

Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church

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Confesión el Sábado:
Por cita y será al aire libre (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María—3:45pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María— 9:45pm

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Lunes: Adoración: 7:00am y Misa 7:30am

Martes y Miércoles: Adoración 8:30am y Misa 9:00am

Jueves: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00 m o la Oración de la Evangelización a las 10:00am

Viernes Durante Quaresma: Camino de la Cruz a las 3:00pm y concluyendo con Misa

Sábado: Adoración: 7:00am y a las 7:30am
Misa en Honor de Virgen María



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

“Si alguno quiere ser el primero, que sea el último de todos y el servidor de todos”. Después, tomando a un niño, lo puso en medio de ellos, lo abrazó y les dijo: “El que reciba en mi nombre a uno de estos niños, a mí me recibe”. - Mc 9, 35-37

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SEPTEMBER 19th 2021

Rev. Victor Yakubu, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:

By appointment and it will be outdoors/English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary 3:45pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary: And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary 9:45pm

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Monday: 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

Tuesday & Wednesday: Adoration 8:30am & Mass 9:00am

Thursday: Adoration: 8:30am & Mass: 9:00am
or Prayer of the Evangelization at 10:00am

Friday During Letn: Way of the Cross 3:00pm
concluding with Mass

Saturday: Adoration: 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 a.m.
Mass in Honor of the Virgen Mary

Who Serves is Worthier than Who Prevails

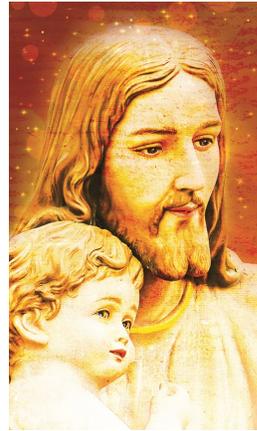
Rev. Wilfred Yinah, Parochial Vicar

The gospel tells us that if we want to be Jesus' disciples we must become like children and consider ourselves the slaves of all. The greatness of a Christian consists in serving others, particularly the poorest. In the Christian community who occupies the first place has to put aside all desire of greatness. The church is not a stepping stone to get to positions of prestige, to emerge, to gain control over others. It is the place where everyone complies with the gifts he has received from God, celebrate their greatness in humble service to others. In God's eyes, the greatest is the one who most resembles Christ, who is the servant of all (Lk 22:27).

To inculcate the lesson better, Jesus makes a significant gesture, narrated in the third part of the passage (vv. 36-37). He takes a child, places him in the middle, hugs him, and he adds: "Whoever welcomes a child such as this in my name, welcomes me."

In the following chapter Mark recalls another episode in which the affection and tenderness of Jesus towards children are highlighted. Some mothers presented their children so that they might touch them. It was believed, in fact, that physical contact with men of God communicated strength, goodness, gentleness and their own spirit. The disciples did not like this too much familiarity and confidence and felt compelled to scold and to ward off the intruders. Upon seeing this, Jesus was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me and don't stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." And he took them in his arms and laid his hands on them and blessed them (Mk 10:13-16).

In this episode, the children are presented as models to imitate. Jesus invites us to become like them, to enter into the kingdom of God. In today's passage instead the children are referred to as symbols of being weak and helpless that needs protection and care. In Jesus' time, as now, the children were loved, but no social importance is given to them. They did not matter from a legal standpoint. A disciple of Christ is one who, following the example of the Master, takes the children in his arms.



A child is the one who is completely dependent on others, does not produce, consumes only, needs everything. He can also cause trouble, does not think as an adult.

It is not easy to embrace one who, at forty, still needs to be assisted like a child, pulls, makes mischief, is rude, impedes the orderly life of others, no commitment. "Hugging" does not mean consent to all his desires, to satisfy his whims and support his indolence, but to educate him, help him grow, to make him become an adult.

There are, in all our communities, children, impure persons, indeed, there is "a child" in all of us. The hug is a gesture that expresses the joyful acceptance, trust, respect, willingness to serve one another, so we feel the need to be embraced by the brothers of our community.

The "holy kiss" (2 Cor 13:12) that we exchange during the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of this mutual and unconditional acceptance. What the master suggests is of course madness for unbelievers.

The first reading shows us that those who choose to follow the wisdom of God, the upright, are a reproach to those who lead lives according to the principles of this world; often, therefore, the upright are persecuted. Persecution is an inevitable event in the life of the righteous. It always affects one who chooses to live according to God. The preacher who does not disturb, does not call into question the structures of sin of the society in which he lives, is hailed and patronized by those in power, perhaps has adopted the mentality of the wicked.

The seconding is linked. The roots of war, hatred, and conflict lies in our refusal to accept the invitation of Christ to serve. Christians who adapt to the "wisdom that comes from above" should not in any way get involved in such disputes. If they really commit themselves to do only what is pleasing to the brothers, it would eliminate the root causes of conflicts.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

- Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/
Mk 9:30-37
- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/
Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

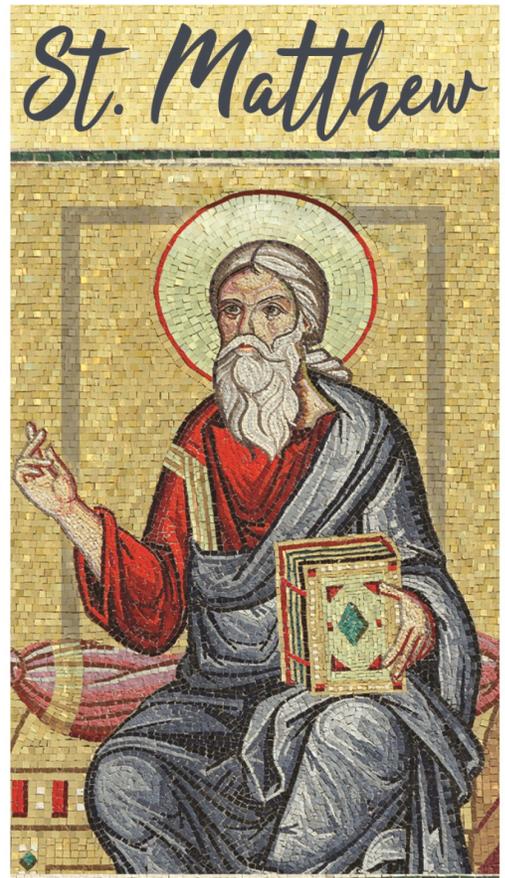
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Monday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest,
and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Thursday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.



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*The Lord
is good to
those who
wait for him...*

— NAHUM 1:7 —

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Announcement & News

Important Announcement

The weekly adoration suggested by the Bishop Thomas Olmsted in his apostolic exhortation *Veneremur Cernui* (Down in Adoration Falling, Holy Thursday 2021) will come up soon. Parishioners who have not read the document should please do so.

You can download the pdf online via our parish website. The printed/hard copies will be on sale anytime soon from the diocese. As soon as we get them, we shall distribute to our parish community to increase publicity of this exhortation on the Eucharist.

Hope & Healing After Abortion

Free Weekend Recovery Workshop

Thursday, October 14th thru

Sunday, October 17th

Center #(928) 692-1301 Cell# (928) 727-1301

Email: aaapc1@yahoo.com

Location: Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center

2975 Northern Avenue, Kingman

Registration Deadline: September 10th

Bishop Olmsted announces lifting of the dispensation of the Sunday & Holy Day Obligations Effective July 1, 2021



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

CREATE A
SPACE OF
**Sacred
Silence**

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