



PELICAN VALLEY

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

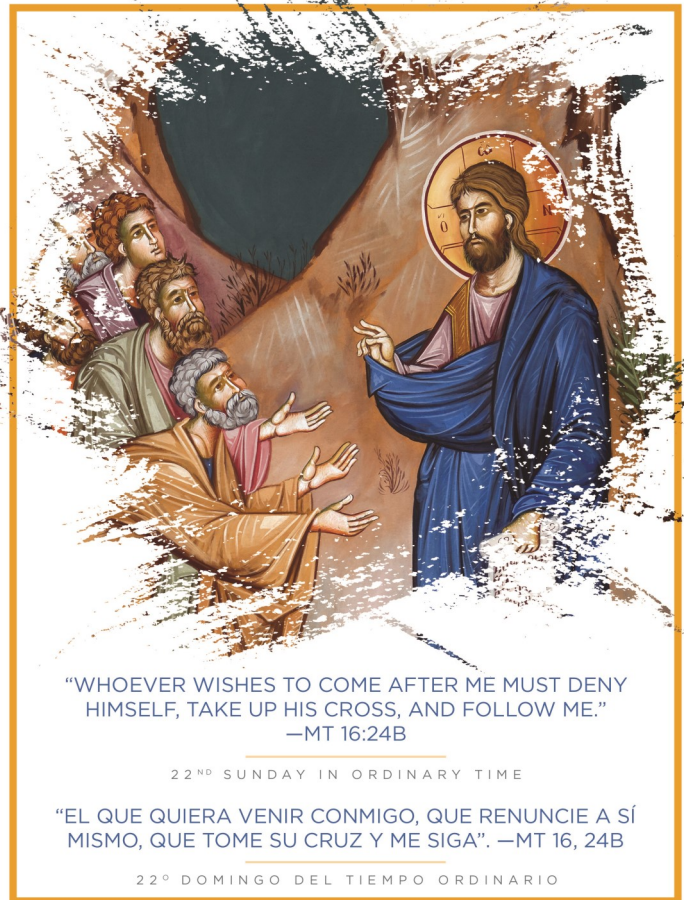
St. Elizabeth: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Thu)

St. Leonard: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Wed)

Our Lady of Victory: 8:30 a.m. *Thursday*

if there is a 9:00 a.m. Mass

3:30 p.m. Saturday



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Church & Office Hours:

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Horario de oficina: 3:00–6:00 (miércoles)

Office Hours: 3:00–6:00 (Wed)

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218-736-2429, ext. 10

Church Hours: 7:45 to 4:00 (Mon-Fri)

Office Hours: 9:00 to Noon

and 1:00 to 4:00 (Mon-Thu)

PASTORAL COLUMN

Choosing the Cross

I've been called a lot of things in my life, but I've never been called "Satan," at least not to my face.

It seems to me the worst name you could call a person, and today we hear it straight from the lips of Jesus. It's just one of the many small reminders strewn throughout Scripture that Jesus preaches meekness, but he is not mild — not when mildness serves no purpose, anyway.

And here, when Peter is trying to deter Jesus from making the right choice, mildness serves no purpose at all.

Can we blame Peter? I certainly can't. I'm sure I would have said the same thing to my own dear friend. He is, in today's Gospel, wholly unwilling to embrace the cross — he's afraid of it, even — but aren't we all, in the end, afraid of our cross? I am. It's no sin, it's only human. Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a reflex.

What Christ speaks of today is a choice, one we are all faced with, again and again, just as Peter is. We will not always respond perfectly; Peter does not respond well today. He does not respond well on Holy Thursday.

But on his last day, on the day of the ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses the cross.

We marvel at first responders who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of others, because to do so is not human, it is divine. I have to believe that if even a firefighter's loved one threw themselves in his way, he would still charge toward the flames, crying, "Get behind me."

Christ runs into the burning building for us, shaking off not only his own fear (and he had it, I promise you — he was human, too) but the fear of everyone who loved him.

"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..." — Romans 12:1

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

Elegir la Cruz

Me han llamado muchas cosas en mi vida, pero nunca me han llamado "Satanás", al menos no en mi cara.

Me parece el peor nombre que se puede llamar a una persona, y hoy lo escuchamos directamente de los labios de Jesús. Es solo uno de los muchos pequeños recordatorios esparcidos a lo largo de las Escrituras de que Jesús predica la mansedumbre, pero no es suave, no cuando la suavidad no sirve para nada, de todos modos.

Y aquí, cuando Pedro está tratando de disuadir a Jesús de tomar la decisión correcta, la suavidad no sirve para nada en absoluto.

¿Podemos culpar a Pedro? Ciertamente no puedo. Estoy seguro de que le habría dicho lo mismo a mi querido amigo. Él es, en el Evangelio de hoy, totalmente reacio a abrazar la cruz, incluso le tiene miedo, pero ¿no tenemos todos

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 2

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †George Williams

Sunday, September 3

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Pat Ouren

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Pat Larsen

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Paul Grismer

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

OLV Parish Office CLOSED

9:00 a.m. **OLV Word and Communion**

Tuesday, September 5

12:05 a.m. **OLV Word and Communion**

Wednesday, September 6

9:00 a.m. **Veterans Home Word and Communion**

6:30 p.m. **SL Mass** New parish members

Thursday, September 7

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Bill Geisen

Friday, September 8

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Mary Kay Mayer

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 9

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Tom Copa

Sunday, September 10

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Inez Harles

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Lynn Lanus

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** Father Lucho Palomino

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

ADORATION schedule located on the ACC page

nosotros, al final, miedo de nuestra cruz? Soy yo. No es pecado, es sólo humano. El miedo es natural. La autoconservación es un reflejo.

De lo que Cristo habla hoy es de una elección, una con la que todos nos enfrentamos, una y otra vez, tal como lo es Pedro. No siempre responderemos perfectamente; Pedro no responde bien hoy. No responde bien el Jueves Santo.

¿Pero en su último día, en el día de la elección final? En ese día, él elige la cruz.

Nos maravillamos de los socorristas que se ponen en peligro por el bien de los demás, porque hacerlo no es humano, es divino. Tengo que creer que si incluso el ser querido de un bombero se lanzara en su camino, todavía cargaría hacia las llamas, gritando: "Ponte detrás de mí". Cristo corre hacia el edificio en llamas por nosotros, sacudiéndose no solo su propio miedo (y lo tenía, te lo prometo, él también era humano) sino el temor de todos los que lo amaban.

"Ofreced vuestros cuerpos como sacrificio vivo, santo y agradable a Dios..." — Romanos 12:1

(PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICO - RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

THANK YOU TO ALL

who came to our Pork Out! It was a beautiful day. Thank you to all who helped make it all work. We have a such a supportive community. God Bless.

OUR FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR

Welcome back to Allison Neuleib as our pre-school through 6th grade Faith Formation Coordinator!

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING

September 10.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Darrell and Sandy Hanneman, Jennifer Kolstad, John Schauff, Charlotte Schmitz (granddaughter of Mary Marquardt), Kandace Love, Marlys Holubok, Kathleen Grise, Walt Paler's sister Barbara, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, Kayla Pask and Joan Brusven, Jim Wedll, Tyler Kurtz, Jean Lehn, and Deacon Pete and his family, those that suffer from effects of drugs and alcohol, and those with cancer.

ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

ROAST BEEF DINNER OCTOBER 25TH!

If you are interested in coordinating this event please contact Alejandra in the office. We keep good notes so anyone can step up and coordinate!

YOUR PRAYERS ARE APPRECIATED

Valerie Smischny's funeral was Friday, August 25. Please keep the family in your prayers

PRAYER REQUESTS

Laura Saavedra, Claudia Camilo, Alejandra Villagomez Judy Marko, Ardean Erickson, Ross Olson, Joyce Valley, Rudy Butenas, Jerry Stokka, Tom Johnson, Julie Severson, Valerie Smischny, Tony Vigen, Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, Leona Braton, and LeAnn Ishaug.

More St. Leonard information on the ACC page

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

GRATITUDE FOR OUR MAINTENANCE

COMMITTEE Four members of our Maintenance Committee volunteered to install "mini-split" air conditioners in our gym: Bert Overland, Jeff Jennen, Don Lindblom, and Greg Rausch. The goal is to have them operational by Fall Festival!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OLV

Adult Bible Study sessions will begin Monday, September 18 in the OLV Fellowship Hall with two times available - 1:00 pm or 7:00 pm. This fall we will be offering the 5-week study from Ascension Press titled *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*. If you have not already registered with Deacon Dean, please stop in or call the parish office to sign up. The cost is \$20 for materials. Contact Deacon Dean with questions 218-205-7921 or dpawlowski@otpc.com.

FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS Congratulations to Janet Neumann for winning the Early Bird drawing of \$100! Thank you to all that turned in their tickets already, it's greatly appreciated and helpful. We are getting close to the Fall Festival, if you haven't yet turned in your tickets, please do so soon. Also, there is another opportunity to win \$100. Sell the most tickets and win \$100! Thank you all for your participation!

REGISTRATION FOR OLV FAITH FORMATION

Children's Liturgy of Word, Grades 1-5, Grades 6-8, High School, and formation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation will take place in the gathering space from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13. If questions, contact Deb Forstner at the OLV parish office or by email: deb@ffolvchurch.org

DO YOU HAVE A REGULAR MEETING DATE AND TIME AT OLV?

More than 25 groups and ministries meet regularly at Our Lady Victory Church. If your group has changed or wishes to change meeting times, or has ceased meeting, please contact the parish office.

FALL FESTIVAL MEAT RAFFLE!

Tickets will be sold for a 64 qt. wheeled cooler filled with beef, pork, and poultry at our Fall Festival! **If you would like to donate to this effort, please contact Annette Anderson at annetekanderson68@gmail.com.**

PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION and those considering this ministry

are invited to a free workshop offered by the diocesan Office of Worship. The 90-minute workshop will include formation and training essential for serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. There are ten opportunities across the diocese during September and October. **Our Lady of Victory will host on Saturday, September 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Go to <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival> for more information.

STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”-Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, *“Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.* “We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of August 21, the diocese has raised \$1,177,106 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000, with gifts from 6,442 households. Visit stcdio.org/annualappeal.

MORE FROM ST. LEONARD PARISH

We have completed our 22-23 Fiscal Year, and the Finance Council is extending their gratitude for the financial support given. We had a budgeted income of \$102,000 with an actual income of \$129,000; a budgeted expense of \$128,000 with an actual expense of \$138,000. This signifies we completed the year with a positive revenue of over \$9,000.

We wish to thank everyone for their generous donations towards our parish’s heating/air conditioning project; to date, we have received donations of over \$21,000 towards the project’s approximate estimated expense of \$40,000.

Thank you again for all the generous donations!

ST. LEONARD DEVOTIONALS

We want to make sure we order enough “the Word among us” daily mass meditations for all the persons that use them- these books come once a month; also “Living Faith” booklets - these are offered quarterly. If you are interested in having either one or regularly take them, please call the office and leave your name or send your name in a text message to Alejandra - phone on front page. Please specify which meditation book you want.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH

Our Lady of Victory has an opening for a part-time Secretary beginning September 18th. Approximately 27 hours per week: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Fridays 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Mayme Hofland at mayme@ffolvchurch.org or 218-736-2429 extension 11.

COME, JOIN US!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the process by which unbaptized and baptized adults of other faiths are fully initiated into the Catholic Church. An informational meeting to learn more about the process will be held Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph room at OLV. Please contact Jennifer Dummer at jennifer@ffolvchurch.org or 218-736-2429 Ext 15 with any questions.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call: Jo Weatherly 218-736-4938, Louise Wentworth 218-736-6701 or 218-770-0473, Alice Neuleib 218-205-9007 to become involved with or to add your intentions to the prayer chain.

Web Sites:

OLV..... www.ffolvchurch.org

School..... www.ffolvschool.org

St. Leonard . www.stleonardpr.org

Facebook Pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/StLeonardPR>

<https://www.facebook.com/stelizabethparish>

<https://www.facebook.com/Our Lady of Victory>

OLV Adoration

7:00—7:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday, Friday

12:30—5:00 p.m. Tuesday after Mass

7:00—8:45 a.m. Thursday

OLV Rosary

8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday