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Welcome!

*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,
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As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

Schedule of Masses

Sunday, 10am at the Schoolyard.
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Sacraments

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Who Are the People of God?

This is still an unresolved theological issue. For so long the resolute answer of many was: the Roman Catholic Church is the people of God. However, the Second Vatican Council’s Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*) opened the Church’s understanding to include all Christian denominations, paraphrasing Ephesians 4:4–5: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one Baptism” (UR 2). The council went even further in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), “calling together a people made up of Jew and Gentile, making them one, not according to the flesh but in the Spirit. This was to be the new People of God” (LG 9).

To be united with Protestants is one thing; to be united with Jews is quite another. For centuries, many interpreted the New Testament to say that the Jews lost favor with God. Such thinking supported—even caused—various forms of anti-Semitism, ethnic and religious persecution, and killings. We realized how wrong this thinking was. Vatican II quotes

today’s second reading and later states: “This sacred synod wants to foster and recommend...mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues” (Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions [*Nostra Aetate*], 4).

We may have corrected some grievous errors in this matter, but we have not gotten much further than Paul did in resolving the issue. However, he experienced “great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart” (Romans 9:2) because of the separation. Do we?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *The original followers of Jesus were simply different kinds of Jews.*
- ★ *Much of our Christian religious tradition is grounded in the Old Testament.*



[Peter] became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him.

MATTHEW 14:30–31

Mass Intentions for the Week

	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, August 8	5 p.m. Thanksgiving	Bautista Family
Sunday, August 9	10 a.m. Eric Ewen †	Ewen Family
	6 p.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, August 10	8 a.m. Thanksgiving	Bautista Family
Tuesday, August 11	8 a.m. Steven Tipping †	Tipping Family
Wednesday, August 12	8 a.m. Thanksgiving	Bautista Family
Thursday, August 13	8 a.m. Justin Roque-Thanksgiving	Fort Roque
	Frank Lin †	Bessie Lai
	7 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Procession Participants	Ancelle Nguyen
Friday, August 14	8 a.m. Pasquale Matteucci †	Gina Lencioni
Saturday, August 15	8 a.m. Thanksgiving	Bautista Family

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a. Rom 9:1-5. Mt 14:22-33.

Monday Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10. Jn 12:24-26.

Tuesday Readings: Ez 2:8-3:4. Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14.

Wednesday Readings: Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22. Mt 18:15-20.

Thursday Readings: Ez 12:1-12. Mt 18:21-19:1.

Friday Readings: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63. Mt 19:3-12.

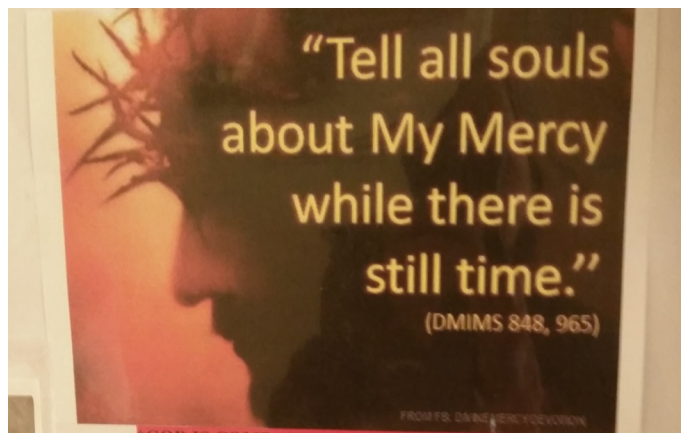
Saturday Readings: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab. 1 Cor 15:20-27. Lk 1:39-56.

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Confessions. Sat., 4pm.

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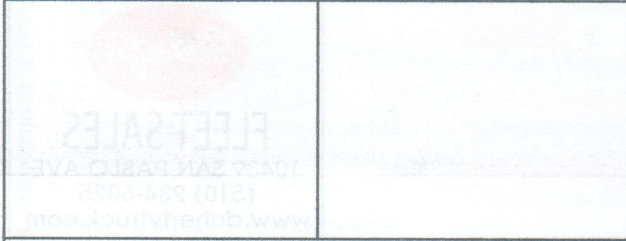
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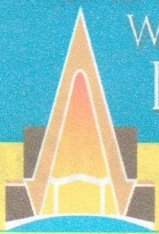
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