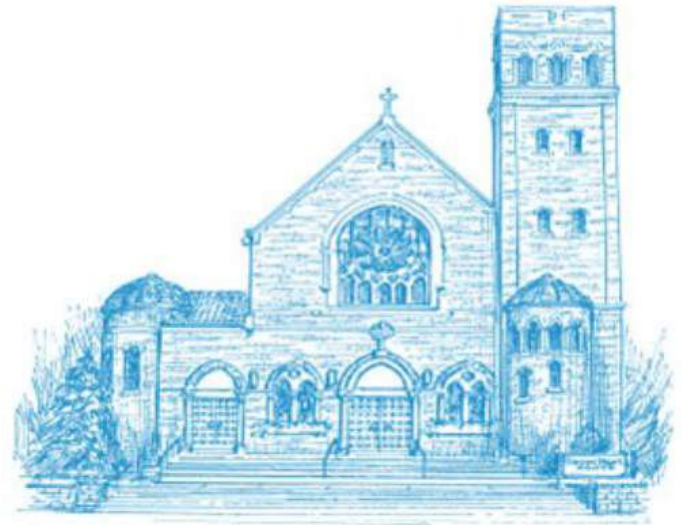


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**THE TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING 1 IS 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 96: 1,3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

READING 2 1 THES 1: 1-5B

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

ALLELUIA **PHIL 2: 15D, 16A**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world
As you hold on to the word of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL **MT 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."



PROFESSION OF FAITH

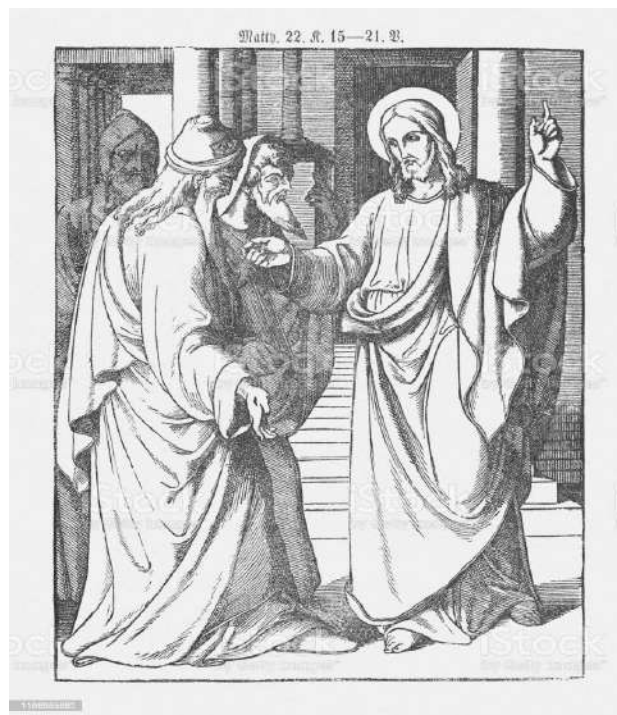
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Jerry Pokorsky points out that with the use of the atomic bomb our society took what is perhaps its most influential decline in morality insofar as we egregiously violated the Biblical principle that one can never do evil for the sake of achieving some good. (Fr. Jerry Pokorsky, "Who Lost the Culture?" 5 October 2020, catholicculture.org).

Father Pokorsky states, "The Fifth Commandment decrees, 'Thou shalt not murder.' God's law applies to everyone, including soldiers and presidents. Killing an enemy combatant during battle in a just war is not murder. Even mistaken killings in the fog of war are not murder. But when a soldier *deliberately* kills a prisoner, or a non-combatant, or innocent civilians, he commits murder. These distinctions, conceptually uncomplicated, are crucial. The 'total war' doctrine that advocates the use of every possible means to bring a quick victory fails to distinguish between murder and justifiable killing. Those who advocate total war use the Caiaphas Principle, the morality of 'the ends justify the means.' Caiaphas, the high priest who conspired to crucify [the innocent] Jesus, justified the murder for a greater good: *It is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish.*" (John 11:50).

Fr. Pokorsky states, "The bombings were necessary, advocates tell us, to end a vicious war and to stop the slaughter. Casualty estimates for an invasion of Japan were catastrophically high for both sides. The entire Japanese population could be classified as combatants. (Osama bin Laden used the same logic to justify the attack on the Towers. So do Hamas terrorists when they bomb Tel Aviv discotheques.) So dropping the bomb was the least harmful of all the evil available evil choices. The central argument is desperately compelling: Better that one city (or two) should die than the whole nation."

But, as Fr. Pokorsky demonstrates, the arguments in favor of using atomic weapons failed to persuade many high-ranking military leaders such as Admiral William Leahy, Admiral William Halsey, and General Dwight Eisenhower. They thought the bomb was absolutely unnecessary and morally reprehensible. Leahy, White House chief of staff and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the war, wrote in his 1950 memoirs that "the use of this barbarous weapon at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was of no material assistance in our war against Japan. The Japanese were already defeated and ready to surrender.... in being the first to use it, we had adopted an ethical standard common to the barbarians of the Dark Ages. I was not taught to make war in that fashion, and wars cannot be won by destroying women and children." President Dwight Eisenhower recalled in 1963: "I told him [Secretary of War Henry Stimson] I was against it on two counts. First, the Japanese were ready to surrender and it wasn't necessary to

hit them with that awful thing. Second, I hated to see our country be the first to use such a weapon."

Fr. Pokorsky shadows the view of the Venerable Fulton Sheen, who said that the moral turning point of the United States of America was "8:15 in the morning, the 6th of August, 1945. The dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima blotted out boundaries. There was no longer a boundary between the military and the civilian, between the helper and the helped, between the wounded and the nurse and the doctor, and the living and the dead. For even the living who escaped the bomb were already half dead. So we broke down boundaries and limits and from that time on the world has said we want no one limiting me. ... You want no restraint, no boundaries. I have to do what I want to do."

Fr. Pokorsky points out that this ethical violation adds a ripple to the abortion issue: "But suppose the Bomb was indeed militarily necessary to win the war? I have not met a single person who supports the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, who would justify the up-close-and-personal murder of a child for the same reason—even to win a war. But somehow the act of killing the same child and non-combatants—men, women, children—is 'the correct choice' when we target them with bombs from an altitude of 20,000 feet? The greater the distance, the easier it is to keep a crime from stinging a conscience. Out of sight, out of mind. But God's ways are not our ways. The Fifth Commandment indicts, or consoles: *Thou shalt not murder.*"

In conclusion, in Romans 3:8 Saint Paul made it absolutely clear that we can never do evil for the sake of achieving some good. The end does not justify the means! In other words, the goal of a human action should not be reached by other evil actions. So many people in our society do not see this. Perhaps the A-Bomb is to blame. A Minneapolis police officer knelt on a man's neck recently because he thought the end of enforcing law and order, which is good, justified the brutal means he employed, which were evil. He was wrong. Then organizations reacted in public displays of violence. They hurt innocent business owners, virtuous law enforcement personnel and by extension their loved ones, and they also harmed reporters covering the stories. Why did all this hurt happen? Because these folks believed that their goal of standing for racial justice, which is good, justifies the means they employed of harming the innocent, which is evil. They were wrong. Spread this truth good Christians. Tell it at the barbecues, say it on line at the supermarket, text it to your buddies: The end does not justify the means!

God bless you!
Father Eric

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Saturday, October 17:

5:00 Patricia Ballone

Sunday, October 18:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Al & Sue Amore & Susan Pellecchia
11:00 Patricia Ballone
1:00 Donald O'Shea

Monday, October 19:

9:30 Jessica Votto

Tuesday, October 20:

9:30 Pamela Maher

Wednesday, October 21:

9:30 Deceased Members of The Sykes & Maine Families

Thursday, October 22:

9:30 Nick & Adeline Carducci

Friday, October 23:

9:30 Jack Graham & Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, October 24:

9:30 Joseph F. & Corinne A. O'Brien
5:00 Edward & Margaret McCauley

Sunday, October 25:

7:00 Kevin Leach
9:00 Brother Kevin McDonnell
11:00 Deceased Members of The Decker Family
1:00 Catherine Sullivan

Saturday, October 24:

5:00 Bill Jones

Sunday, October 25:

7:00 AM Joan Prenty
9:00 AM Sr. Jessica
11:00 AM Ken Wisniewski
1:00 PM Don Maj

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 24:

5:00 Abigail Cruz

Sunday, October 25:

7:00 Erik Shashaty
9:00 Melani Fernando
11:00 Elijah Greene
1:00 Sean Ahern

COLLECTIONS:

October 11th.....\$6,433.00
October 2020 Monthly.....\$3,669.00
Budget Deficit.....\$253.00
Last Week Attendance: 414
Church Capacity: 210

Due to the pandemic the annual "Bereavement Mass" for our parishioners who died from September 2019 - August 2020 has been cancelled. Traditionally, the Mass takes place at 11 PM on the first Sunday of the month in November with a small reception in the school cafeteria. The Mass will be rescheduled for a later date.

The Sanctuary Candle is dedicated in loving memory of Tammy Peana by Joanne Delahunt and family.

World Mission Sunday: This year the collection for World Mission Sunday will be taken up this weekend. Pope Francis reassures us that despite the pandemic the missionary journey of the Church must continue. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

Confirmation 2020: The pandemic caused many disruptions to our traditional spring sacraments, one of which was Confirmation. Every spring the 8th grade students in our school and CCD program receive the gift of The Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation. That did not happen. This past Friday evening Bishop Whelan confirmed the following candidates: **Vera Michael Appedu, Nicole Dominica Barone, Kaitlyn Mary Batiz, Helen Maria Brady, Madison Catherine Breslin, Acadia Anthony Collado, Alyssa Therese Costa, Lila Cecilia D'Ambrosio, Rae Lynne Cecilia Delamasa, Patrick Roch Evans, Benjamin Francis Freund, Kiersten Ann Mills, Naomi Alexandra Ramdass, Olivia Alena Schmitt, Georgia Dorothy Seaborg, Kyle Kenneth Senk, Thomas Bartholomew Smith, Abigail Grace Thompson, Ellia Lucy Tupone, Nylissa Frances Vanmanen, Wendy Rose Vivar, Steven Nicholas Andrade, Alexandra Monica Bellucci, Daniel Vincent Bresowsky, William Robert Cali, Joaquin Anthony Elizondo, Melani Ann Fernando, Stephanie Catherine Ferrandino, Luke Bernard Fulton, Gavin Edward Grassi, Megan Clare Jansky, Patrick John Manning, Thomas John Maroney, Marcus Thomas Mayzick, Moorea Catherine Morgan, Tara Christopher Murphy, Colleen Elizabeth O'Connor, Charles Anthony Sciarrino, Luciana Josephine Struthers, Christopher John Travis, Liam Kevin Travis, Maximilian Peter Zielonka.**

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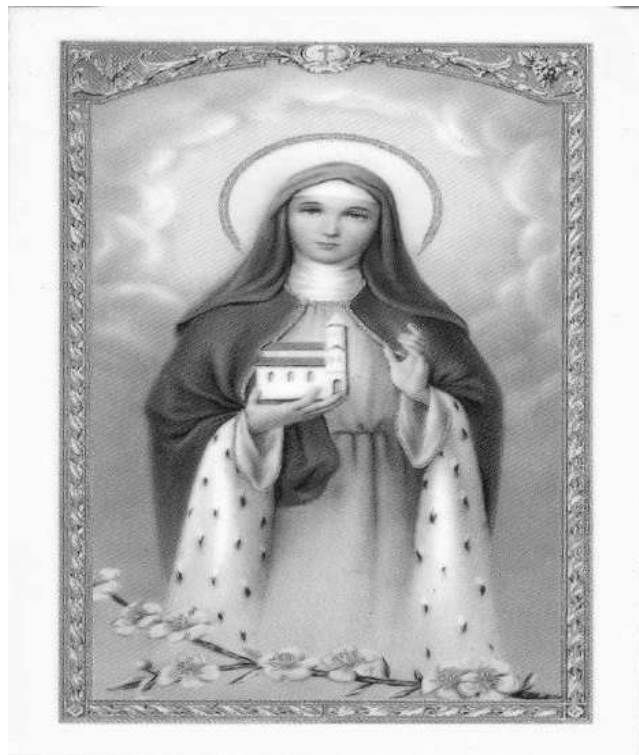
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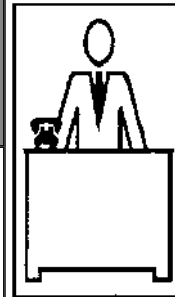
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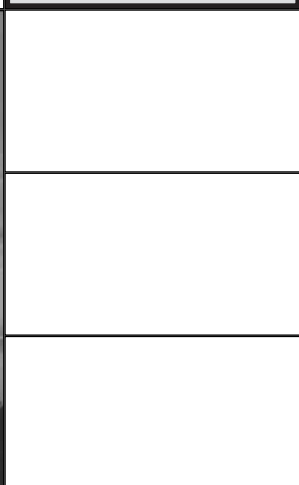
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