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Sunday Mass

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 A.M.

Daily Mass

Monday through Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Holy Day Mass

Evening Before 5:30 P.M.

Holy Day 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00–3:30 P.M.

Sacrament of Baptism

A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care.

Sacrament of Marriage

The bride or groom must be an active registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding at St. Helena.

Nursery

Services available during the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass.

Parish Registration

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form and return to the Parish Office. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the Church. Return completed form to the Parish Office.

Email: church@sainthelena.us

Website: www.sainthelena.us

The Church of St. Helena

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2020

“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.”

-Mt:21:42ab



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THE WORD

St. Pope John Paul II wrote about atheism and said that many people don't profess being atheists, but they live as though they were atheists. In other words, they live their lives as if God were not the God who created them and placed an order within the universe which needs to be respected.

Yes, they would say that they believe in God, and that He revealed Himself through Jesus, Who is both God and man. However, their actions don't reflect that belief. They don't go to Church or pray, they get drunk, they have abortions, they engage in illicit sex, they lie and cheat, or they live solely for their own gratification and pleasure.

In Sunday's Gospel, our Lord tells the parable of the vineyard owner's son being rejected by tenants. The son, of course, represents Jesus Himself, and the rejection of Jesus was a terrible action of many leaders of the Jewish people.

However, today we experience the rejection of Jesus, particularly by people who have misconceptions of Him, or who have thoroughly been educated about Him but reject Him out of negligence or laziness, or who have become angry with Him because His ways are not conforming to their ideas. Christ is now the cornerstone of the Catholic Church which He found, but the statistics are that so many people have rejected Him.

What can we do? Well, if you're reading this column, chances are you're probably not one of the believers who reject God by your actions (practical atheists). However

you can do something about the "practical atheism" of others.

The first way is to encourage fellow Catholics to be faithful in spite of difficulties or boredom. We all need encouragement at times, so it's important to encourage Catholic friends and relatives to stay the course. And, many times when we give encouragement we are encouraged ourselves.

The second remedy is imparting knowledge about the Faith, which is difficult if our understanding of the Faith is at a grade school level. Read some Catholic books, listen to some CDs, watch EWTN, listen to Relevant Radio (1330 AM), enroll in the Archdiocesan Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute, or attend some lectures at St. Helena.

When we strengthen our knowledge of the Faith, we will probably find that others will naturally gravitate to us with questions. It makes sense. To whom do we go with questions about our computers? The ones who know more about them. To whom do we ask questions about cooking? The friends and relatives who know something about cooking?

Finally, pray, fast, and offer your sufferings for the Catholics who are "practical atheists." By doing this, we can exercise great charity for them, and they may never know you helped them on this earth....but God will.

John Sondag, Director of Religious Education

WORLD MISSION AND CATHOLIC HOME MISSION COLLECTION—Due to COVID-19, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has combined the World Mission and Catholic Home Mission collections. A single collection for both will be conducted on October 17-18. Thank you for your generous support.

"CRY ROOM"—The Cry Room will be closed during all Masses until further notice because of the Coronavirus.

BAPTISM—A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. To register for the class, please call Virginia, the Director of Pastoral Care, at 612-729-7344.

OUR LADY OF PEACE PUMPKIN PATCH—October 17—30, 12:00 Noon—7:00 P.M. daily at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 5426 12th Ave. S., Minneapolis. Come buy your pumpkins for this autumn from our selection of over 1500 pumpkins and enjoy warm cider, lawn games, crafts, and more with your neighbors and the surrounding community. We will have events for all ages from infants to adults so bring your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and that person you bumped into at the grocery store last week! Visit: olpmn.org/pumpkinpatch for more information about the Pumpkin Patch including a Schedule of Special Events!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE—All volunteers who have regular interaction with youth and vulnerable adults need to be certified under the Archdiocesan Safe Environment standards. Together we can work to protect God's children and the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for your shared commitment to the achievement of this goal. In addition, the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance line is 651-291-4475.

ARCHBISHOP FLYNN CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE: SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP—OFFERED IN TWO GREAT WAYS THIS FALL—IN PERSON OR ON-LINE—Beginning October 13, at the Church of St. Paul in Ham Lake, and participants have the option to join in person, or via Livestream! Taught by Jeff Cavins, this course is open to all adults and teaches the basics of discipleship, how to share your faith with confidence, and how to cultivate a deeper life of prayer. In this 7-week course, students become "activated disciples" and embark on a guided 40-day discipleship challenge to help put what they learn into practice. The course culminates on January 16, 2021 with an interactive seminar featuring Jeff Cavins and Dr. Mary Healy, followed by a social gathering, where students share stories of their experience living as activated disciples. The cost for the course, materials, and seminar is \$125. For more information visit: semssp/ci.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER: FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS—

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

SPIRITUALLY ADOPT SOMEONE WHO'S DYING ALONE FROM THE CORONAVIRUS—

There are some people who are dying alone from the Coronavirus. Through your prayer, spiritually adopt someone in the world who may have no family or friends to be with that person at the moment of death or perhaps who is unable to have the sacraments of the Church.

DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS—CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7—

Parents of public school children in grades one through eight can enroll in the 2020-2021 Wednesday Night Religious Education Program by calling John Sondag at 612-275-0431. You can still register for this program which will begin this Wednesday, October 7, and will be held in Rowan Hall at 6:45 P.M.

THE 2020-2021 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7—

Children in St. Helena parish in the eighth grade (and high school, if they have not yet been Confirmed) will receive the sacrament of Confirmation next May 18, 2021. If you are not in St. Helena grade school, please enroll now in the 2020-2021 Confirmation Program to prepare for the sacrament by calling John Sondag (612-275-0431). It's not too late. The program will begin this Wednesday, October 7, in the Parish Office Building at 6:45 P.M.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?—

Please let that individual know that the Church of St. Helena offers a program that prepares people to become Catholic. It began on this past Tuesday, September 29, at 7:30 P.M., in the Parish Office Building, but it's not too late to enroll. To take the program does not mean that you must become a Catholic. Also, if Tuesday evenings are impossible to make, another time can be arranged. For more information, call Fr. Villano or John Sondag at 612-729-7344.

DOUGLAS BUSHMAN TO SPEAK ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, IN ROWAN HALL—

Douglas Bushman, S.T.L., Professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute in Denver, will give a lecture on "The Essentials of the Faith Are What Really Matter," at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 10, in Rowan Hall. All attendees will wear masks and social distance themselves. The tuition is \$5.00, however complimentary tickets are available (for those who have a difficulty paying) by calling 612-729-7321.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY PARISHIONERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF HELP?—

Are you aware of parishioners who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties or other problems? They can receive help from the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference which reaches out to individuals and families in the parish who are having difficulties. (If you let the conference know of the needy person or family, your name and the designated families or individuals will be kept confidential.) For more information or to give the conference the names of the needy persons, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

BUY A GIFT CARD FOR GROCERIES—

Purchase a gift card for groceries and give the card to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference which can give it to a needy person or family throughout the year. Place the card in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul Conference" and put the envelope in the collection or bring it to the Parish Offices.

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?—

The Church of St. Helena has a program that helps people to know more about the Catholic Faith. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE—

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish reaches out to individuals or families who need assistance. Conference members visit their homes to assess how they can be of service and in a very personalized and confidential way give them help. The next meeting is Thursday, October 8, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

FREE FOOD AND RESOURCES—

The Hiawatha YMCA, 4100 28th Ave. S., has free food and resources for anyone in need! It has baby supplies, soap, and other hygiene items. Supplies are limited, but new items come in throughout the week. Please spread the word! Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 Noon to 3:00 P.M. For questions call Matt at 612-547-9467.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST 2020—

Sunday, October 11, 3:00—4:00 P.M., at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 2739 Stinson Blvd. NE, St. Anthony. All are invited to gather in front of the church and invite friends and family from around the Archdiocese. We will pray the rosary and adore Jesus in the Eucharist at exactly the same time as other participants across the nation. After the rosary, we will process into the church for Benediction and final blessing. Rosary Coast to Coast is inspired by the Rosary on the Border in Poland and the Rosary on the Coast in both Ireland and the UK. Catholics across the country are invited to pray together to call upon God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary to heal our country and return it to holiness. For more information, contact St. Charles at 612-787-1180. or visit: www.stchb.org.

WOMEN OF ST. HELENA—

Every Friday morning a group of women meet at Church after the 8:00 Mass for quiet time, and prayer. If you would like to join us, please call Barb Kaluza at 612-721-2504 or Shirley Balster at 612-722-8847. All are welcome.



SCRIPTURE # 1187

**Is 5:1-7
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43**

**MASS INTENTIONS
8:00 AM**

Monday	†	Dick Larson
Tuesday	†	Ellen Carvatt
Wednesday	†	Dorothy Fleming
Thursday	†	Al Schipansky
Friday	†	Andrew & † Donna Pukay
Saturday	†	Sandra Jean Rogers

SACRISTY AIDES—
(Linens) Eloise McDonald

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 5: Gal 1:6-12, Lk 10:25-37
October 6: Gal 1:13-24, Lk 10:38-42
October 7: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14, Lk 11:1-4
October 8: Gal 3:1-5, Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75, Lk 11:5-13
October 9: Gal 3:7-14, Lk 11:15-26
October 10: Gal 3:22-29, Lk 11:27-28
October 11: Is 25:6-10a, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, Mt 22:1-14

**PARISH CALENDAR
October 5 — October 12**

October 5
October 6
 -Catechumenate & Reception Program, Parish Offices, 7:30 pm
October 7
 -Religious Education Program, Rowan Hall, 6:45 pm
 -Confirmation Program, Parish Offices, 6:45 pm
October 8
 -St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., Parish Offices, 6:30 pm
October 9
 -Women's Prayer Group, Church, 8:30 am
October 10
 -Confession, Church, 3:00 pm
 -Mass, Church, 4:00 pm
October 11
 -Mass, Church, 8:30 am & 10:00 am
October 12
Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday, Church, 8:00 am

TV RESOURCES FOR MASS:

Diocese of St. Cloud: Sundays, 11 a.m. on KSTC-TV/45
Our Lady of Grace, Edina: Sunday, Noon on Fox 9+ (Dish/Direct 29, Comcast 10/807; Over Air 9.2)
St. Olaf, Minneapolis: MCN Cable Channel 6, Sundays at 8 p.m. and Mondays at 10 a.m.
St. Michael Broadcasting: Channel 14, antenna based (not cable) Catholic television airing several Masses per day
EWTN: *Check local cable/satellite schedule*

RADIO RESOURCES FOR MASS:

Relevant Radio 1330am: Weekdays and Sundays at noon, and Sundays at 9 a.m.
EWTN: *ewtn.com/radio/listen-live*

ONLINE / LIVE STREAM RESOURCES FOR MASS:

Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis
 Mass live streamed on [Facebook](#), Weekdays at noon and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; also posted on [website](#)
Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul
 Mass live streamed on [Facebook](#), Weekdays at 7:30 a.m. and Saturday at 5:15 p.m.; also posted on [website](#)
Our Lady of Peace, Minneapolis
 Mass posted on [YouTube](#) most weekdays and Sundays, as well as the Rosary
Our Lady of Grace, Edina
 Mass live streamed on [website](#), Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Paul
 Mass live streamed on [YouTube](#), Sunday at 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish)
St. Stephen, Minneapolis
 Mass online in English and Spanish on [website](#)

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE-If you or a loved one is hospitalized or have moved to an Assisted Living/LTC facility please call the office at 612-729-7344 and ask for Virginia. At this time we are unable to make visits but the Anointing of the Sick can be arranged through the Archdiocese if it is allowed at the facility. Home visits, however, are now allowed with restrictions and can be discussed when you call. Your health, well being and spiritual care are important to us.

PRAYER CORNER

Lord, fill our hearts with your love as morning fills the sky. By living your law may we have your peace in this life and endless joy in the life to come.