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Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel passage we find Jesus questioning the disciples. First Jesus asks them, "Who do people say that I am?" The disciples repeat what they heard people saying about Jesus' identity, one of the various figures from the Hebrew Scriptures. Then it gets personal. Jesus asks them, "But who do you say that I am? Peter is quick with a response, "You are the Christ." Notice that Jesus neither confirms nor denies this, he just admonishes them not to tell anyone about him. So the question remains for us today. Who do you say that Jesus is?

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:30 am

Mass for Healing: Thursday evenings 6:30 pm with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament the first Thursday of the Month instead of Mass

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A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS



EDWARD SRI

This five-part program takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, giving new life to the liturgical experience.

You Will:

- Learn the biblical background to the words, prayers, and gestures of the Liturgy
- Discover how the Mass is a “true re-presentation” of Christ’s redeeming sacrifice on the Cross
- Explore the three key aspects of the Mass as a Sacrifice, Real Presence, and Holy Communion
- Gain helpful insights for getting the most out of every Mass...and much more!

See Fr. Tom to sign up for this study. Let him know your preference for which evening you would like to attend, Tuesdays 6:30pm beginning September 18, Wednesdays 6:30pm beginning September 19, or Thursdays 7:00pm after Mass beginning September 20.

PARISH CALENDAR

September

Sunday the 16th – Committee meeting after Mass

Sunday the 30th – No Mass today. Fr. Tom is away attending the Church Synod. All are encouraged to attend the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

BY THE WEEK

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm

Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm

Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact Father Tom by Wednesday: trpwalsh@gmail.com

READERS ROSTER

September 2nd September 9th September 16th

Dee Smith Jean Macionus Joe Pelland



**"For as the body without the spirit is dead,
so faith without works is dead also."**

James 2:26 (KJV)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Meg Krasko for a **special friend in need**;

Helen Reynolds for **Michael Reynolds**;

For **Andrew Chernesky**;

And for those intentions that we hold in our hearts known to God alone.

NEWS AND EVENT

Annual Quarter Night

Our annual quarter night will be held Saturday evening, October 27th (Halloween Weekend). Costumes are encouraged... last year we had a table of witches! All tables sold out last year... so please reserve your table ASAP by contacting any member of the Ladies Society. Needed to insure success are donations to be auctioned. Items with a minimum value of \$5.00 are being sought. The Ladies Society has started collecting donations now and items may be left in the classrooms and noted for "Quarter Night." Looking forward to another successful Quarter Night with lots of friends and our St. Joseph's family.

News from our friends at Lordship Community Church

Lordship Community Church, 179 Prospect Drive, Stratford, hosts an outdoor Vendor Fair & Apple Festival on Saturday, September 22, 2018, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., (light rain or shine, no rain date). Craft, tag sale, flea market, and direct sales vendors, food, bake sale, and apple pie baking contest. For information and inquiries, please contact 203-377-6568 or lordshipchurch@sbcglobal.net

Support the mission and outreach programs of Lordship Community Church on Saturday, September 28, 2018, from 7-10 pm, at Two Roads Brewing Company, 1700 Stratford Avenue, featuring a chili cook-off, appetizers, desserts, and live music. Tickets are \$30 (two beer/wine) each. For tickets & info. contact LCC at 203-377-6568 or lordshipchurch@sbcglobal.net.

Bertha Grabowski, August 5th - October 28th, 2018. If anyone wishes to contribute to the printing cost of the bulletin, please see Fr. Tom.

Sunday Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

A reading from the first letter of Saint James

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well, " but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

