mass 1621 Drawing Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass 8:00am 9:00am 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
8 Mass K of C Monthly Breakfast 8:30am and 11:00am 9:30am	9 Communion Service 8am	10 Young at Heart Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 12:00noon 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	11 Mass Liturgy Committee 8:00am 6:00pm	12 Mass 8:00am	13 Mass 8:00am	14 Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
15 Mass K of C Monthly Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 8:30am and 11:00am 9:45am 9:45am	16 Communion Service 8am	17 Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	18 Mass 8:00am	19 Mass Family Life 8:00am 6:00pm	20 Mass 8:00am	21 Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
22 Mass 8:30am and 11:00am	23 Communion Service 8am	24 Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	25 Mass St. Vincent de Paul 8:00am 6:00pm	26 Mass 8:00am	27 Mass 8:00am	28 Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
29 Mass 8:30am and 11:00am	30 Communion Service 8am					