

Daily Readings For The Week

Monday September 24th

Reading 1: **PROVERBS 3: 27-34**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 15{14}: 2-5**

Gospel: **LUKE 8: 16-18**

Tuesday September 25th

Reading 1: **PROVERBS 21: 1-6,10-13**

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 119{118}: 1,27,30,34-35,44**

Gospel: **LUKE 8: 19-21**

Wednesday September 26th

Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs.

Reading 1: **PROVERBS 30: 5-9**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 119{118}: 29,72,89,101,104,163**

Gospel: **LUKE 9: 1-6**

Thursday September 27th

St. Vincent de Paul, priest, religious founder.

Reading 1: **ECCLESIASTES 1: 2-11**

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 90{89}: 3-6,12-14,17**

Gospel: **LUKE 9: 7-9**

Friday September 28th

St. Wenceslaus, martyr & St. Lawrence Ruiz, married man, martyr, & companion, martyrs.

Reading 1: **1 ECCLESIASTES 3: 1-11**

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 144{143}: 1-4**

Gospel: **LUKE 9: 18-22**

Saturday September 29th

Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels

Reading 1: **DANIEL 7: 9-10,13-14 or REV. 12: 712**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 138{137}: 1-5**

Gospel: **JOHN 1: 47-51**

33rd Anniversary of Priestly Ordination: Most Rev. Kenneth D.O Richards, Archbishop of Kingston.

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 Holy Childhood (Holy Father's Aid to children).
4. CHILDREN'S MASS - next Sunday.
5. 2nd collection next week is for the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
6. Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 @ 1:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER IS SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH

A list of Calendar Activities is posted on the notice board for interested persons.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY IN JAMAICA- will be celebrated on September 30, 2018

Have a Blessed Week

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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

Theme: Church Management is Service.

Today the Gospel repeats part of what we heard last week because it is so important:

"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise."

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.

At the heart of our Catholic faith is the belief that Jesus is both God and man, that Jesus was born for our salvation, that Jesus died for us and that Jesus rose from the dead. Always we are invited to know Jesus personally through the Scriptures and through the Jewish and Christian traditions that have come down to us and which we accept as revelation.

It is no easier today that it was in the time of Jesus to believe these truths of faith. We must meet the living Jesus before we can truly commit ourselves to Him. We should not think that those who were alive when Jesus was had it any easier than we do. They also found it difficult to believe that Jesus was God and that he rose from the dead after being put to death.

We come to meet Jesus personally in the Scriptures, by reading them and meditating on them. We come to meet Jesus personally when we meet the Christian community, the Church. We come to meet Jesus personally when we meet a believing Christian who is able to give a living witness to the Lord.

The first reading today is from the Book of Wisdom. It also gives us a methodology: start persecuting Christians and see what happens to their faith. Start persecuting good people and see if God will come to save them. This is pretty strong medicine but it is also part of what convinced the early believers. When the civil society put itself against believers, some gave up their faith, but many were able to stand firm and to die for their faith. The challenge for us today is this: Am I willing to die for my belief in Jesus as Lord, as God and as the one who gives Himself to us in word, in sacrament and in His Church.

The Church is always a mess because it is a Church of sinners. As is clear in every age, even the leaders in the Church are sinners, some worse than others. Yet that same Church proclaims Jesus as God, as Lord, as Redeemer. That same Church proclaims Jesus who died as Risen.

The second reading today is from the Letter of James. It explains, in some way, the results of our sinfulness: "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice." In reality, it says that wherever sin is present there is disorder and every foul practice. The challenge for all of us is to continue to fight our sinfulness.

The Gospel tells us again that Jesus Himself proclaimed that he would be put to death and rise, but that His followers could not yet understand what those words could mean. Only when Jesus had died did some of His followers remember and begin to reflect.

We are His followers today. Do we forget His words? Yes, just as did His early followers. There will be trials and tribulations and evils, but Jesus has promised to be with us and to be with His Church until the end of the world. Let us continue to live our faith because Jesus is Lord.

Let us walk in the way of the Lord.



The Order of Mass

Gathering: *No. 48 "Blessed Are You Who Know You Are Poor"*

Lord Have Mercy

Gloria

Opening Prayer

First Reading: Wisdom 2: 12,17-20

{Henry Pratt}

Responsorial Psalm: 54{53}: 3-6,8

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3: 16-4: 3

{Cleon Richards}

Gospel Acclamation: God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Homily

Universal Prayer

Greeting of Peace

Preparation of Gifts: } *No. 495 "Yahweh Is The God Of My Salvation"*

2nd Collection:

Presentation of Gifts: *No. 91 "Father Lord, We Offer You Our Daily Life"*

Hosanna

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: *No. 199 "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All"*

Meditation: *No. 494 "Yahweh I Know You Are Near"*

Sending Forth: *No. 34 "And The Father Will Dance"*

Today's Extraordinary Ministers:

Ionie Clarke

Pearline Maxfield