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**SEPTEMBER 2, 2018, TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday

to Wednesday - 5:40pm - Rosary  
- 6:00pm - Mass

Thursday - 3:00pm - Mass at AMCC

Friday - 3:00pm - Mass at QCC

Saturday - 4:30pm - Confessions  
- 5:00pm - Rosary  
- 5:30pm - Mass

Sunday - 10:30am - Mass

# On 7<sup>th</sup> September First Friday of the Month you are invited to join for an hour of Adoration from 5 to 6pm. During which confessions will be heard. At 6pm Holy Mass follows.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Parish Picnic on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> following the 5:30pm Mass.
2. Religious Education Sign Up (Caroline speaks on Sunday).
3. Stewardship hand outs (Deacon Bob speaks)
4. Parish Council Meet on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

## SEVEN LIES SATAN WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE

Lie #1: God doesn't want to hear from you anymore. Not after you've ignored Him for so long.

*The truth:* God always wants to hear from you, even if it's been a while.

Lie #2: This world is too wicked and scary for you to ever find happiness or peace.

*The truth:* Fear sure seems to be one of Satan's favorite tools in these latter days. But don't give in to that nonsense. Even when things are hard, even when they're *really* hard, God's plan provides hope and joy.

Lie #3: Because God loves you, your behavior ultimately doesn't matter all that much.

*The truth:* This one can be especially tricky because it takes a truth—God loves you—and draws an interpretation from that truth that is false. Scriptures, and modern prophets and apostles, help us understand that our actions *are* important.

Lie #4: If you can't gain a testimony about something right away, it must not be true.

*The truth:* If you want to know the capital of Assyria, a smartphone and about three seconds will get you your answer. Matters of the spirit, on the other hand, can take time. And it's always worth the effort.

Lie #5: Confessing your sins will only hurt the people you love. To spare them that pain, you must keep it a secret.

*The truth:* With this lie, the great deceiver is trying to get you to pass on his handiwork—deception—to those closest to you. Don't listen to him for a

## **SUNDAY CONNECTION**

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

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**Lie #6:** The Church's teachings are outdated. Just look at how most of the world believes and behaves today. Millions of people can't be wrong! The truth: No matter how many people believe otherwise, eternal truths are still eternal truths.

**Lie #7:** You've tried and tried, but you're just not good enough. You're never going to make it home to God.

The truth: It's the zinger of all lies! If the adversary can convince you you'll never be good enough, he scores a major victory. Don't let him plant this thought in your brain. With Jesus Christ's Atonement, we always have a path back to God.

## **READERS AND EM'S FOR AUGUST**

### **Saturday September 1**

**5:30 Lector** Betsy Brennan

### **Sunday September 2**

**10:30 Lector** Leona Mayac  
**EMHC** Gretchen Froehle

### **Saturday September 8**

**5:30 Lector** Angie Gorn

### **Sunday August 12**

**10:30 Lector** Jennifer Fast  
**EMHC** Kitty Scott/Bernie  
Alvanna-Stimpfle

### **Saturday September 15**

**5:30 Lector** Tom Moran

### **Sunday August 19**

**10:30 Lector** Gretchen Froehle  
**EMHC** Mo Koezuna

## **PARISH STAFF**

**Tom Moran - Parish Council President 443-6601**

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