

Daily Readings For The Week

Monday October 02nd

The Guardian Angels.

Reading 1: ZECHARIAH 8: 1-8

Responsorial Psalm: P S. 102: 16-23,29; or PS. 90:1-6,10-11

Gospel: LUKE 9: 46-50,EX. 23: 201-23, MT. 18: 1-5,10

Tuesday October 03rd

Reading 1: ZECHARIAH 8: 20-23

Responsorial Psalm: PS. 87: 1-7

Gospel: LUKE 9: 51-56

Wednesday October 04th

St. Francis of Assisi, Religious.

Reading 1: NEHEMIAH 2: 1-8

Responsorial Psalm: PS. 137: 1-6

Gospel: LUKE 9: 57-62

Thursday October 05th

Reading 1: NEHEMIAH 8: 1-12

Responsorial Psalm: PS. 19: 8-11

Gospel: LUKE 10:1-12

Friday October 06th

St. Bruno, priest & hermit & Blessed Marie-Rose Du-rocher, Virgin.

Reading 1: BARUCH 1: 15-22

Responsorial Psalm: PS. 79: 1-5,8-9

Gospel: LUKE 10: 13-16

Saturday October 07th

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

Reading 1: BARUCH 4: 5-12,27-29

Responsorial Psalm: PS. 69: 33-37

Gospel: LUKE 10: 17-24

Announcements

1. A warm Welcome to all our visitors who are worshipping with us for the first time.
2. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those celebrating their special day this week.
3. 2nd collection today is for the expenses of the Archdiocese of Kingston.
4. Saturday, October 14, 2017 - The CYM Jamaica Day will be held @ Campion College Auditorium from 8: 00 a.m. - 5:30 pm. THEME - "Out Of Many, One Family: Still We Survive - Jamaica 55"
5. CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTION 2017:-
NOMINATION - Sunday 08, 2017.
ELECTION - October, 29, 2017.
FIRST MEETING - November 12, 2017
6. Children's Mass - Sunday, October 29, 2017.
7. ALL SOULS DAY - November 02, 2017
(Commemoration of all the faithful departed). Why not place a memorial for your loved ones in the October edition of the Catholic Opinion, which will be published on October 29, 2017.

Details on the notice board.

Welcome to the Roman Catholic
Community of St. Elizabeth's Church
"A Catholic Community in the Passionist Tradition"



26th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

WORLD MISSION DAY FOR
RELIGIOUS SISTERS

October 01, 2017

Theme: Responsibility.

God loves us! Completely and without limits God loves us. God wants our salvation. God is not a God who wants us to suffer for sin but instead God wants to save us from all sin.

What is our response?

Celebrating the Eucharist

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Tue, Fri: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m.

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Office is closed on Saturdays & Sundays.
Pastor is available during office hours and by appointment.

The first reading today, from the Prophet Ezekiel, is so clear: God loves us and never wants to judge us. It is we ourselves who create problems but God is always ready to forgive. For so many people in the past and even today, God is seen as a God who judges us and might condemn us. This is an incredibly wrong image of God. God only loves us! If we are condemned, it is we ourselves who condemn ourselves. God is always there, ready to forgive us and to draw us to Himself. We must rethink our images of God. Any image of God which includes any attitude toward us that is not completely love, is simply a wrong image of God.

Yes, in the Scriptures we heard of God being angry with us and we hear of God being upset with His people, but these are the images from the human side. Instead, the great Prophets and the great authors of Scripture always come back to this one reality: God loves us unconditionally. That does not mean that God sees all our behaviour as good. Our behaviour is often not good because we are subject to original sin and we all sin. The question is whether we will accept God's love and turn away from sin. The question is whether we will accept as sin what God has revealed to us in Scripture as sin. Today many try to rewrite the Scriptures so that there is no sin.

The second reading today is from the Letter to the Philippians and is one of the most profound of passages in all of Scripture. Saint Paul begins by asking us: "humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." The example he gives, however, is that of Jesus, who humbles Himself completely for love of us.

Are we are to humble ourselves in order to love others? Are we will to completely give up our lives in order to love others? What is the measure of our love? Do we love only to be loved? Are we willing to follow Jesus and live as He did?

The Gospel of Matthew today is very short and to the point: do we truly seek to do God's will in our lives? The Gospel gives us two examples: the one son who say that he will not work but in the end does work. The other son who says he will work but in the end does not. To follow Jesus is to seek to do all that He asks of us. No matter how many times we have said "no" to God, we still can change and seek God's will and God forgives us our faults. But if we are always saying good things and doing nothing, then we are not doing the will of God.

Today we stand in front of God. Who are we? Will we say "yes" to God and not do anything? Will we say "no" to God and yet in the end at least try?

Let us walk in the way of the Lord.

The Order of Mass

Gathering: No. 395 *"The Heavens Are Telling"*

Lord Have Mercy

Opening Prayer

First Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

{Ionie Clarke}

Responsorial Psalm: 24{25}: 4-9

Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11

{Ludell Arthur}

Gospel Acclamation: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

Homily

Universal Prayer

Greeting of Peace

Preparation of Gifts: } *"Ancient Of Days"*
2nd Collection:

Blessing and honor, glory and power,
Be unto the Ancient of Days.
From every nation, all of creation,
Bows before the Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare your glory,
Every knee shall bow at Your throne,
In worship,
You will be exalted, oh God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass away,
Oh Ancient of Days.
Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to your matchless worth,
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

Presentation of Gifts: No. 217 *"Life Is Your Gift, O Lord"*

Hosanna

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: No. 437 *"To Be The Body Of The Lord"*

Meditation: No. 174 *"I, The lord Of Sea And Sky"*

Sending Forth: No. 22 *"All You Heavens, Bless The Lord"*