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Funeral Arrangements

Please have the Funeral Director of your choice call one of the parish sites to make arrangements for your loved one.



Weekend Mass Times

St Justin Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 8:30am & 11:00am

St Francis-St Martin Saturday 4:30pm (ENG) 6:30pm (SPA)
Sunday 9:00am (ENG) 11:30am (SPA)

St Leopold Mandic Saturday 6:00pm (CRO)
Sunday 11:00am (CRO)

Reconciliation (Confessions)

St Justin: Saturday 11:00am, Wednesdays at 6:00pm

St Francis-St Martin: Saturdays 3:30pm

St Leopold Mandic: Before Mass

Baptisms

St Justins: 2nd Sundays of the Month

St Francis-St Martin: 1st & 3rd Sundays (ENG/SPA)

St Leopold Mandic: By appointment

Marriage

Congratulations! We ask for a minimum of 12 months before the date you wish to begin our journey with you.

Please make an appointment with one of the priests. We invite couples to attend a Marriage Preparation course recognized by the Diocese before the celebration of the sacrament.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

The Holy Eucharist can be brought to those in Hospital, Long Term Care Facilities or homes. Please contact one of the offices to make arrangements for this.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available upon request.

New parishioners to the London South Catholic Family of Parishes are welcome - please take the time to register at either the Welcome desks or online or call one of the offices.

Parish Pastoral Council: Sean Cross, Chair **Finance Chair:** Gary Williams

Liturgy Committee: Mary Catherine Bishop **Catholic Women's League:** Elisabeth Duggan, President

Knights of Columbus: Joseph Bartlett, Grand Knight **Director of Music:** Dan O'Brien **St. Vincent de Paul:** John Gruggen, President



New Mass Schedule for Weekday Masses

(St Justin)

Wednesday 6:30pm (6:00pm Confessions)

Friday 8am (830am Holy Hour and Adoration unless school Mass)

(St Francis-St Martins)

Tuesday 6:00pm (SPA) 6:30 Holy Hour (SPA/ENG rotation)

Thursday 6:00pm(ENG)



WEDNESDAY, September 14 @ 6:30PM (Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

(+) Erminio and Luigina Pivato
(INT) Fr Mario Cabal

Daniela Pivato
All Parishioners



THURSDAY, September 15 @ 10am (School Mass) (Our Lady of Sorrows)

For the healing of victims and survivors, their families and our communities, and reparation of the sins of abusers.



FRIDAY, September 16 @ 10am (School Mass) (St Cornelius and Cyprian)

(+) Living and dec. mem. Of the MacGillivray Fam.
(INT) Anne Mechan

(NO HOLY HOUR OR ADORATION THIS WEEK)



SATURDAY, September 17 @ 11AM Confessions

SATURDAY, September 17 @ 4:30PM- 25th Sunday Year C

SUNDAY, September 18 @ 8:30am, 11:00am

Best Years Group— Welcome back to all of our members. Our first meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2022 at 12 noon for a potluck dinner at St Justin's Hall. Anyone over 50 years is very welcome to join us. Hope to see you there. Julie and Fran Wilson.

Catholic Women's League—Hello ladies—Hope you are still having a wonderful and relaxing summer. Just wanted to let you know that our first CWL meeting will be on Wednesday September 7 at 7pm. We will meet in the Parish Hall. Two important topics—The Christmas Bazaar and the Annual Membership fees. Hope to see you here!

Volunteers are need to bring Holy Communion to our parishioners in Long Term Care facilities and or in their homes. Contact Fr Christopher



September Monthly Intention of the Holy Father: Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

Reflection

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration. (Franciscan Media)

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today in our Gospel we have the well known and moving parable or story of the prodigal Son.

It is so well known to us, we may need to step back and just look at a few of the aspects of the story that speak of the great and ongoing Mercy of God.

The parable is truly an outline or an example of the process of conversion that each of us have experienced at one time or another in our lives, possibly even daily on some level of our spiritual lives.

God the Father, through his Son, in the power of the Spirit, calls each of us to a deep life in Him – this is conversion.

We are presented with many great gifts from the Father, freewill being one. We can choose at anytime to say, "Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me." We can do it our way, going off to a distant country, leaving behind what we can perceive as the shackles of God's law or morality – to the land of "it's all good". In this mythical land you can have all you want, whatever you want, when you want, for as long as you want – it's all good." But we have to realize that it is an illusion.

Then the land of "it's all good" is hit by a famine – even this land is not immune from it. The good times end, if they were ever good to begin with – and we're in a pinch. We find ourselves remembering the dignity that we have in the House of the Father, how we are loved. We begin to remember – so important to remember.

Now here is one of the points of this story that I love so much. We don't know how long it was from the time the prodigal son left his Father to his return, it could have been a year, 5 years, 25 years, we don't know. But the Father waited.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion". "*While he was still a long way off*" – these words are so important. Mercy races out to meet us, the Father, who waits for us, races out to us. The Father, is full of compassion, not judgement. This is so important. The son, dutifully rehearses his act of contrition, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." But before he can get the words out of his mouth, "the (Father) ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.

We don't earn God's mercy, no speech or prayer wins it, it is God's free gift to the repentant heart.

When we stand in line to go to Confession are we filled with the image of a Father racing out to greet us and shower us with mercy....? While we are still far away, even before celebrating the sacrament do we realize that God's mercy is at work in us preparing us for the gift? We need to let this image of the Father, which Jesus himself presents us with, be the image of our Merciful God – it is the only authentic one.

God is just, he is judge, but you cannot have justice without mercy.

Take this parable today and read it over, what is your image of God?

How do you see God welcoming you back after you have sinned – is it the image that Jesus presents us? – Is it scriptural? Even in the Old Testament, an image of a wrathful God is always followed by a Father who thinks again and remains faithful to his promises of Mercy. Maybe we need to let go of some harmful and inaccurate images of God that we have picked up along the way.



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