

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

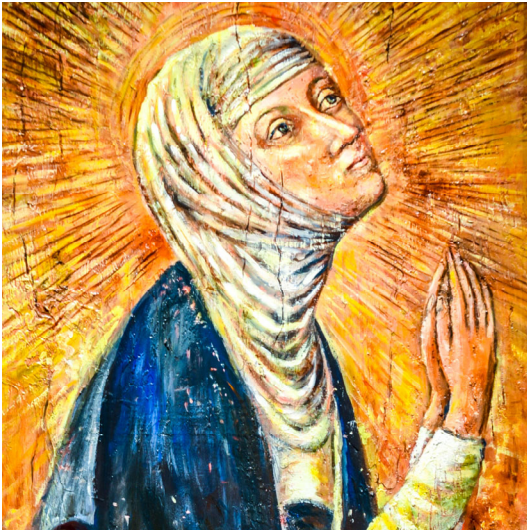
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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday -
10:00 AM



Friday -
4:00 PM

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Dear Friends,

Check out our new parish webpage - it has been updated, simplified and made much more accessible, which also means that it downloads much faster than the previous version. Those of you who came to St. Catherine's for Mass last week when I was away on retreat may well have saved yourselves an unnecessary journey if you had looked at the parish webpage beforehand, but such is life! It has the most up-to-date information about the parish, and now we have a feature at the bottom of the webpage where you can opt to receive the bulletin directly to your email address. What more could you ask for?!

We are about three weeks away from Lent, but if you would like to put on your thinking cap before then, start considering a charity to propose to the parish's finance committee and me for our annual donation of 10% of total income. Don't just send us a name of an organization without telling us why you consider it a worthy cause; without that explanation, it won't even be considered. Make a good case for your cause and state why the parish should donate such a generous \$ amount to it. This has been a Lenten project for the last few years where we ask you to prayerfully consider proposing some charity for consideration. Normally, we have donated to those charities who have the lowest possible management costs and where we can get the best bang for our buck. Start thinking and praying about it. I will put more about this in the upcoming bulletins.

This is a very interesting thought for Lent: Genesis Butler, a 12-year-old, wrote to Pope Francis recently and asked him to become vegan for the 40 days of Lent as a further expression of his continuous call to care for the environment and indeed our overall health – now, there is something to consider!

Till next week, God bless,

Condolences

Our heart-felt condolences go out to Ted and Eleanor Sedlar and family, on the loss of their son Ted Jr. who died last weekend.

His funeral mass and burial will take place this Monday, February 18 in Hallettsville, Texas.

"Lord God, you hold dear what you have made.

Look gently on your servant Ted and have mercy on him.

Comfort his family and friends in the knowledge that he now shares in Christ's victory over death,

where there is no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen."

From the Order of Christian Funerals

February 17, 2019

Chinese Auction

Our second Chinese Auction will be held after all masses on the weekend of March 2-3. Combined with our monthly Mingle and Sunday Breakfast, it's a great time to have fun and hopefully win a prize.

Buy some tickets and place them into the container by the items of your choice. One drawing will be held after Saturday's mass, one after the 8:30 Sunday mass, and all the others after the 11:15. Write your name and phone number on the ticket and you will be notified of your winnings. Proceeds will go to Club 55+ and it's outreach. Contact Loretta at 713-464-9171 if you wish to donate items for the auction.

Treasures From Our Tradition

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

PARISH WEBSITE

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- SAT 16** 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
- SUN 17** 8:30 AM Sunday Mass
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM CCE
11:15 AM Sunday Mass
- MON 18** OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- TUES 19** 12:15 Weekday Mass
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- WED 20** 12:15 Weekday Mass
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM St. Catherine
Moms' Group meeting
- THURS 21** 12:15 Weekday Mass
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Bible Study
- FRI 22** 12:15 Weekday Mass
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- SAT 23** 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
- SUN 24** 8:30 AM Sunday Mass
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM CCE
11:15 AM Sunday Mass

