



ST MARK PARISH

602 Military Road, Rothschild, Wisconsin

Ordinal Time, Week 26 September 25, 2022

Praise the Lord, my soul.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, September 26

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

No Sacrament of Eucharist

Tuesday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Sacrament of Eucharist, 8:10 am

Wednesday, September 28

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Sacrament of Eucharist, 8:10 am

Thursday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Sacrament of Eucharist, for the School

Friday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sacrament of Eucharist, 8:10 am

Saturday, October 1

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Ordinal 27

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 10:30 am

Sacrament of Eucharist, 4:30 pm

Sunday, October 2

Ordinal 27

Sacrament of Eucharist, 8:00 am

Sacrament of Eucharist, 10:00 am

Parish Phone Number: 715-359-5206

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Parish Staff:

Pastor: (Rev) Allan L. Slowiak

Deacon: Patrick McKeough

Director of Religious Education: Mary Hart

Pastoral Musician: Mary Martin

Primary Accompanist: Mikki Fronek

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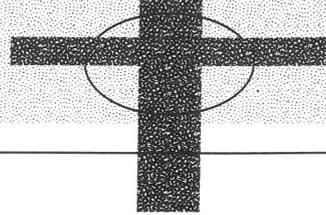
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Bulletin Article Deadline: By Noon on Tuesday

Newman Catholic Schools at St. Mark Phone Number: 715-359-9662

Principal: Shirley Heise

THIS IS HOW WE
KNOW WHAT LOVE IS:



BLESSED ARE THE
ONES WHO KEEP
FAITH FOREVER,
SECURE JUSTICE FOR
THE OPPRESSED, AND
GIVE FOOD TO
THE HUNGRY

CHRIST GAVE
UP HIS LIFE
FOR US

AND
WE TOO MUST
GIVE UP OUR
LIVES FOR
OTHERS

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Contact the Parish Offices for baptism dates and to register for preparation sessions.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION Saturday - 10:30 am

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING - Celebrated in the Spring and Fall or in the home and hospital.

RCIA - A catechetical process to assist adults interested in becoming Catholic. Contact the Parish Offices.

MARRIAGE - Couples planning to marry are to notify the Parish Offices one year prior to the desired wedding date.

FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH with the parish, Contact the Parish Offices and ask for Father Slowiak.

SACRED WORSHIP

Daily Mass Intentions for October

Name	Requested By	Time	Date
Kate Berg	Anne Berg	4:30	Oct 01
Dolores Pupp	Janice Geiger	10:00	Oct 02
Myron Sippl	Marlene Sippl		Oct 05
Parish Members - Assisted Living			Oct 06
Peter Wawrzaszek	Judy and Skip Surprise		Oct 07
Lillian Lang	The Raasch Family	4:30	Oct 08
Russell Blank	Mike and Pam Ziemer	8:00	Oct 09
Paish Members - Long Term Illness			Oct 11
Yvonne Jessup	Tom and Family		Oct 12
Parish Members - Living Alone			Oct 14
Jack Vander Sanden	Dee Vander Sanden	4:30	Oct 15
Adam and Ghia Anderson	Ray and Connie Sheptoski	8:00	Oct 16
Chuck and Doris Holzem	Chery and Tom Wisniewski and Deb Koziel		Oct 18
Fr James McNamee			Oct 21
Leo Bauer	June Bauer	4:30	Oct 22
Chester and Bernice Jablonski	Family and Friends	10:00	Oct 23
Parish Members - Cancer			Oct 25
David Pickering	Family and Friends		Oct 26
	Pat Messerschmidt		Oct 28
Deacon William Green	Jim and Janet Bradley	4:30	Oct 29
Bill Stencil	Agnes Gliniecki	8:00	Oct 30

A prayer returning from the Communion Procession

Lord, I acknowledge Your sacramental presence. I accept that through Your graciousness, care, and respect (love) You called us to gather in the place . . . we have been drawn here by Your determination to be with us and for us in a holy communion. The gospel communities make this so clear, why can we not see this I ask and wonder.

Not to be bold and prominent, but I wonder why is it of our nature to think that in Your creation we have created a world environment in which we have devised legal systems, economic structures, and ways of living for our own self-benefit and think this is Your way and that we are carrying out your divine initiative for the wellbeing of human kind.

I ask that You keep speaking Your word to us Christ Jesus in a loud voice even when Your word is disturbing to us. Keep checking us so that we may live with confidence in the future that is the fullness of the Kingdom of God which You, Lord Jesus, inaugurated in Your life to the Cross. Amen.

Reflection of Today's Scripture Texts

—Father Slowiak

Amos 6:1-7 Amos [786-746 BC] was not a critic of progress or civilization but he was filled with unrest because the mutual giving and sharing which had characterized his people's commitment to the covenant with God had fallen into decay. Here he charges the wealthy to call to mind the moral equation between privilege and responsibility. Eventually, Amos' words were realized. Assyria regained its power and the Northern Kingdom fell to Assyria, ending the revelry of the wealthy.

1 Timothy 6:11-19 Purported to be the counsel of an aging and imprisoned Paul, to Timothy, who after Paul's death, would be the shepherd of the faith against the threats of false teachers, erroneous interpretation of the gospel, unauthentic liturgy and false asceticism, Timothy is exhorted to maintain his hold on that which is lasting: integrity, faith, love, steadfastness in the Lord "until our Lord Jesus Christ shall appear" [at the end of time]. The title, *Man of God*, was used in the First Testament to refer to Moses and the Prophets and refers to one whom God has designated and endowed with power to lead.

Luke 16:19-31 We need to keep in mind that this parable was originally addressed to the Pharisees who understood wealth as a sign of God's favor and being poor as the disdain of God. Jesus, the Son of God, taught that wealth is no gauge of righteousness, nor is sickness or being poor an indicator of sin. The writer of this text carries this thinking into the community of Luke in the 80's AD where some refused the missionary efforts of the community, closing themselves to the word of God as well as to his incarnate Son who had been raised from the dead. In other words, "after death is it too late to make amends or remedy the situation of others, and, the living have ample opportunities for salvation."



World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Pope Francis has established in the Roman Rite of Catholicism, an annual **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** inspired by the Orthodox Churches who have observed this day of prayer since 1989. Pope Francis reminds us that: "Christians are called to "an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them." Thus, "living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

- from *Praise be to you, my Lord*, the encyclical of Pope Francis

Saint Mark Parish will celebrate this day of prayer for the care of creation on **October 4 at 6:30 pm** using an order for communal prayer: hymns, psalms and scripture, intercessions and a renewed commitment to care for creation.

Marian Shrine

Week of September 25, 2022

Catechists and Faith Formation Program



Liturgical Ministry

Ministry Scheduling with SignUpGenius, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4eafaa2ba2fe3-liturgical>. Email addresses **ARE NOT** required.

Or, visit the St. Mark Parish website:

<http://www.smproths.org/liturgical-minister-schedule.html>

September 24 and 25, Ordinal 26

4:30 pm

Servers. 2 Volunteers Needed

Lectors. Concetta G.

Ministers of Hospitality. 2 Volunteers Needed

Extraordinary Ministers. Dee V., Tina M.

8:00 am

Servers. 2 Volunteers Needed

Lectors. Ruth L.

Ministers of Hospitality. Dick A., 1 Volunteer Needed

Extraordinary Ministers. John P., 1 Volunteer Needed

10:00 am

Servers. Addison P., Aubrey P.

Lectors. Pam Z.

Ministers of Hospitality. 2 Volunteers Needed

Extraordinary Ministers. Susan S., Pat G.

October 1 and 2, Ordinal 27

4:30 pm

Servers. 2 Volunteers Needed

Lectors. Sara G.

Ministers of Hospitality. 2 Volunteers Needed

Extraordinary Ministers. Al R., Margee R.

8:00 am

Servers. 2 Volunteers Needed

Lectors. Volunteer Needed

Ministers of Hospitality. 2 Volunteers Needed

Extraordinary Ministers. 2 Volunteers Needed

10:00 am

Servers. Jeremiah B.

Lectors. Volunteer Needed

Ministers of Hospitality. 2 Volunteers Needed

Extraordinary Ministers. Susan S., 1 Volunteer Needed

Homebound Communion —Susan Soriano

Homebound visits for the week of, September 25, Team D: Theresa S., Agnes G., Greg C., Gail K.

Pastoral Music —Mary Martin

The **Parish Choir** will rehearse on Wednesday, September 28, at 6:00 pm, in the church. The choir will sing at the 10:00 am Liturgy, Sunday, October 2. Prelude music will be, *"Here I Am to Worship."*

Handbells. We need one bell ringer to complete the choir. It's easier than you think! If you are interested in joining the bell choir for the fall season, contact Mary Martin at 715-359-5206. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 3:45 pm. The next rehearsal is, Tuesday, October 11.

In the Liturgy of the Church —Helen Ackermann

Our son, Matthew, often reminds me that I often say, "There is much suffering in the world." It is not a very remarkable statement. We know that there are many who suffer because the necessities of life are lacking. In Luke's gospel for this Sunday, one who suffers is actually given a name. He is called "Lazarus," meaning "God has helped." The rich man is called "Dives," the Latin name for rich man.

One of the best experiences I had a number of years ago was working with an organization called ATTIC, Alternative to Traditional Incarceration of Citizens. I was able to connect with a person who through the services of ATTIC was able to avoid jail time. The important thing for me was that each person whom I met had a name. The women I met gave me an understanding of what it means to be marginalized.

Jesus is telling us through this parable that a preoccupation with our own wealth, which denies the reality of those suffering, is not in keeping with the teachings of Jesus. We are to reach out to others putting aside our own preoccupation with wealth. Last week, we heard that we cannot serve God and mammon. We should only serve God. The struggle we might have is how do we reach out to others who are on the margins? Perhaps we can do so through various community services like Catholic Charities, Vincent de Paul Center or the Salvation Army. It seems that the least we can do is watch carefully how our elected officials care for the needy.

When the rich man finds himself in utter darkness, he begs to be able to warn his family so that they do not come to the same end. Abraham, who is the ultimate in hospitality, welcomes Lazarus. He denies welcome to the rich man or his relatives because the rich man has not listened thus far to what God desires. Jesus is telling us that we need to pay close attention to those in our midst

who suffer from poverty. We need to do something about the wide separation between the rich and the poor.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION/FORMATION

Catholic Faith and Education Committee

Minute Summary for 13 September 2022

01. Present: Amy Adamus, Mary H. Hart, Shirley Heise, Albert Romportl, and Father Slowiak. Excused: Rick Svennes. Absent: Jason Vanden Elzen.

02. Prayer marked Ordinal 24

03. Regarding the discussion about critical race theory . . .

a) Noted, first, was the word 'theory' and that a theory is not taught. Critical race theory is obviously a sociological theory that is raised from the observations and experiences of persons and communities. 2) The point of a theory is to discuss and understand the observations and experiences of the person or community from which the theory originates. A theory does not accuse or judge. 3) Regarding the critical race theory, some of the information does accuse and judge, criticize and make demands and make no room for conversation and discussion that could yield positive results. 4) a. Some of the information carries a politic of resentment, i.e., someone got something that I don't have and did not earn, b. Some reactions to the concept of critical race theory seem to be founded on fear, c. To deny aspects of racism in our culture and society in the States is to deny the elephant in the chicken coop or to be like the proverbial ostrich with his head buried in the sand, d. Crucial and perhaps what needs to be stressed in education formats and catechesis is the need to cultivate profound respect for each person.

04. Youth Ministry and Youth Minister . . . Developing a Vision. This initial conversation was about the concept of youth ministry, what might be involved and what might be some objectives. The membership will contact St Anne and Agnes Parishes and Saint John the Baptist Parish in Marshfield about ministry and job descriptions and their realized youth ministry.

05. Religious Education/Faith Formation. 1. Catechetical/Faith Formation Session will begin on 28 September. 2. Sarah Hart, a Catholic music artist, and speaker will be in the parish for a family night on 12 October. 3. Noted were the activities of parish members who with other parishes in the area participate in the Neighborhood Catholics in Service in August. 4. A Wausau Area Middle School Rally is scheduled for 12 April and a parent night, on 11 April. Three catechist enrichment sessions are scheduled for 7 September, 29 October and 4 January.

06. NCS St Mark. 1. Principal Tina Meyer retired and Principal Shirley Heise reported that the enrollment of NCS: St Mark is 115. 2. Mikki Fronck retired from her position in music education, Kay Pope has been hired. Barb Schwingle has been hired part-time to the hot lunch staff. 3. NCS has adopted a new Reading/Language Arts Series for grades 5K-6.

07. NCS Education Commission. The minute summary was from the 31 May 2022 meeting and will be archived in the CFC file.

Religious Education —Mary Hart

Religious education sessions begin this week! We look forward to an awesome year of building community, learning about our Catholic faith, and growing together as Disciples of Jesus Christ. It was wonderful to have so many parents at the meeting last week. Kindly review the Religious Ed. handbook for drop off and pick up location for your child and other important information.

This week in Religious Ed . . .

September 28	6:15 pm, sessions for grades 1-9 7:15 pm, prayer for parents and youth in the church building. Dismissal will be from the church.
October 5	6:15; Sessions for grades 1-9
October 9	Sunday School in the school building during the 10:00 am Liturgy

Religious Education Program Volunteer Opportunities:

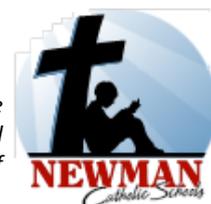
We currently have a need for **Catechist Aides** in a few grade levels. **Catechist Aides** are an extra hand to assist the catechist.

What's needed on the part of a catechist or an aide is a desire to grow in faith and a willingness to share that faith with the young people of our parish. Contact Mary Hart at maryhh@smproths.org or 715-359-5206 for more information.

Newman Catholic Schools

The NCS Mission Statement reads:

Newman Catholic Schools provides excellence in education in a Catholic environment and enhances the personal and spiritual growth of our students to meet life's challenges.



NCES: St Mark

September 29	8:10 am, Sacrament of Eucharist, School Student Vision Screening
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FAMILY LIFE



The family of St. Mark extends sympathies to the family of: Ruth M. Watling who passed on September 9, 2022. God, grant Ruth the fullness of Eternal Life. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am, Friday, September 30, 2022. The visitation is scheduled for Friday from 9:30 am until the time of the funeral at St. Mark Parish Rothschild.

The Family Life Committee congratulates, in the name of the parish, Daniel Beck and Nicholas Sloan who have achieved the rank of Eagle in Scouting.



According to our records, the last twenty-five years, (we invite corrections) they join Tony Stange, Ben Peterson, Aaron Bell, Andy Schoenherr, Jason Marcell, Gregg Schieffer, Matthew Schoenherr, Kirk Campbell, Eric Schoenherr, Paul Campbell, Jacob Marcell, Mark Romportl, Eric Kobart, Paul Bestul, Lucas Mynsberge, Bennett Heinz, Andrew Beck, Noah Wolfram, Matthew Beck and Samuel Beck of the parish.

Catholic Scout Religious Emblems. Scouts ages 6-21, now is the time to begin! All applications need to be returned by January 15. Scouts will be recognized and the emblems awarded on Scout Sunday, February 5, 2023. For information, contact Cindy, at catholicreligiousemblems@gmail.com or evenings at 608-792-4911.

Preparation for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

October 6, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Parents with their first child or if you have recently joined the parish. Call the Parish Offices, 715-359-5206 to register.

Discussions: God Talk, The Meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism . The Church and Baptism . A Multiple Choice Clinic . The Liturgy of the Sacrament of Baptism . Concerning godparents.

We contact the area hospitals regularly but there are times when parish members can be in the hospital for several days and names do not make their way to the parish lists of Aspirus Wausau Hospital and the Marshfield Medical Center. If you are anticipating a hospital stay or by circumstance are a patient, call or have a family member call the parish offices (715.359.5206). If you choose, the Sacrament of Anointing can be celebrated prior to planned surgeries.

Catholic Financial Life Chapter 72 St. Mark Panda Express Fund Raiser, Wednesday, September 28, from 10:30 am to 9:00 pm. 20% of event sales will be donated along with matching funds from CFL. Flyers are available at the entrances of the Church - you will need to present the flyer at the event.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



Circle of Joy. Is in need of cooking oil, Chunky or Progresso soups, jelly, and flour.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

COME JOYFULLY TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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LADIES COUNCIL OF ST. MARK PARISH

Prayer Shawl Ministry. New members are welcome to join this ministry, Thursdays 12:30 to 2:00 pm in the Catechetical Resource Room. Prayer Shawls are available in the Parish Office. Donations of yarn (including partial skeins) are greatly appreciated!

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Budget Committee

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Volunteer/community involvement this week by parish members, 18.5 hours.

Mass Attendance

	28-Aug	4-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep
4:30	90	105	98	95
8:00	102	73	91	79
10:00	<u>93</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>111</u>
Total	285	261	315	285

Operating Income

	18-Sep	1 Jul-18 Sep	2023	Balance
Adult	6,586.57	123,055.57	585,000	468,531.00
Student	0.00	0.00	600	600.00
Offering	293.00	3,259.80	23,500	20,240.20
Debt Reduction	131.00	2,387.10		
Totals	7010.57	128,702.47		

Adult Tithe Summary

Tithe Budgeted Per Week	11,250.00
Received this Week	<u>6,586.57</u>
	-4,663.43
Avg Contribution this Week	66.53 99 families/individuals
Received Weeks 12-52	123,055.57
Budgeted Weeks 12-52	<u>135,000.00</u>
Budget	(11,944.43)

Other Income/Transfers

Circle of Joy	.00	430.00	
Votive Candles	82.00	327.05	
Parish Debt Redctn	.00		54,608.22
Parish DAA Debt	.00		237,460.89

Your tithe is greatly appreciated! Your tithe can be mailed or brought to the Parish Office. If you are interested in the automatic withdrawal feature, contact the parish office for the form.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign Information

Statement reminders will be sent in September, December, March and June. They have already been sent out this month, so if you haven't received yours yet it may be due to a delay in the mail. Anyone using ACH or Automatic Withdrawals

will not receive a reminder; you will receive a statement at the end of the year for tax purposes. Questions or concerns can be directed to Sarah at 608-791-2653 or skomperud@diolc.org

As of 19 September, 159 parish members have pledged \$812,593.64 (110.56%) toward our goal of \$735,000.00.

Amount received, \$237,506.49 (32.31%) of pledged amount, balance remaining is \$497,493.51. "Thank You" to the St. Mark Parish family for looking forward with faith toward the future of the Church.

OPPORTUNITIES

Position opening for Saint Therese Parish Administrative Secretary/Bulletin Editor/Receptionist. This is a full time hourly position. Colleen, the parish secretary, is retiring at the end of September, so a replacement is needed. For more information, contact Father Albert, 1-715-897-3570, josephalbert@rediffmail.com, or send resume to Father Albert at Saint Therese Parish 112 W. Kort Street, Schofield, WI 54476.

IN THE AREA

Catholic Daughters Court St. Rose #1062 meeting, October 6, at 1:00 pm, at St. Therese Catholic Church. Our guest speaker will be from "The Hagar House" in Wausau. The Hagar House serves single moms/children who may be homeless for a 6 to 18 month stay. Bring a paper product or plastic storage bags to help support their effort. A short business meeting and refreshments will follow. All Catholic women are invited to come and see what we are about. Contact Regent Vicki Martell at 715-348-0347 with any questions.

Youth Rally, St. Ladislaus Parish, 173141 State Hwy 153 Hatley, October 12, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Featuring Noelle Garcia, a nationally known Catholic recording artist. Doors open at 6:00 pm. This rally is for youth in Grades 7 - 12, Grade 6 and under must be accompanied by a parent. Advanced registration is required, limited space, free will donations will be accepted. Register by contacting Sr. Mary Ellen at 715-446-3060 or sisterme@stladislaus.org.

Visit: <https://stladislaus.weebly.com/upcoming-events.html> and click on Youth Rally for more information.

America Needs Fatima Area Public Square Rosary Rallies:

- October 15, 12 Noon at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 228 S 28th Avenue, Wausau. Join us to pray for our nation.
- October 15, 12 Noon at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 6101 Zinser St, Weston. Outside by the south entrance, inside the church entrance if it rains. Pam Zell, 715-359-7072,

Catholic Daughters of Court St. Rose #1062 are invited to attend the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 16, at Holy Name

of Jesus Parish, Wausau, in recognition of **Catholic Daughter Sunday**. Coffee and donuts to follow in Simmons Hall.

St. Ladislaus Parish, Taste of Bevent Brunch, October 16, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Church basement. Sample delicious foods prepared by our local chefs! Beverages available for purchase. Buy your tickets before and after Masses, or at the rectory. Ticket in advance: \$12 adults, \$5 children. At the door: \$15 for adults, \$6 children. Age 4 and under, free. Basket Raffles; 50/25/25 Raffle; Drawing for a weekend getaway. Limited seating. Tickets are non-refundable.

FALL FEST

****BAKERY*PRODUCE****



Bring your Garden Bounty for this event.

*Vegetables *Fruits *Flowers and plants
*Homemade goodies *Canned items

Bring your items Saturday between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

We will have: *Free coffee and Apple Cider to drink
*Fall Decorations—corn stalks and hay bales
*Guess the weight of a pumpkin
*Hot pumpkin pie cups with whipped cream

Buy the vegetables and bakery, have fun, and enjoy great conversation with everyone after a great summer.
Look for the farm wagons on the grounds of St. Mark, Rothschild

**JOIN US
SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
9:00 to 11:45 a.m.**

\$500.00 Grand Prize
Raffle Drawing at 11:15 a.m.

For the Benefit of
St. Mark Parish

Sponsored by St. Mark Branch 72
Catholic Financial Life
This is a Match Fund Event



SARAH HART

IN CONCERT AT
ST. MARK PARISH, ROTHSCHILD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:30 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED

SAVE THE DATE



Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today, her songs of faith having touched the lives of thousands. Originally from Lancaster, Ohio, she holds a degree in music from The Ohio State University. Now based in Nashville, Tennessee she spends much of her time on the road — juggling a busy songwriting, recording, concert and event schedule. She is also an avid writer, having published multiple retreat books, along with a musical based on the life of Saint Bernadette. She currently lives in Nashville with her husband and two daughters.

SCRIPTURE TEXTS - Ordinal 27

Opening Prayer: Lord God, As I meditate on Your Holy Word, teach me to know how I am to serve You with an increase in faith. The gift of faith comes from You and for this I give thanks. Help me to serve You by my commitment to Your Son, Jesus Christ, He who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

HABAKKUK 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. (8) **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

LUKE 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

Reflection Questions:

1. In an increase in faith the result of what you ask or is it a gift from God? How do the two work hand in hand?
2. Do you pray for an increase in faith? Is that important?
3. Do you think that what you do in your life is pleasing to God?

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, I give You thanks for my relationship with You through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Assist me as I grow in my faith knowing that it is a gift. I make this prayer in the name of Jesus, He who is Lord forever and ever. Amen



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