

The Work of the People
The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After our full participation in the forty days of Lent, the Triduum, and the fifty days of Easter, we now return to counting or numbering the weeks of the liturgical year. Ordinary Time, which will take us through the summer and fall, comprises the 30 or so weeks that are not marked by major feasts. The longest stretch of Ordinary Time begins after Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of Pentecost and continues up to the start of the new liturgical year on the First Sunday of Advent. The seasons of the church reflect the rhythms of our lives, with peak moments and times of quiet growth. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time, green, reminds us that this is still a season of growth in our discipleship, a time to continue maturing into the followers of Jesus Christ that we are meant to be.

On this Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear from the Book of Genesis. Consequences always follow from sin. Embarrassment, fear, shame, and guilt follow, too. We know we should not have sinned. In the story of the Fall, the man (Adam) knows this, which is why he hides from God and tries to pass the blame on to the woman (Eve) for his eating the fruit of the forbidden tree. Evil causes separation and broken relationships. The devil at work in the serpent has harmed humanity, yet God in Jesus Christ will ultimately triumph forever.

One of Paul's major themes in his second letter to the Corinthians is the transitory nature of our earthly life. We are called to look at everything we do here as a preparation for eternal life.

In the story in Mark's Gospel this Sunday, it seems as though the scribes are confused, for they attribute Jesus' power to exorcise demons to the devil, Beelzebul. Jesus' response to the accusations is to tell a parable. The message of the parable is that division has no place in relation to God's will. Divided homes and kingdoms continue to exist. This is why God forgives sins, even blasphemies.

The reflection for this Sunday is from *Jesus Today* by Fr. Albert Nolan, an influential leader in the struggle against apartheid in his native South Africa. He died in 2022.

Jesus' attitude to the family was in [no] way conventional. He turned that upside down too. What could be more shocking than his statement: "If anyone comes to me without *hating* his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and

his own life too, he cannot be my disciple" (Lk 14:26; my translation). Of course, what he meant was "without *not-preferring*." In other words, one cannot be a member of God's family-like kingdom if one still gives preference to one's conventional family. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus doing pre-cisely that—not giving preference to his own family. . . .

He sees his own mother as blessed, not because she is his biological mother, but because she "hears the word of God and keeps it" (Lk 11:27-28; my translation). Jesus wants to move beyond the limitations of the blood family or family of close relatives to the broader family of God's kingdom. An exclusive love for one's close family would be a form of group selfishness.

This does not mean that Jesus sees the new family-like kingdom as the whole human race. We must love all human beings, even our enemies, and treat them all as our brothers and sisters, but the new community is the family of those who *love one another*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs. 17:1-6/Mt. 5:1-12
Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt. 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs. 18:20-39/Mt. 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs. 18:41-46/Mt. 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs. 19:9a, 11-16/Mt. 5:27-32
Saturday: 1Kgs. 19:19-21/Mt. 5:33-37
Sunday: Ez. 17:22-24/2 Cor. 5:6-10/Mk. 4:26-34

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 17, from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in C.S. There will be a dinner at 5:00 pm in the All Purpose Room at the church.

QUO VADIS DAYS

Join us for our summer priesthood discernment camp, June 23-26, 2024. Meet the seminarians, pray together, have fun. Cost is \$50. To register online - erievocations.org. Deadline to register is June 14. For more information contact Fr. Scott Jabo, Director of Priestly Vocations, at 814 824-1198.

Further information on the bulletin boards at both entrances of the church.

*"Lord, open my eyes!
Fill me with a vision of heaven!"*

WORSHIP

Monday, June 10
 8:00 am + Ron Yusavage (Joan Smith)
 Tuesday, June 11
 8:00 am + David Adams (Family)
 Wednesday, June 12 - AT ST. BERNADETTE
 8:00 am + Steve Sada (Frances Giewont)
 Thursday, June 13 - ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA,
 PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
 8:00 am + Jim Samson (Mike & Rita Yurcak)
 Friday, June 14
 8:00 am + Marie Ilaria (Gerard Adamczyk)
 Saturday, June 15
 4:30 pm + Mike Mackanos (Wife & Children)
 Sunday, June 16 - Fathers Day
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Stephen N. Sada (James & Shirley Nichols)
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 Liv. & Dec. Parishioners of St. Anthony and
 St. Bernadette

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
 This year the Diocese of Erie is pleased to host the annual Milestone Anniversary Celebration for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage at St. George Church in Erie at 2:00 pm. Couples may request the registration form from St. Anthony parish office 814 398-4234. Registrations are being accepted until July 24.

CHILD PROTECTRION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS
 Stay Safe While Gaming Online.
 Online gaming can be lots of fun and pretty cool to compete against people from every corner of the world. Gaming can also expose your child to dangers such as cyber bullying, online harassment, and online predators. Here are some helpful tips to teach your children to ensure they are being safe while gaming. 1. Never give your identity. When creating an account, use a nickname. When creating an avatar, don't use your real picture. 2. Do not give out any personal information including phone numbers, addresses, where you go to school, and especially your age. Predators pretend to be teenagers and will talk to your child until your child feels they are safe to talk to about personal stuff. 3. Have your child mute conversations. People say mean things to one another and it's best to prevent the risk of bullying or trash talking online. 4. Block anyone who makes you feel uncomfortable. 5. Set appropriate parental controls and use parental controls to facilitate online safety and time management. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/child/protection

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 11
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena
 Thursday, June 13
 5:30 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/
 Evening Prayer - followed by tureen picnic dinner
 Saturday, June 15
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession
 Sunday, June 16
 AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Before Mass - Confession
 AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 After Mass - Confession
 Monday, June 17
 5:00 pm - Doors open for BINGO

SAVE THE DATE
 Sunday, June 23, 2024
 Following 9:30 am Mass
 Retirement reception for
 Fr. Mark Nowak

*"Lord, give me your peace-
 the peace that passes all understanding-
 so that I can bring that peace to others."*

*"Lord,
 you are my one, true God!"*

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$949.00
Maintenance	185.00
International Needs	50.00
Peter's Pence	30.00
Candles	27.00
TOTAL	\$1,241.00

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$1,768.00
Maintenance	628.00
Calendar Lottery	75.00
Peter Pence	65.00
CSA	2,415.00
International Needs	100.00
Good Shepherd	20.00
Ascension	45.00
Candles	15.00
TOTAL	\$5,131.00
Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged: \$34,996 Paid: \$26,176	

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
