

Daily Readings

Week of October 24, 2021

Sunday, 10/24: Jer 31: 7-9/Ps 126: 1-6 (3)/Heb 5: 1-6/

Mk 10: 46-52

Monday, 10/25: Rom 8: 12-17/Ps 68: 2 & 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/

Lk 13: 10-17

Tuesday, 10/26: Rom 8: 18-25/Ps 126: 1b-6/Lk 13: 18-21

Wednesday, 10/27: Rom 8: 26-30/Ps 13: 4-6/Lk 13: 22-30

Thursday, 10/28: Eph 2: 19-22/Ps 19: 2-5/Lk 6: 12-16

Friday, 10/29: Rom 9: 1-5/Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20/Lk 14: 1-6

Saturday, 10/30: Rom 11: 1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94: 12-15, 17-18/Lk 14: 1, 7-11



SACRED HEART

**“RETURN TO ME &
RENEW YOUR SPIRIT”**



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Mass Schedule: 11:00am Sunday

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October 24, 2021 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Schedule for October 31, 2021

Lector: Patty

Greeters/Gifts: Mary/Mary Ann K

Servers: Kevin/Tyler

Money Counters: Patty/Sharon

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

Today's Mass Intention:

Monk & Marguerite Coon

Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck,
Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack,
Marilyn Stevenson, Derek Denniston,
Julie Ahrendsen
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



TO OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

1. OUR PARISH THEME:

Last Sunday we unveiled the parish theme for the 2021/2022 liturgical year. The theme is RETURN TO ME AND RENEW YOUR SPIRIT. This theme is enshrined in the scriptural verse we find in Jeremiah 15:19a: “Therefore this is what the Lord says: ‘If you return, I will restore you; you will stand in my presence.’ ” This divine request seeks our return to communion with him, to the worship of him, and to the obedience of him. And when we return to this is communion, worship, and obedience, the result will be the promised renewal and restoration of our lives and circumstances.

It is striking to relate this theme to the original request made to Adam and Eve after the fall. God proved to be solicitous towards them and came calling them, “Where are you?” God knew they were concealing themselves from him. He wanted them to return to him and have their fearful and disappointed lives and spirits renewed. Since that time, he has not ceased extending his open hand to us, bidding us to come back to him.

We have chosen to reflect on this theme throughout the year as a parish. It is my hope that this will serve as a reminder and an invitation to allay our fears, challenges, struggles, and concerns, and be encouraged to keep steady in our relationship with God. And that we believe God is pleased to see us stand in his presence and worship together.

Evidently, church attendance in all parishes and among all denominations has plummeted further since the pandemic began. Here in our parish, the story is not different! Some of our parishioners, families, and friends are still uncertain, or don’t know whether it is safe to be back with the community for worship and other activities. While we can’t ignore the science behind the pandemic, there is also a divine urging that those who are his people do not disconnect from him. And we must also respond to our baptismal vocation to build the parish community together by actively practicing our faith and urging others to do the same.

During the year, our religious education program, ministries, committees, and other groups will seek to align activities to our theme. I encourage families and individuals to meditate daily on the theme so that together we may direct our actions and services to reflect it.

2. GIFT FROM MY MOTHER

Last weekend during Mass, I presented a gift from my mother to the parish; it was a chasuble designed with “kente” fabric. I mentioned that my mother made the gift to express her gratitude for the love and concern our parishioners extend toward her.

However, I didn’t mean that she sewed the chasuble herself. No! The chasuble was sewn by The Infant Jesus Sisters, a local religious congregation in Ghana. Mama Paulina only placed the order for it to be made.

Many blessings upon you!

- We will be doing our Memorial Candles at Mass on Sunday, October 31st. Sign-ups are in the hall for you to put your name and the name of your loved one. We ask \$5 for each candle.
- The next Sunday for CCD is October 31st at 9:45am. We invite everyone to stay after class for Mass at 11:00am!!
- Starting Sunday, November 7th, the 1st Sunday of each month we will be having a “Children’s Mass”. During this Mass, our parish kids will participate in many aspects of the Liturgy and it will be an awesome opportunity for our kids to deepen and grow in their faith journey. “One of the most powerful forces on earth is the prayer of a child.”-Wess Stafford
- Do you have someone that you would like to have as the Sunday Mass intention? Let Colleen know! A donation of \$5.00 is requested for each intention.
- Have you downloaded the FORMED app yet? It is a online platform that is filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for the kids! You can get onto FORMED from your computer, from your phone with the FORMED app or even on your TV with a device such as a Roku or AppleTV. Go to <https://signup.formed.org>, enter zip code 52314 and choose St. John the Baptist, St. Isidore & Sacred Heart. Enter your name and email address and BOOM you are in! Check it out!!



Father Andrew showing us his new chasuble made with “kente” fabric, which was a gift given to him by his Mother and made by The Infant Jesus Sisters in Ghana.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

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