



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

September 2-3, 2017

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22nd SUNDAY - THE HUMBLEST HUMBLENESS

"For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled and he who humbles himself shall be exalted." —Luke 14:11

Jesus invites us to humble ourselves by taking the lowest place (Lk 14:10) and by inviting "beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind" to eat with us (Lk 14:13). Most people take Jesus' words as a suggestion and encouragement to be humble and help the poor. Jesus, however, indicates that His words are to be taken much more seriously when He concluded His command with the words: "You should be pleased that they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid in the resurrection of the just" (Lk 14:14). Jesus' call to humility and service is of ultimate significance.

When Jesus commands us to humble ourselves, it means much, much more than these words coming from anyone else. Jesus washed the feet of the apostles (Jn 13:4ff) and "humbled Himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross!" (Phil 2:8) Jesus has humbled Himself by giving Himself to us in Holy Communion. He is so humbled that He doesn't look like God or even like a man. He looks like bread and wine. When this crucified, eucharistic God-Man speaks of humbling ourselves, He speaks with a depth and love far beyond anything we have ever heard. Humble yourself — by Jesus' standards.

Prayer: Jesus, teach me to be "gentle and humble of heart" (Mt 11:29).

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
 COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, Sept 03--8:30 a.m. Earl Britten
 By Mike & Marla Britten
 Monday, Sept 04--7:30 a.m. Earl Britten
 By Mike & Marla Britten
 Wednesday, Sept 06--6:00p.m. Earl Britten
 By Mike & Marla Britten
 Thursday, Sept 07--7:30a.m. Earl Britten
 By Mike & Marla Britten
 Friday, Sept 08--7:30a.m. Earl Britten
 By Mike & Marla Britten
 Saturday, Sept 09--5:30p.m. Earl Britten
 By Loretta Britten

Stewardship Reports

08/27/17 Stewardship Report	
Individual	\$1835.00
Loose	\$ 309.00
Children	\$ 9.00
Total	\$2153.00
08/20/17 Building Fund	
Individual	\$.00
Loose	\$.00
Total	\$2380.00

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, and Floyd Schulte

Family Chalice Program

September 9/10 Bill and Linda Bohr
 September 16/17 Cobb and Kay Britten
 September 23/24 Doris and Johnny Homer
 Sep 30/ Oct 1 Corkey, Sandie and Hope Hickey
 October 7/8 Jerod and Tami Keesee
 October 14/15 Brad and Tabitha Eggemeyer
 October 21/22 Pam and Cassie Ashford

Birthdays

Sept 1st Rana Hardin & Barbara Homer
 Sept 2nd Willie Mae Barnett
 Sept 4th Damon Kuehler
 Sept 5th Trenton Fields
 Sept 6th Britney Britten
 Sept 7th Shelly Britten

Anniversaries

September 3rd Chris and Debbie Britten

Church Cleaning for September

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Melanie Hinson, Krista Johnson

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Sept 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan
Lectors: Carrie Weinhiemer
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nick Weinheimer

Sunday, Sept 3, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Kacie
Lectors: Kay Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Marla Britten, Susan Britten, Sandie Hickey

Saturday, Sept 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Braxton and Zadyn
Lectors: Cliff Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, Sept 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Jackson and Wesley
Lectors: Marcia Conrad
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler, Carrie Weinheimer, Joanie Kling

Saturday, Sept 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Saffron
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister:

Saturday, Sept 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Lauren and Stephen
Lectors:
Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, Sept 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Wesley and Jackson
Lectors:
Extraor. Com. Minister:

Announcements:

Faith Formation Registration /Safe Environment Training forms are in the south entrance of the church. Each family with children attending Faith Formation classed for the upcoming school year please take time to fill out a form and Give/Do not give permission for Safe Environment Training. The first CCD Classes will be Sept 6th. The schedule has changed some. Children's Choir will only be the first Wednesday of each month beginning in October. Mass will be at 6:00p.m. and classes from 6:40 to 7:45.

RCIA The Journey of Faith begins with your questions

What is faith? How does faith grow? What do Catholics believe and why is it different from other faith traditions? How different is it really? Classes for the Christian Initiation of Adults are available for anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. The process begins with an "Inquiry" period when questions lead to exploration. Drop in – no obligation, no commitment, no pressure at our Q & A sessions. The second phase is the "Catechumens" period for those who are interested in becoming fully Catholic. Classes end in the Mystagogy" period, with a focus on how to identify God's special calling and purpose for your life. If you'd like to take this journey of faith, call the

RCIA Directors:

Tabitha Eggemeyer 806-651- 9176
Krista Johnson 806-223- 6244

Already Catholic?

If you love your faith and would like to help mentor someone on their journey, please sign up to become a sponsor or join the RCIA team.

Hurricane Harvey: In immediate response to the devastating impact of Hurricane Harvey the Diocese of Amarillo has directed that donations be made on the Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle web site. These donations will be used for the immediate humanitarian needs of victims in the Gulf Coast area. As of Friday, September 1, a total of \$33,440.00 has been received. In addition, a second collection will be taken the weekend of September 9th/10th as well. This money will be forwarded to the USCCB Office of National Collections and be used for long term rebuilding assistance. We thank the people of the Diocese of Amarillo for their generosity and compassion for those in need.

September is traditionally dedicated to the Seven Sorrows (or Dolours) of Mary, and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows falls in September. The Sorrows are: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Holy Child at Jerusalem for three days, meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary, standing at the foot of the Cross, Jesus being taken from the Cross, and the burial of Christ. The graces promised by Jesus, to those who are devoted to the dolours of Mary, are very Great. Pelbert relates that it was revealed to Saint Elizabeth, that after the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into Heaven, Saint John the Evangelist, desired to see her again. The favor was granted him; his dear Mother appeared to him, and with her, Jesus Christ also appeared; the Saint then heard Mary ask her Son to grant some special grace to all those who are devoted to her dolours. Jesus promised her four principal ones: First, that those, who before death, invoke the Divine Mother, in the name of her sorrows, should obtain true repentance of all their sins. Second, that He would protect all, who have this devotion in their tribulations, and that He would protect them, especially at the hour of death. Third, that He would impress upon their minds, the remembrance of His Passion, and that they should have their reward for it in Heaven. Fourth, that He would commit such devout clients, to the hands of Mary, with the power to dispose of them, in whatever manner she might please, and to obtain for them all the graces she might desire."

St. John Paul II said "Turn your eyes incessantly to the Blessed Virgin; she, who is the Mother of Sorrows and also the Mother of Consolation, can understand you completely and help you. Looking to her, praying to her, you will obtain that your tedium will become serenity, your anguish change into hope, and your grief into love. I accompany you with my blessing, which I willingly extend to all those who assist you."

Christian Mothers: Our first meeting is Sept 11th at 7pm sharp (we know your time is valuable so please be on time.) We will have a salad supper at the Parish Hall. Officers will bring drinks and crackers. Please bring you favorite salad and enjoy the evening.

