

People Progress

Sunday Community

22 Oct 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Elizabeth Whelan

Welcome, Fr Jack!

Reflection: by Maria di Paolo

The readings today made me think of three things: our relationship with God (the spiritual), our relationship with the secular (the practical), and how these two interact and intersect in our religious communities (i.e. the Church, our churches and parishes).

In the first reading Isaiah writes about on our relationship with God through the conversation between God and Cyrus. The relationship is unique: "I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god".

In Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians he writes about the practicalities of life in the community of believers. In later sections he refers to the difficulties he had in Philippi, to persecution, to Timothy's visit to the community in Thessalonica and his report back to Paul.

Finally, in the Gospel we have the parable of the taxes. The question the Pharisees ask is limited to taxes but Jesus' reply is simply: "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's". We have our belief in God, we have our churches and parishes, and we have the larger world in which we and our community exist and must contribute to.

Readings:

Today: Isaiah 45.1, 4-6 Psalm 96 I Thessalonians 1.1-5 Matthew 22.15-21
Oct 29: Exodus 22.21-27 Psalm 18 I Thessalonians 1.5 -10 Matthew 22.34-40

The Liturgy schedule:

Date	Planner(s)	Priest
Oct 22	Sharon McCarthy	Fr Jack Costello
Oct 29	John & Mary MacMillan	Fr. Ron MacDonell
Nov 5	Rita Shaughnessy	Fr Jack Costello
Nov 12	Maryanne S-J & Roberto J	Fr Jack Costello
Nov 19	Pat Smiley	Fr. Prakash Lohale

This schedule, as always, is flexible. Planners, feel free to switch if you cannot do a liturgy on the scheduled date. Just be sure to tell the People Progress Reporter, so that we all know. Also, please notify PP early in the week (by the Tuesday before) if you cannot do a reflection.

People Progress Schedule

Oct: Elizabeth Whelan erwhelan@icloud.com

Nov: John MacMillan

Dec: Maryanne S-J and Roberto J

Jan: Mary Lou Jorgensen-Bacher

Please send your submissions to **the** People Progress Reporter by Thursday evening. People Progress welcomes new reporters. Thanks, Elizabeth.

Announcements:

- **Advent and Christmas Liturgies: Volunteers needed!** This year we will need coordinators for 3 Advent liturgies, as well as coordinator(s) for the Christmas Eve Liturgy. The 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve share Dec 24th this year, but (as in the past) we will only celebrate the Christmas Eve liturgy. The Advent Liturgies will all be online. More details soon....

- **From Brian Halferty:** (Updated) Sep 10th began our annual year of Sunday Community liturgies, which will continue right through to the end of June 2024. **NOTE** that we are scheduling ONE SUNDAY PER MONTH as a Hybrid Liturgy, to be celebrated in-person at the school, Msgr Fraser Annex, but with a Zoom connection for those who are farther away or unable to attend in person.

- **Egg cartons:** Please continue to save your empty egg cartons for Elizabeth Stocking. She welcomes cartons and flats. You can deliver them to Elizabeth Whelan's house, and Elizabeth Stocking will pick them up. She thanks everyone who has contributed them.

October Birthdays. Happy Birthday to

1 John Corrado	7 Marjie Calla
2 Matthew Dunbar	18 Molly Sutkaitis
2 Ann Murphy	18 Roswita Zgraja
2 Barbara Podgorski	19 Tedd Dillon
5 Kate Jackson	19 Dwyer Sullivan
5 Sylvia Skrepichuk	23 Adam Branston

Re-printed weekly for reference:

Duties of liturgy planners for virtual masses:

Early in the week before the liturgy:

- Call or email the priest to confirm Sunday's liturgy (contact info provided).
- Prepare or find a Reflection and send it to the People Progress reporter by Thursday. Please notify the People Progress reporter early in the week if you cannot do a Reflection.
- Select readers for the 1st and 2nd readings. Check with Sylvia Skrepichuk re: psalm

On the Sunday of the virtual mass:

- Greet the group (Ask newcomers to introduce themselves)
- Give a brief introduction to the liturgy.
- Read your passage or be prepared to do a reading (if a volunteer is unable to log-in)
- Thank everyone who 'attended' and those who helped (at Announcements)