SEPT. 4TH, 2022

St. Joseph, Olpe

BULLETIN

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Question of the Week

Q. 9 What is the fulle and definitive stage of God's Revelation?

The full and definitive stage of God's revelation is accomplished in his Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, the mediator and fullness of Revelation. He, being the only-begotten Son of God made man, is the perfect and definitive Word of the Father. In the sending of the Son and the gift of the Spirit, Revelation is now fully complete, although the faith of the Church must gradually grasp its full significance over the course of centuries.

Fr. A's Explanation

Does God have more to tell us?

This question is not as easy as it might seem. There's two factors that must be kept in the right balance.

First, the Church teaches that with the death of the last disciple, time of Revelation was complete. Jesus Christ revealed himself fully as the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, and deposited the truth in the Church, who passes it on. In some religions, there is the idea of a living oracle, or mouthpiece, of God, who continually receives revelations, and changes the community's teachings. This is not true in Christianity. Christ has spoken and what he gave is sufficient. No one, not even the Pope, can change a Church teaching.

Second, the Church has been deepening her understanding of that revelation from the very beginning. Lead by the Holy Spirit, the Church in her great teachers, thinkers, and mystics, have been contemplating the truth handed down to us, and century and century we have come to a deeper understanding of the Faith.

For example: it is clear that everyone in the early Church understood that Holy Communion is Jesus, but it was until the high middle ages that the church developed a sophisticated theological system to explain what this means. Today, many people use the term, "Transubstantiation," to explain the Eucharist, and it is the right term to use. It explains perfectly what we believe about the Eucharist. But, this term would have been foreign to any second century Christian.

The Church calls this balance 'the development of doctrine'. Through the ages, the Church has come to a better understanding of the teaching of Christ, but she has never changed it. It is like the growth of the body. When a baby is born, it has all the parts of the adult, they just aren't grown yet. As the body grows, the parts get bigger and develop into their adult features. But, nothing happens that changes the body fundamentally. It just develops into what it was meant to be.

This is the same with the Church's doctrine. Christ fully revealed himself and handed this on to the early Church. Over the years the Church has come to better understand this revelation, and we in the pews today get to benefit from all the thinkers who came before us!

THIS WEEKS'S GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

Pastor:

Fr. Nicholas Ashmore
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Parish Office:

Hours:
Wed. 5pm-8pm &
Fri. 9:00am-Noon

Administrative Assistant:
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Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am
Wed., Thurs., & Fri., - 7:30am
1st Sat. of Month - 8:30am

Confessions:

Saturday - 4:00-4:50pm
30 Minutes before every Mass

Adoration:

Wednesday: 8:00am-9:00pm
in the Church

Other Sacraments:

Contact Parish Office

Parish Contacts:

Funeral Dinners: Linda Deiker, 475-3567
Cemetery: Terry Taylor, 340-5062
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Family Life: Kay Schmidt, 475-3767
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Announcements

Ministers

Sacristan 09/06-09/12:
Karen Hayes

Lector & EMHC:
09/03: Leann Eberle
09/04: Shirley Langley
09/10: Jana Redeker
09/11: Donna Bolen

Weekend Servers:
09/03: John Musick, MC, Reece & Brylee Johnson
09/04: Kaleb Arnold, MC, Thomas Arnold, & Daylen Ballinger
09/10: Blake Skalsky, MC, Lilly & Alisa Skalsky
09/11: Isaac Arnold, MC, Megan Barnhart & Grady Pimple

Offertory Gift Bearers:
09/03: Justin & Lynn Redeker
09/04: Ryan Arnold Family
09/10: Mike & Beth Skalsky
09/11: Keith & Cathy Pimple

St. Joseph Prayer List

Alex Conley, Dana Dengler, Corrine Frizell, Susan Haag, Makenna Hoelting, Bernadine Kehres, Debbie Markowitz, Brian Martin, Barb Merry, James Nunley, Jerry Redeker, Mike Redeker, Richard Scheve, Greg Schonhardt, Scott Wendling, Mike Wecker, Sonny Wendling.
United States Army: SGM Matthew S. Richter, Sgt. Austin Burenheide, Grant Fath, Major Jacob Haag, Pvt. Cory Owen
Air Force: Master Sgt. Andrew Stevenson
Marines: Lt. Col. James Bechtel

Mass Intentions

Sat.	09/03	8:30 am	+Jim & Marie Kuhlmann
Sat.	09/03	5:00 pm	For Our Parish
Sun.	09/04	8:30am	+Louis & Bertha Trear
Mon.	09/05		No Mass
Tue.	09/06		No Mass
Wed.	09/07	7:15am	+Helen Redeker
Thu.	09/08	7:15am	+Bertha Trear
Fri.	09/09	7:15am	+Fred & Helen Windle
Sat.	09/10	5:00pm	For Our Parish
Sun.	09/11	8:30am	Clarence & Dorothy Schmidt

Collection Last Week:

Envelope: (23)	$ 1,085.00
Plate:	$ 330.00
Soc. Support.	$ 35.00
TOTAL:	**$1,450.00**

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P. O. Box 165,
Olpe, KS. 66865
THANK YOU!