

## The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



### WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

We do not worship statues!

Many Protestants and other denominations accuse Catholics of worshipping statues. That our statues and crucifixes and other religious items are a form of idolatry and a violation of the first commandment. The original Protestants in western and central Europe took over many Catholic churches and destroyed anything they considered a "graven image." They misunderstand the purpose of these spiritual tools and misinterpreted God's commandment.

"The Christian veneration of images is not contrary to the first commandment which proscribes idols. Indeed, 'the honor rendered to an image passes to its prototype,' and 'whoever venerates an image venerates the person portrayed in it.' The honor paid to sacred images is a 'respectful veneration,' not the adoration due to God alone:

"Religious worship is not directed to images in themselves, considered as mere things, but under their distinctive aspect as images leading us on to God incarnate. The movement toward the image does not terminate in it as image, but tends toward that whose image it is." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2132; this quote is taken from writings of three ecumenical councils and from the writings of St. Basil and St. Thomas Aquinas.*)

"The divine injunction included the prohibition of every representation of God by the hand of man. *Deuteronomy* explains: 'Since you saw no form on the day that the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, beware lest you act corruptly by making a graven image for yourselves, in the form of any figure. . . ' It is the absolutely transcendent God who revealed himself to Israel. 'He is the all,' but at the same time 'he is greater than all his works.' (*Sir 43:27-28*) He is 'the author of beauty.' (*Wis 13:3*) (2129)

"Nevertheless, already in the Old Testament, God ordained or permitted the making of images that pointed symbolically toward salvation by the incarnate Word: so it was with the bronze serpent, the ark of the covenant, and the cherubim." (2130)

"Basing itself on the mystery of the incarnate Word, the seventh ecumenical council at Nicaea (787) justified against the iconoclasts the veneration of icons - of Christ, but also of the Mother of God, the angels, and all the saints. By becoming incarnate, the Son of God introduced a new 'economy' of images." (2131)

"The veneration of sacred images is based on the mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. It is not contrary to the first commandment." (2141)

Over the centuries there are misguided Catholics who have lost perspective and the distinction between symbol and reality. Most have viewed statues and other religious articles in a proper, balanced way—a physical reminder of the reality of God and the saints and an aid to prayer.

A *Catechism of Christian Doctrine* used in England sums up the distinctions:

"It is forbidden to give divine [honour](#) or worship to the [angels](#) and [saints](#) for this belongs to [God](#) alone. We should pay to the [angels](#) and [saints](#) an inferior [honour](#) or worship, for this is due to them as the servants and special friends of [God](#). We should give to [relics](#), crucifixes and holy pictures a relative [honour](#), as they relate to [Christ](#) and his [saints](#) and are memorials of them. We do not [pray](#) to

[relics](#) or images, for they can neither see nor hear nor help us." (*Catholic Encyclopedia*)



"2010" Weekly Budget.....	\$5,350.00
Offertory collected August 22 <sup>nd</sup> .....	\$4,743.75
Difference.....	\$ 612.25
<b>Second Collections</b>	
Second collection August 22 <sup>nd</sup> "Arch. SVdP".....	\$1,488.00

### Campaign '10 Pledges:

Total donations made (from pledges) as of 08/01/10.....	\$97,157.00
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> collection.....	\$ 0
New Campaign total donations from pledges.....	\$97,157.00

### Next Week's Second Collection

Next Sunday is the annual archdiocesan collection for the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States - The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Founded in 1887, CUA offers undergraduate, graduate, professional and doctoral degrees in more than 50 disciplines. The collection underwrites scholarships to help financially deserving students complete their educations at CUA. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



### Prayer

We pray through the saints. We ask them to pray for us. They have no power to directly answer our prayers. Any sense of direct response is a sense of our spiritual connection, our spiritual friendship and oneness and that they have asked God to help us.

"The intercession of the saints. Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness.... They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus.... So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped." (956, *Second Vatican Council*)

"Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life.' (*St. Dominic*) 'I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth.'" (*St. Therese of Lisieux*)

"The witnesses who have preceded us into the kingdom, especially those whom the Church recognizes as saints, share in the living tradition of prayer by the example of their lives, the transmission of their writings, and their prayer today. They contemplate God, praise him and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth. When they entered into the joy of their Master, they were 'put in charge of many things.' Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world." (2683)

### Our Seminarians



Today we pray for our seminarians Jorge Carranza, Mario Jacobo, Luis Alvarez, and Desmond Drummer. We pray that this new school year brings them enlightenment, strength, and clarity of mind as they journey closer to the path that God has chosen for them.



### Family

Check out [foryourmarriage.org](http://foryourmarriage.org), an initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. They have articles about careers, spirituality and faith, family, and feature stories "for every marriage" about real life couples and families. They also have Daily Marriage Tips and Quotes. "Whether you were married recently or many years ago, the Sacrament of Matrimony continues to be your own special way of being disciples of Jesus." (Pope John Paul II)

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## August 29, 2010

**First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29**

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a**

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God.

**Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, everyone who humbles himself will be exalted.

### Living the Paschal Mystery

Humility isn't a matter of beating our breast or putting ourselves down. Humility is recognizing that we are gifted, enriched, and nourished by God and then reaching out to others in the same way. If we wish God to raise us up ("repaid at the resurrection of the righteous"), then we must live our lives raising others up.

Each Sunday we are invited to God's banquet table. We are nourished at the same time that we are called to share the abundance of God's life by reaching out to others in need. We eat and drink in order to be gracious to others. This is the most profound humility! ~Living Liturgy

### Food for Thought

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in to hopes of repayment, but to give openly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

Saturday, August 28, 5:30pm.....Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, August 29, 8:30am.....Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, August 29, 10:00am.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, August 29, 11:30 am.....William Maguire (RIP)  
 Sunday, August 29, 1:00pm.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, August 29, 7:00pm.....Our Parish Family  
 Monday, August 30, 12:15 pm.....Daily Mass  
 Tuesday, August 31, 12:15 pm.....Daily Mass  
 Wednesday, September 1, 12:15pm.....Daily Mass  
 Wednesday, September 1, 6:30 pm.....Rosary  
 Thursday, September 2, 12:15 pm.....Communion Service  
 Friday, September 3, 12:15 pm.....1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass in English  
 Friday, September 3, 12:15 pm.....1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass in English  
 Saturday September 4, 5:30pm.....Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, September 5, 8:30am.....Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, September 5, 10:00am.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, September 5, 11:30 am.....Our Parish Family  
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### SPIRITUAL WARFARE

The saints want to help us with our earthly spiritual battle. Their prayers, their witness, and their writings are great aids and something we should seek.



As my mom would say, never be afraid to go direct! Sometimes people feel unworthy of asking for Christ's help because they have given into temptation in the past or at times gone through the motions. Christ wants everyone to share in His victory over Satan. He wants to help us "fight the good fight" and to "run the race." "It is the Lord, your God, himself who fights for you, as he promised you." (Jos 23:10)

### Stewardship

So often when people hear this word, they think the Church is talking about Treasure, and only Treasure. Stewardship in a parish is Time, Talent, and Treasure. Beyond that, stewardship is a way of life that flows into all aspects of life.

Stewardship is taking care of and sharing all that God has given us. Since God has given us everything, it means taking care of and sharing everything. If we don't believe that everything we are and everything we have comes from God, then we are already headed in the wrong direction. The minute we take full credit for anything, we are in trouble.

I would like to thank God for giving me life, the air I breathe, the planet I live on, and all that He created. I thank God for giving me talents and abilities that allow me to earn money, to buy food, clothing, and shelter, and to share what I have with others. I thank God for the Catholic Church, for the gift of my Catholic faith, and for the ability to worship Him. I thank Him by sharing my time, talent, and treasure in His Church, with my family and friends, and through my local community and the world around me.

I pray I will never take Him for granted or ever think I did anything by myself. Without Him I am nothing and can do nothing. It is through Him that I am somebody. It is through Him that I am loved and cared for and that I can love and care in return. Thank you.

### Please pray for the people who are suffering:



Donna Thibault - respiratory illness, Barbara Smith- cancer, Marty McKinnon- ovarian cancer, Cayla Johnson-hydrocephalus, Joe Campbell-follicular lymphoma, Tonya Isham-tumor, Curtis Lunt-ill health, Melissa Silva-health, Juanita Rochester-cancer, Chuck Terry- prostate cancer, June Macejkovic-heart condition, Fr. Denis Kolumber-health, Ernie -leukemia, Maria Farias- breast cancer, Jeanne Walraven-health, Jean Seitz-cancer, Angie Defalco-health, Erna Wyatt-health, Jim Rorer-special intention, Michael Llop-brain tumor, Erik Bigelow-special intention, Janice Miller-health, Jaden Bates-health, Roy Davies- safety, Chris Wable-health, Jim Wable-lung cancer, Marilyn Clayton-health, Ashlie Warren-health, Jenna Proctor-health, Jeff Elder-health, Serge Kastorsky-cancer, Terry Alan-bladder cancer, Lisa Clark-failed surgery, Betty Maddox-chemo, Donald Hicks-health, Jeff Bigelow-health, Cindy Wilson-health, Audrin King-cancer, Bud Murphy-health, Geri Harper-breast cancer, Joanne Silvers-kidney cancer, Pam Bagley-lung cancer, T.J. Rushing-tumor, Richard Parker Sr.- alzheimer's, Florice Schneider-health, Grace Headley-cancer surgery, Grace Grant Orange-lung cancer, Dana Real-seizures, Sissy Steele-heart-attack, Mathias Roberts-surgery, Christopher Burger-health, Barbbra Christian-breast cancer, Janet Shiney-health, Ea Grace Cichran-hydrasephalyiss, Nina (Ninas Flower's)-health, Joy Bates-health, Chaja Pinkered-health, Hannah Adock-health.

### Archdiocesan News

**Prison Ministry: Thresholds of Georgia** will provide a two-day training to certify volunteer mentors on consecutive Saturdays, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. each day, at Marist School, Atlanta. "Thresholds" is a structured program in which mentors work one-on-one with prisoners prior to their release to help them improve in the art of thoughtful decision-making. Contact: Jim Powers, volunteer coordinator, at ThresholdsGA@gmail.com or (404) 312-2067 (cell).

Declutter the attic, the basement and the garage. Catholic Charities Atlanta is resettling **REFUGEE FAMILIES FROM BURMA AND BHUTAN** who have lived in refugee camps for more than 10 years. **DONATE GENTLY USED FURNITURE** such as couches, sofas (no sofa beds), coffee tables, dinette sets, lamps, metal bed frames, side tables and similar items to help furnish a place to live. Contact: Margaret Prickett, manager of volunteer resources, at (770) 790-3118 or mprickett@archatl.com.