24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

WEEKEND SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE MISAS
Saturday Eve: 5:00 P.M.
Sunday Masses: 7:30 A.M.
9:15 A.M. (ESPAÑOL)
10:45 A.M.
12:15 P.M.
5:00 P.M.
Daily Mass - Monday to Saturday 7:45 A.M. & 12:05 P.M.

BAPTISMS
Parents must first call the rectory 1 month before the date and present the original birth certificate.
English: The 2nd Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm.
Instruction class is on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Spanish: The 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm.
Instruction class is on the Friday before at 7:00 pm.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
Monday through Saturday: 11:45 am - 12:00 Noon - Chapel
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm - Church. And by appointment.

MARRIAGE
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CARE OF THE SICK
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Sunday: CLOSED

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Masses for the Week

Saturday, September 11
5:00p Richard Matela

Sunday, September 12
7:30 Purgatorial Society
9:15 Alberto Jaimes (20th Death Anniv.)
    Ismael Hernandez
    Josefina Franco de Bravo
        (Anniv. De Cumpleaños)
    Luis Fernando Calderon
    Rodrigo Vargas (Death Anniv.)
    Fermina Marte (4 Mos. Death Anniv.)
    Antonia de Jesus Vazquez (5 Mos. Death Anniv.)
    Mirna Estella Chaparro (Anniv. De Muerte)
10:45 Arsenio V. Paredes
    Roland Alonzeau (L)
    Edwin Mil
For the Eternal Repose of the Soul of
    Renato Erandio
    Cerila Mendoza Santa Maria
    Isabel Elena Padilla
    Ronald Del Rosario
    Kaitlin Kenneally
12:15p People of the Parish
5:00p Erwin Trillana

Monday, September 13
7:45 Amadeo Evideo Gonzales Rumiche
12:05p Josefina E. Franco de Bravo (B-day)

Tuesday, September 14
7:45 Thanksgiving to the Holy Angels
12:05p Melchora V. Morales & Jose M. Morales

Wednesday, September 15
7:45 Juan Luis Barillas
12:05p Aurora & Mariano Aquino

Thursday, September 16
7:45 Gregory Antoine (L)(27th B-day)
12:05p Aurora & Mariano Aquino

Friday, September 17
7:45 Maria Pullano
12:05p Aurora & Mariano Aquino

Saturday, September 18
7:45 Jacob Alcantara (L)(Thanksgiving)
12:05p Guillermo Sibucao
5:00p Aurora & Mariano Aquino

Sunday, September 19
7:30 Jeffrey Arsenult
9:15 Juana Ramona Moya
10:45 Arsenio V. Paredes
    Roland Alonzeau(L)
    Dan & Carolina Funk (L)(1st Wedding Anniv.)
    Thanksgiving of Jocelyn Ganzon & Family
    Napoleon Bico Sr. (2nd Death Anniv.)
    Nicanor Hernandez
12:15p Birthday Thanksgiving
5:00p People of the Parish

Next Weekend’s Readings

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 Evildoers plot against the just one, scorning the idea that God will deliver him.

Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 God is the one who sustains and saves our lives.

James 3:16-4:3 The spirit of peace breeds virtue, and the spirit of conflict breeds wrongdoing.

Mark 9:30-37 Greatness is properly defined as choosing to serve the rest.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick: Jerry Foufp

The Deceased: Nena D. Buenafe

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ONLY Monday-Friday, Until Further Notice. Please remember to wear a mask and ONLY ONE person inside the office at a time. Please be patient.

**Move**
Please remember to let us know if you have moved. It is important to keep our records updated.

**Purgatorial Society**
The following names were enrolled in the Purgatorial Society in the month of August

- Mr. Raymond Michel
- Joyce Greenberger
- Yolanda Rozo de Espinosa
- Maria Ines Samaniego
- Miriam “Annaliza” Paredes
- Antonio “Jiji” Henson
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- Aurelio Paneto Baez
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- Remedios Javal
- Adrianna Guerra
- Emma de Leon
- Cerila Mendoza Santa Maria

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**Regular Sunday Mass Schedule starting Sunday, September 12, 2021**

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- Sunday:
  - 7:30 am
  - 9:15 am (Spanish)
  - 10:45 am
  - 12:15 pm
  - 5:00 pm

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Please visit St. Nicholas’s website at: www.stnicholas-queens.org

Join us online for daily Mass at 12:05PM. Sunday Masses at 9:15AM & 12:15PM.

**Food Pantry Hours**

- Thursdays from 9AM-12PM
- Please bring your ID

**St. Nick’s** is a welcoming community in the Catholic Tradition, enriched by many cultures, rooted in God’s Word and the Eucharist, offering loving service.

Please visit St. Nick’s website at: www.stnicholas-queens.org
On Sunday, September 19th, the Faith Formation Classes for all children of all grades, high school, and the adults desirous to receive Baptism, Communion, and or Confirmation will begin at 9:00 am. You will receive either a call or email telling you where to report to. Parents will not be allowed to enter the building. There will be helpers at the door to guide the students to their respective class.

All classes will be in-person. Every student must wear a mask or face covering. We will be following the diocesan protocol regarding doing all that we can that everyone will be safe.

September 19th is Catechetical Sunday which is rich in meaning and celebration. All of our catechists will be commissioned to this beautiful ministry of helping our parents to pass on the faith. Parents will be receiving a very special blessing also.

It is also Grandparents Day. So we are asking that grandparents be invited to be at the 10:45 am Mass because they too will be blessed and given a beautiful prayer card for Grandparents Day.

We are asking that all students bring their public school backpacks to Mass that Sunday. These will be blessed using a very meaningful prayer and the students will receive a special tag for their backpack.

THUS, THE STUDENTS WILL COME TO CLASS AT 9:00 am AND THE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS WILL JOIN THEM AT THE 10:45 AM MASS.

Registration and Re-registration!!!

I will be in my Office this Sunday until 1:00pm and then Monday through Saturday from 9:00am -5:00pm for registration. If none of these time slots are convenient for you, please call me at 718-591-6536 to arrange for another time.

May I once again remind parents that First Holy Communion is not an end to your children’s faith formation. Just as in the secular subjects at school, they need to continue to learn about their faith, and grow in their friendship with the Lord. There is so little that really can be taught in the two years for preparation for First Confession and First Communion. There is so much more involved in coming to know God and His plan for each of us. We refer to these faithful students who do continue to come to class “Followers of Jesus”.

Many Blessings,

Sr. Alice Michael S.U.S.C.
El domingo 19 de septiembre, las clases de formación en la fe para todos los niños de todos los grados, la escuela secundaria y los adultos que deseen recibir el bautismo, la comunión o la confirmación comenzarán a las 9:00 am. Recibirá una llamada o un correo electrónico indicándole dónde debe presentarse. No se permitirá que los padres entren al edificio. Habrá ayudantes en la puerta para guiar a los estudiantes a su respectiva clase.

Todas las clases serán presenciales. Todos los estudiantes deben usar una máscara o cubrirse la cara. Seguiremos el protocolo diocesano con respecto a hacer todo lo posible para que todos estén seguros.

El 19 de septiembre es el Domingo de Catequesis que es rico en significado y celebración. Todos nuestros catequistas serán comisionados a este hermoso ministerio de ayudar a nuestros padres a transmitir la fe. Los padres también recibirán una bendición muy especial.

También es el Día de los Abuelos. Así que pedimos que los abuelos sean invitados a estar en la misa de las 10:45 am porque ellos también serán bendecidos y recibirán una hermosa tarjeta de oración para el Día de los Abuelos.

Pedimos que todos los estudiantes traigan sus mochilas de la escuela pública a la misa ese domingo. Estos serán bendecidos con una oración muy significativa y los estudiantes recibirán una etiqueta especial para su mochila.

ASÍ, LOS ESTUDIANTES LLEGARÁN A CLASE A LAS 9:00 AM Y LOS PADRES Y ABUELOS SE UNIRÁN A ELLOS EN LA MISA DE LAS 10:45 AM.

Registro y reinscripción !!!

Estaré en mi oficina este domingo hasta la 1:00 p. M. Y luego de lunes a sábado de 9:00 a. M. A 5:00 p. M. Para registrarme. Si ninguno de estos horarios le resulta conveniente, llámeme al 718-591-6536 para programar otro horario.

Permítanme recordarles una vez más a los padres que la Primera Comunión no es el final de la formación en la fe de sus hijos. Al igual que en las materias seculares de la escuela, necesitan seguir aprendiendo sobre su fe y crecer en su amistad con el Señor. Hay tan poco que realmente se puede enseñar en los dos años de preparación para la Primera Confesión y la Primera Comunión. Hay mucho más involucrado en llegar a conocer a Dios y su plan para cada uno de nosotros. Nos referimos a estos alumnos fieles que sí siguen viniendo a la clase “Seguidores de Jesús”.

Muchas Bendiciones,

Sr. Alice Michael S.U.S.C.
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¡NO FALTES!
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” They said in reply, “John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets.”

And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter said to him in reply, “You are the Christ.” Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days.

He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.”
Lectura del santo Evangelio según San Marcos

En aquel tiempo, Jesús y sus discípulos se dirigieron a los poblados de Cesarea de Filipo. Por el camino les hizo esta pregunta: “¿Quién dice la gente que soy yo?” Ellos le contestaron: “Algunos dicen que eres Juan el Bautista; otros, que Elías; y otros, que alguno de los profetas”.

Entonces él les preguntó: “Y ustedes ¿quién dicen que soy yo?” Pedro le respondió: “Tú eres el Mesías”. Y él les ordenó que no se lo dijeran a nadie.

Luego se puso a explicarles que era necesario que el Hijo del hombre padeciera mucho, que fuera rechazado por los ancianos, los sumos sacerdotes y los escribas, que fuera entregado a la muerte y resucitara al tercer día.

Todo esto lo dijo con entera claridad. Entonces Pedro se lo llevó aparte y trataba de disuadirlo. Jesús se volvió, y mirando a sus discípulos, reprendió a Pedro con estas palabras: “¡Apártate de mí, Satanás! Porque tú no juzgas según Dios, sino según los hombres”.

Después llamó a la multitud y a sus discípulos, y les dijo: “El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a sí mismo, que cargue con su cruz y que me siga. Pues el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que pierda su vida por mí y por el Evangelio, la salvará”. 
Gospel Reflection…

People seemed to wonder who Jesus was. After hearing him speak or watching him healing the sick, they might compare him to John the Baptist or one of the prophets and they wondered had these come back to life. They knew that there was more to him than met the eye; more to the meaning of his words than they would initially hear.

The same question is always relevant: "Who is Jesus?" Peter said You are the Messiah. That is, Jesus is the one sent by God to set his people free. Do I allow Jesus to be my Messiah and set me free? If not, what is holding me back? Can I talk to him about it?

Lord, your question to the disciples echoes down the centuries, and I hear it addressed now to me. Strengthen the bonds between us. May our relationship influence my living. Keep me close behind you, as I pick up the crosses and burdens that come from being your disciple.

This crucial moment draws the first half of Mark’s gospel to a close. Jesus is not a triumphant but a suffering Messiah. On a surface level, Peter gets Jesus’ identity right. But he is reprimanded for his earthbound vision: he seeks to bend Jesus’ words and ways to his own all too human thinking. He learns that compromise has no place in Jesus’ life. (Sacred Space)
“Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Popular culture would have us believe that happiness comes from having the perfect spouse, the perfect home, the perfect job, and the perfect body. Without all that, happiness isn’t possible. Consider this:

God’s way leads to perfection. Adam and Eve were in Paradise until society convinced them that by eating a piece of fruit, they could become perfect and be even happier. Had they listened to God instead, their lives would have stayed perfect.

Only God loves perfectly. Sometimes we fear that showing our failings to others will lessen their regard. The more perfect we appear, the more we will be loved and respected. Human love is unpredictable, but we can never lose or lessen God’s love. He loves us as we are right now. In fact, Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) to remind us of God’s unconditional love.

God’s idea of perfect is possible. Jesus said, “… be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48), but he wasn’t talking about muscles or homes. Perfection in Jesus’ eyes means loving God with all our hearts, praying for our enemies, and taking care of the poor. To Jesus, love, obedience, and service is the true measure of perfection and he wants us to let go of anything that gets in the way. That’s the only “perfect” that is possible.

Our Lady of Sorrows

On September 15th we commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows. The title refers to Simeon’s prediction that Mary would experience sorrows as if “… you yourself a sword will pierce” (Luke 2:35). Her greatest sorrow may have been watching her son die on the Cross. If we ever want someone who understands our difficulties, we have only to look to Mary.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Ten Commandments were given by God to the Israelites on Mt. Sinai after they left Egypt. They are considered divine law because God himself revealed them to help his people live holy lives. They formed the basis of Jewish life, so Jesus followed them, too.

The Commandments are standards of holiness for Christians, too. Obey them and eternal happiness is ours. Disobey them and we suffer the consequences. Jesus summarized the spirit of the Commandments in Matthew 22:36-40.
Be not afraid

The phrase “be not afraid,” made famous by Pope St. John Paul II, helps us to remember that no matter what happens in the world, God is in control and we are in good hands. The Holy Father asked us to put our trust in Jesus who redeemed the world.

Refuse to worry. Jesus reminded us that tomorrow isn’t guaranteed to anyone (Luke 12:20). What brings us peace is to tend to today’s challenges and let God take care of tomorrow. Nothing happens without His consent and He won’t permit anything that is bad for us. When we place ourselves in His care, we have nothing to fear.

Keep your eyes on Him. Don’t let the world blind you to God’s presence in your life. We may not feel powerful at times, but when we stay close to Jesus through His Church, we receive the grace we need to keep fighting temptations to sin. God has overcome the world. With His help, we will win the daily battle for Heaven.

from Scripture

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, The discipline of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear of an unknown man healing in Jesus’ name. In their jealousy, it seemed the disciples were more concerned about losing the spotlight than in healing. Jesus added perspective. He pointed out that the man had the same goal as the disciples – to build up God’s Kingdom. He was a teammate, not an enemy.

Discipleship means making a change of heart and mind. Jesus was very clear: if we choose to follow him, we can’t foster private sins, too. If, through those sins, we lead others into sin, our responsibility is doubled. These are grim words, but the opposite is great news: “Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:19). God rewards us for the good we do to and for others.

Our example is powerfully influential. Being a faithful disciple isn’t easy. Rooting out personal sin and setting a good example is difficult, but we’re not alone or without grace to do the job. No matter what we sacrifice, the reward is infinitely better.

Q & A

Why do I have to go to Mass when I don’t enjoy it?

A Catholic adult who lives an average lifespan can attend as many as 4,084 Sunday Masses. No ritual or event can sustain good vibrations 4,084 times. The truth is that the Mass is not meant to always make us feel good. It isn’t actually about us – it’s about God.

Mass is public worship. At every Mass, we worship God as a natural response to His overwhelming magnificence. This is not because God needs our praise, but because we need to praise Him. We recognize and honor all that is good about Him.

Mass is a sacrifice. When the gifts are brought to the altar, each of us offers our lives along with the bread and wine. We can do nothing of our own accord, so Christ accepts our offerings – our sacrifice – and joins it to His ongoing work of salvation.

Mass is a meal. Through the Eucharist, Jesus makes His home within us. We deepen our union with Jesus each time we receive His Word and His Body and Blood during Mass.

Feasts & Celebrations

September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). Tradition says Mary was born in Jerusalem after her mother, Anna, and her father, Joachim, had been married more than twenty years without children. Mary’s birth brought her parents joy, and we are joyful too – because Mary brings salvation to all of us with the birth of Jesus.

September 23 – St. Padre Pio (1968). Born to farmers in southern Italy, Padre Pio was an inspiring confessor and counselor. He received the five wounds of Our Lord’s Passion (stigmata) eight years after he became a Capuchin Friar. Despite intense personal and physical suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.

September 28 – Saint Wenceslaus (929). As the king of Bohemia, Wenceslaus worked closely with the Church to end the persecution of the Christians in his country. He encouraged German missionaries, built churches, and cared for the sick and poor. Political conflict led to his assassination by his brother. The “Good King” was immediately recognized as a martyr.