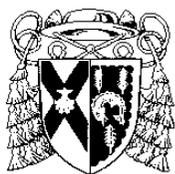


FISHER HOUSE



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER – 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

CALENDAR

Sunday 20 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
10.30am Mass (public – please signup)

Weekday Masses are not yet public, but will be live-streamed.

Monday 21 12.15pm Mass St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Tuesday 22 12.15pm Mass

Wednesday 23 12.15pm Mass *St Pius of Pietrelcina*

Thursday 24 12.15pm Mass *Our Lady of Walsingham*

Friday 25 12.15pm Mass

Saturday 26 12.15pm Mass *Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday*

Sunday 27 26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
10.30am Mass (public – please signup)

MANAGING EXPECTATIONS

Managing expectations is a difficult business. In today's Gospel, the workers who were hired at daybreak should have known exactly what to expect, a day's wage, for this is what they were told. But when it came to them receiving their pay, they were disappointed because of the landowner's generosity to the workers who had only worked one hour.

Now today is a very special day for Fisher House: the day on which we resume public Masses. We are of course still not out of the woods with this pandemic, and so there are certain rules we have to follow, rules like wearing a face covering, not being able to sing, having to receive communion in the hand and in silence, and not being able to congregate within Fisher House after Mass. Perhaps some of these rules might be an occasion for disappointment. I'd be surprised if they weren't.

Another possible cause for disappointment is the fact that I'm not Fr Mark. You are indeed very blessed to have Fr Mark as your Chaplain, so I hope it is not too much of a disappointment to have me as acting Chaplain while Fr Mark has a sabbatical.

Nevertheless, if we are ever tempted to feel disappointed, we would do well to remember the generosity of God. Despite there being a pandemic, God hasn't stopped being generous. Indeed, God is still being generous to us right now. God the Father has sent His Son into the world to redeem us. Jesus Christ gives us everything He has, His body and blood, soul and divinity, so that we might be saved.

Whatever struggles you've had over the past few months, and whatever struggles are still to come, God's generosity does not cease. Indeed, He will give you everything you need to sustain you through life on your pilgrim journey towards His heavenly kingdom.

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THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn
back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in
forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways —
it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my
ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144

℟: The Lord is close to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. ℟

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. ℟
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. ℟

SECOND READING

St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24.27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life
to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more;
but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good
results — I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma:
I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better,
but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the
gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going
out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with
the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out
at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and
said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage."
So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he
went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and

found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too". In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

THE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen