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July 7th, 2019

Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27. 4-7
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15. 54-58
Gospel: Luke 6. 39-45

Our Lord's tone is solemn today. For in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is at hand," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom. But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this week's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in this week's Epistle. The Church is a new family of faith (see [Galatians 6:10](#)) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (see [Isaiah 66:22](#)), a name written in heaven. In this week's Psalm we sing of God's "tremendous deeds among men" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the "new creation." And as the exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see [Deuteronomy 8:15](#)), He has given His Church power now over "the full force of the Enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord, sing praise to the glory of His name.

-Dr. Scott Hahn (www.stpaulcenter.com)

The Mass: Session Three

Everyone is invited to come to the hall after Mass on Sunday for session three of Bishop Barron's *The Mass* series. This session is titled *God Speaks our Story*, in it Bishop Barron explains how the readings and Gospel story fit into the celebration of the Mass. There will be coffee and snacks, and again, everyone is encouraged to join us. The videos are just over 20 minutes, and the next session will be Sunday, July 21st.

Greeters Schedule

Please pick up your greeter's schedules from the back table of the Church. Thank You.

Mass Times

Saturday 7pm
Sunday 9am

Thursday 9am
Friday 9am

*Mass Wednesday evening by request

Adoration

Friday following the 9am Mass until 10am