

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions
for Sept. 19, 2021
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Marsha Hupko
By: Mike Hupko

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
Intentions of Cathy Hiles
By: Deacon Rich's class

Wednesday, noon —
† Sybil & Carl Luoma
By: Catherine Hiles

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Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 — The wicked say: let us revile and torture the just one to have proof of his gentleness and patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death to see if God will deliver him from the hand of his foes.

Psalms 54:3-8 — The Lord upholds my life.

James 3:16—4:3 — Jealousy and selfish ambition result in disorder, but the wisdom from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy, constant and sincere.

Mark 9:30-37 — The disciples had been discussing which of them was the greatest. But Jesus responded, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last." He illustrated his point with a small child: "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."



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THE WISDOM THAT COMES FROM HEAVEN

James might be called the "Apostle of Social Justice." He preaches a strong message about defending the rights of the oppressed. In today's reading he contrasts earthly wisdom with heavenly wisdom. Worldly wisdom dictates that success must be financial gain, achieved by any means. Divine wisdom teaches the value of peace. We become righteous—having a right relationship with God—by curbing selfish desires and ambition.

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Weekly readings

Monday
St. Andrew Kim Tae-gön,
St Paul Chông Ha-sang
& companions
Ezra 1:1-6
Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday
St. Matthew
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Matthew 9:9-13

Wednesday
Ezra 9:5-9
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday
St. Pius of Pietrelcina
Haggai 1:1-8
Luke 9:7-9

Friday
Haggai 2:1-9
Luke 9:18-22

Saturday
Zechariah 2:5-9,
14-15a
Luke 9:43b-45

26th Sunday
of Ordinary Time
Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45,
47-48

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Sacred Numbers

In ancient cultures, numbers often had a symbolic significance. In the bible, they express a spiritual meaning.

1 The number one refers to uniqueness, especially in reference to God as the one true God.

2 Two is a symbol of both unity and division with examples of Adam and Eve (unity) and of Cain and Abel (division).

3 The number three represents perfection and completion. The prime example in Catholic tradition is the Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Another—the angels crying "Holy, Holy, Holy" to the triune God (Isaiah 6:3).

7 The most significant number in the bible is seven, which is used hundreds of times including more than 50 times in the book of Revelation. Seven comes from "sheba," the Hebrew word for swearing an oath. Sheba literally means "to seven oneself." God makes his first covenant with mankind when he rests, blesses and makes holy the seventh day of creation. Examples of seven in the New Testament include the time Jesus tells Peter to forgive 70 times seven and also the seven last words of Jesus on the cross.

12 The elective power of God is evident with the number 12, as in the 12 tribes of Israel in the Old Testament and the 12 apostles of Jesus.

40 Times of tribulation and testing are evident with the number 40 as in the 40 days of flooding in Noah's time, the 40 years the Israelites wander in desert with Moses, the 40 days Jesus spends in the desert before starting his ministry and the 40 days Jesus appears to the apostles after his resurrection (before ascending into heaven).

70 God's governance of the world is associated with the number 70—70 elders of Israel, the 70-year Babylonian exile, the 70 disciples Jesus sends out to evangelize.

—From editor Scott Hahn's *Catholic Bible Dictionary*

Saintly Wisdom

"Remain humble, remain simple.
The more you are so, the more good you will do."
— St. John Vianney—

Parish Life

Parish Picnic — Thank you to the 75 people who attended last Sunday's parish picnic, which was catered by J's Corner at the Riverside Pavilion. A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for setting up and cleaning up.

Bereavement — Family members of two parishioners died recently. Please keep their families in your prayers.

- Norman Lee Dean, brother of Joel Dean.
- Anne Gadoury, aunt of Cathy Champon.

Happy Anniversary! — Happy anniversary to new parishioners Nicholas and Marilyn Schicker who celebrated their 55th anniversary this week (Sept. 17).

Christmas Craft Sale on Oct. 9 —The St. Elizabeth Ladies Guild is readying for our annual Christmas Craft Sale, which will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Oct 9. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not have a bake sale this year. Masks are required. See you there!

Respect Life Month —The Knights of Columbus are observing Respect Life Month through October by collecting items for the Pregnancy Help Center of Catholic Charities. Boxes will be at the entrances of the church throughout October to collect baby items such as diapers, pull-ups, new bottles/pacifiers, baby blankets, towels, baby wash and lotion. Money donations can be made to St. Elizabeth with "Pregnancy Help Center" in the memo line.

Holy Hour —The Knights of Columbus will kick off Respect Life Month with a Holy Hour for all parishioners beginning at 3 p.m. on Oct. 3, Respect Life Sunday. Holy Hour will include scripture reading, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and praying the rosary.