



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

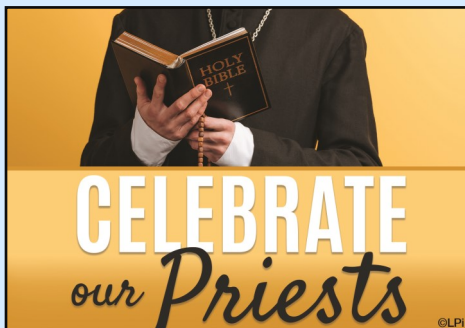


25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

¿O vas a tenerme rencor porque yo soy bueno? De igual manera, los últimos serán los primeros, y los primeros, los últimos.” - Mt 20, 15-16

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Today is Priesthood Sunday!

Church & Office Hours:

St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedell 218 731-5304

St. Leonard: Alejandra Mancilla 218 731-2962

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

Office Hours: 3:00–6:00 (Wed)

Our Lady of Victory: Craig Hebert

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

Office Hours: 9:00 to Noon

and 1:00 to 4:00 (Mon-Thu), 9:00 to noon (Fri)

PASTORAL COLUMN

FAITH. When we have a strong faith in Jesus, we are preparing ourselves for the judgment that comes when we die. For those who grow up in the Church and remain faithful throughout their lives, loving God and neighbor, attending Mass, and teaching others to do so are what Jesus loves. It is the most important thing one can do to assure that at the judgment, one is found worthy of eternal happiness in Heaven.

Luckily, Jesus came not only for those people but also the ones who, for one reason or another, fall away from the church at times in their lives. Jesus looks for these lost sheep and calls them to come back. If this were not true, I wouldn't be typing this today. I fell away from the Church as soon as I was on my own, work got in the way, and it was just easier to not go to Mass. Jesus calls us all in different ways to come back to the Church. For me, this happened at work. A Faith-filled Catholic would come by with encouraging words to many people during the day. Whenever he found someone willing to listen, he came again and again with encouraging words that were also a challenge because it made me aware that something was missing in my life. One time he came and talked to me about Mary and an apparition. When he left, a coworker asked if I believed that, and I said 'Yes'. From that moment on, I was a different person and returned to Church.

Today's gospel talks about this in the parable of the vineyard. Those who came first were those who had faith always, and those who came later were all those who listen to the call of Jesus and come back to the Church. Faith is a wonderful thing, and I am glad I have it and that I am loved by Jesus. Our task is to invite someone else to consider coming to Mass again. ~Deacon Chuck

LA FE. Cuando tenemos una fe fuerte en Jesús, nos estamos preparando para el juicio que viene cuando morimos. Para aquellos que crecen en la Iglesia y permanecen fieles a lo largo de sus vidas, amar a Dios y al prójimo, asistir a Misa y enseñar a otros a hacerlo es lo que Jesús ama. Es lo más importante que uno puede hacer para asegurar que en el juicio, uno sea encontrado digno de la felicidad eterna en el Cielo.

Afortunadamente, Jesús vino no solo por aquellas personas, sino también por las que, por una razón u otra, se alejan de la iglesia a veces en sus vidas. Jesús busca a estas ovejas perdidas y las llama a regresar. Si esto no fuera cierto, no estaría escribiendo esto hoy. Me alejé de la Iglesia tan pronto como estuve solo, el trabajo se interpuso en el camino y fue más fácil no ir a Misa. Jesús nos llama a todos de diferentes maneras a regresar a la Iglesia. Para mí, esto sucedió en el trabajo. Un católico lleno de fe vendría con palabras de aliento a

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 23

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Marge Weiland

Sunday, September 24

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Stan and Elaine Kidder

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** Bob and †Joan Forstner

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Cyril and Myrtle Keller

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 27

10:00 a.m. **Mill Street Word and Communion**

6:30 p.m. **SL Word and Communion**

Thursday, September 28

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** Mary Jo Robish

Friday, September 29

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Jack Jonas

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 30

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Cyril and Myrtle Keller

Sunday, October 1

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Odilia Riestenberg

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Rosemary Yavarow

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Cheryl Gau

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

OLV Adoration (*unless otherwise noted above)

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 (*unless otherwise noted above)

8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

muchas personas durante el día. Cada vez que encontraba a alguien dispuesto a escuchar, venía una y otra vez con palabras de aliento que también eran un desafío porque me hacían consciente de que algo faltaba en mi vida. Una vez vino y me habló de María y de una aparición. Cuando él left, un compañero de trabajo me preguntó si creía eso, y dije 'Sí'. A partir de ese momento, fui una persona diferente y regresé a la Iglesia.

El evangelio de hoy habla de esto en la parábola de la viña. Los que vinieron primero fueron los que siempre tuvieron fe, y los que vinieron después fueron todos los que escucharon el llamado de Jesús y regresaron a la Iglesia. La fe es algo maravilloso, y me alegro de tenerla y de ser amado por Jesús. Nuestra tarea es invitar a alguien más a considerar venir a Misa nuevamente.

~Díacono Chuck

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

HOLIDAY EXPO CRAFTERS NEEDED Saturday, November 18, 9-1 in Brenny Hall. Contact Jan J. for more information 218-770-4174.

PRAYER REQUESTS Becky Wedll, 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

MANY THANKS! We wish to thank everyone for their generous donations toward our parish's heating/air conditioning project. We recently received an anonymous donation of \$40,000 that was given directly to cover the expense of this project.

ROAST BEEF DINNER OCTOBER 25TH!

If you are interested in coordinating this event please contact Alejandra in the office.

HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Meals on Wheels is a meal delivery program for older adults and people with disabilities who are unable to make food for themselves or to travel to a meal site (minnesotahelp.info).

If you would like to be part of this ministry, there will be sign up sheet at both sides of the church. Contact Alejandra for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS Ann Peterson, Claudia Camilo, Judy Marko, Ardean Erickson, Ross Olson, Joyce Valley, Rudy Butenas, Jerry Stokka, Tom Johnson, Tony Vigen, Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, Leona Braton, and LeAnn Ishaug.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGINNING!

September 27th is OLV's first Wednesday afternoon (**grades 1-5**) and evening (**grades 6-12**) of Faith Formation. Registrations are still being accepted. Besides the evening kickoff event for all middle and high school youth, for the first half hour of that evening's session, starting at 7 PM, there will be a meeting for 11th grade students and their parents in regard to **Confirmation** in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Deb Forstner at deb@folvchurch.org for more information.

MINISTRY LEADERS

We will be hosting a ministry fair this year, 9/30 and 10/1 after Masses. Please save the date and plan to participate. An email will be sent to you soon! If you have questions, please contact Rhonda Petersen at 701-640-7039.

NEW SEASON OF THE OLV MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP STARTING SOON!

No matter your age or state in life, God has created all women to "mother" in some way, so please consider joining us for lively discussion and prayer as we study about our dignity and role as women in the church and the world through St. Pope John Paul II's letter entitled, "Mulieris Dignitatem". You may order your copy of this Endow study by visiting endowgroups.org. We'll study the Eucharist using a supplemental study published by "Blessed is She", which will be provided. We welcome new members at any time, so feel free to drop in as able, even if you can't make it every week. It's time for YOU! We follow the OLV school calendar, meeting every Thursday beginning Sept. 28th in person in the St. Joseph Room, 1:00-3:00 or via Zoom. Come study and pray with us! Please contact Heather Lindgren at olvmothersgroup@gmail.com for more information.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

BANNS I

TAYA SEXTON AND SAMUEL NELSON



PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Deacon Dean will be blessing animals in the parking lot at Our Lady of Victory Church on October 4 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Just stop by—no appointment needed!

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH!

Our Lady of Victory has an immediate opening for a part-time Secretary. 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. Job description and employment application are available in the parish office and on the OLV website: ffolvchurch.org. For more information, contact Mayme Hofland at mayme@ffolvchurch.org or call 218-736-2429 extension 11.



STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last”. - Matthew 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish. “This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

Your generosity makes it possible for diocesan ministries to provide essential education, pastoral care and other assistance to thousands of people across our 16-county diocese. These ministries couldn’t happen without you. Learn more at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

CATHOLIC VS. PROTESTANT BIBLES

Question: *Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?*

Answer: Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.

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“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard...When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’” — Mt 20:1, 8

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PRAYER CHAIN

Please call: Jo Weatherly 218-736-4938, Louise Wentworth 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
Diocese www.stcdio.org

Facebook Pages:

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