

— Saint Joseph Catholic Church Bulletin —



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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 2022 / C

*Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor,
so that by his poverty you might become rich.*

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SAT SEP 17 — 4:00 p.m. **Confessions**

5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass** †Owen Haney by Susan Haney

SUN SEP 18 — 10:30 a.m. Interim and Reconciliation Classes

10:45 a.m. Adult Choir rehearsal

NOON Mass — **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**; Confirmation Class meets after Mass in the John Bloms room.

WED SEP 21 — 11:30 a.m. **Confessions**

12:15 p.m. **Mass Sawyer Trimmer** by Clint & Julie Welch

6:30 p.m. RCIA Class, John Bloms room

SAT SEP 24 — 4:00 p.m. **Confessions**

5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass** †Mel Melton by Marcia Melton & Family

SUN SEP 25 — 10:30 a.m. Interim and Reconciliation Classes

10:45 a.m. Adult Choir rehearsal

NOON Mass — **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**; Confirmation Class meets after Mass in the John Bloms room.

6:00 p.m. a meeting to plan for **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, celebrated December 11.

The meeting will take place in Benedictine Hall.

PRAYER CHAIN

You are invited to share your prayer needs with others in our parish. Contact Dana Belcher, by phone or text 580-421-1921 or email dbelcher@ecok.edu.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WEEKLY DONATION

If you are interested in transitioning to online giving, you may access online giving by visiting www.faithdirect.net to enroll. Our church code is OK893. Contact the Parish Office if you need assistance setting up an online giving account.

Parish Special Collections in September:

- September 24/25: Catholic Charities Appeal

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions / \$10 stipend fee (Wednesdays & Saturdays). Come by the Parish Office.

BULLETIN NEWS

News items for the bulletin should be turned on Saturday before noon. Contact Julie at the Parish Office or email to music.stjoseph.ada@gmail.com.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

The Adult Choir rehearsals begin at 10:45 a.m. in the classroom. This choir sings at the Sunday noon Mass. We always welcome new members. Please contact Rudy Lupinski at 580-272-7234 or music.stjoseph.ada@gmail.com for further information.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

September 17: Joe Catalano

September 18: Jeremy O'Flanagan

September 24: Nick Cheper

September 25: Kevin Verdugo, Raquel Sanchez

October 1: Cindy Bowling

October 2: Jessica Trimmer

October 8: Tom Bolitho

October 9: Clint Welch, Rikki Navarro



Interim Class (John Bloms Room), and **Reconciliation Class** (Marian Room) meet on Sundays, at 10:30 a.m. **Confirmation Class** meets after the Sunday Mass in the John Bloms Room.

MINISTRY TO MEN

St. Joseph Parish is considering to create a “Ministry to Men” Program. We are establishing a core team of 5–7 men interested in planning for this ministry.

Over the next several months, we will be meeting to establish how this program can fit within our church in 2023. Interested men should contact Wendell or Cody for more information. We would be interested to learn of your interest to serve on the core team, or your interest to participate once established.

Wendell Godwin
(972-679-0842) or wendell.godwin@gmail.com
Cody Soden
(580-235-6245) or mr.soden@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE



Our next meeting is on
Tuesday, September 27
7:00 p.m. • John Bloms Room



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY

20 ANNUAL APPEAL
22 COLECTA ANUAL

The collection for Catholic Charities will be next weekend, September 24/25.

Today’s responsorial psalm says, “The Lord lifts up those who are poor.”

Help Catholic Charities lift the poor, by donating online to Catholic Charities’ Annual Appeal at give-tocc.org or you can text “providing” to 41444 to support the Annual Appeal as you are able.

SMORGASBORD 2022

SAVE THE DATE! Smorgasbord is **November 6** this year and things will be a little bit different from years past pertaining to the bazaar. We will be having a Bake Sale only, no crafts items.

The Smorgasbord committee is calling on all parishioners who have that special baked item they are famous for! We are needing a count ahead of time to ensure we have an assortment of baked items to offer our community. Please call or email Julie at the office with information on what items you will be contributing and the quantity.

An added perk for contributing your baked items is that our Bake Sale team handles the packaging! We only ask that you bring your items in either disposable containers or containers that you will not need back.

Unfortunately, we only have limited refrigeration available, please only provide nonperishable items for the sale. Examples include:

- Breads
- Cakes
- Pies
- Cookies
- Canned Goods
- Jellies and Jams



Items will need to be delivered to the Benedictine Hall during the following times:

Friday, November 4 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Your contribution is greatly appreciated!



The Spaghetti Supper raised \$1,937 for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund—WOW!

A big THANK YOU to all who came, ate and had a good time at the supper.

Also, a THANK YOU to all the Knights, members of the youth group, and others who helped to set-up the hall, cook the pasta, serve the food and clean up after.

Thank you for expressing God's Love in such a special way!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

AVAILABLE!




The application period for
scholarships is opening:
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

"We have a limited number of scholarships for
the following:

- Nursing and medical students
- Music and fine arts students
- Graduating high school seniors from select parish communities

Please visit our website to read more about the
scholarship funds available.




**Catholic
Foundation**
OF OKLAHOMA

APPLY ONLINE TODAY!
WWW.CFOOK.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP



CONNECT! SUNDAY REFLECTION

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | For Sunday, September 18, 2022

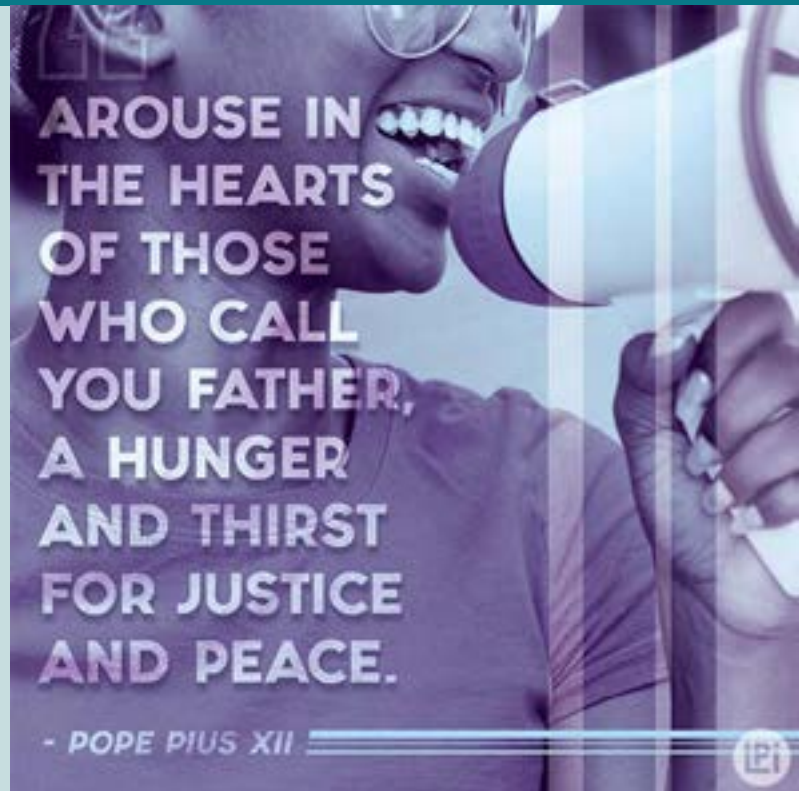
Giving Voice to Our Faith in the Public Square

Written by Douglas Sousa, S.T.L.

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13



Our faith is meant to be at work in every area of our lives — not just the personal and private, but the political and public as well.

People have a tendency today to separate politics and religion. They see religion as having to do with the afterlife and politics with the here-and-now. Religion is private and politics is public. They don't want religious leaders to comment on public policy and they don't want politicians meddling in Church doctrine and discipline. People want a clear separation of church and state.

However, politics and religion are not always easy to keep apart. As followers of Christ, we're not only called to be saints in the kingdom of God but good citizens of our planet. We bring our faith into everything we do. Faith for the Christian is never just a private matter. It touches upon every aspect of our lives including the choices we make as citizens.

Our responsibility to bring our faith into the public square is founded on the commandment that we love our neighbor as ourselves. Politically, our love for neighbor displays itself most keenly in our support for the poor. As followers of Christ, it is our vocation to give a voice to the voiceless. Though they are the ones who most need the support of the government, their concerns often go unheard because they lack the money and influence to lobby politicians.

Many like the unborn and immigrants cannot even vote. It is up to us, then, to use whatever influence we have to make sure that their needs are heard and acted upon.

Why should we care for the poor? Because God does. [This Sunday's reading](#) from the prophet Amos makes it clear that God is aware of injustice toward the poor. Because they have no one else to defend them, our Heavenly Father promises that He will stand up for them. God will judge harshly those who have failed to see justice done for the powerless. When we stand before Him, we want to be sure that we did all we could in this life to be on the side of the little ones whom He cares so much about.

Concern for the poor is not only good religion, it is also sound politics. Government should be on the side of the needy. Wealthy people can take care of themselves. It is the poor who need the government to defend them against those who would exploit them. Also, as the saying goes, "Everyone does better when everyone does better." When the hungry are fed, when the homeless have shelter, when the penniless get an education there is less crime, less disease, and less restlessness in society. We all benefit when the common good is served.

[This Sunday's second reading](#) teaches us that we should pray for politicians and all those who have authority over us. We too often have a disdain for those who enter politics. However, we should be praying for them, asking God to guide their hearts. Their actions have a tremendous influence over our lives so we should be raising our hands daily asking God to give us women and men of courage, insight, and virtue to lead us.

As followers of Christ, we are called to bring the good news of God's love wherever we go including into the public square and the voting booth. In particular, we are called to announce God's love for the poor. Then God's kingdom will increasingly influence the earthly city making His peace and justice more of a reality in our world today.

Douglas Sousa, S.T.L.

PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
May your grace enkindle in all of us
A love for the many unfortunate people
Whom poverty and misery
Reduce to a condition of life unworthy of human
beings.
Arouse in the hearts of those who call you Father,
A hunger and thirst for justice and peace,
And for fraternal charity in deeds and in truth.
Grant, O Lord, peace in our days,
Peace to souls, peace to our families,
Peace to our country, and peace among nations.

- Pope Pius XII