THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC?

RCIA inquiry sessions will begin on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:00 – 9:00 PM in St. Magdelaine Hall. Walk-ins are welcome. Registration is on-going through September 15th. If you are interested, please call Sr. Neery at 299-9112 or pick-up the flyer on the book rack in the vestibule and drop-off the registration portion at the parish office.

Consolation Ministry
Consolation Ministry offers Mass every second Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM followed by praying the Rosary for all deceased members of our parish, families, and friends.
The bereavement group that meets on Thursdays at 4:30 to 6 PM in St. Barbara Hall will begin again in the Fall—watch the bulletin for announcements. This bereavement program is Bible-based and open to anyone who has lost a loved one. Volunteers are also needed to help with the program. There will be a training program in August for team members and anyone who would like to join. Contact Jim at 299-0281 for details.

Women’s Guild Membership Coffee – Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 10 AM to Noon at the home of Gemma Morris. For details, please call 299-0876 or 291-3913.

Endow Fall Session
ENDOW—Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women will begin its fall session on Thursday, Sept. 12th at 7:30 PM in St. Francis Hall. Registration will begin on August 15th. Please call the office at 299-1110 or email St. Catherine at cagelicted@msn.com for details and/or to register.

The Social Concerns Collection for this month is for Saint Bernardette Pantry. Please pick up your bags this weekend and drop off your donations in the church parking lot the following weekend. God bless your generosity.

For baptized adults, age 19 and older, who have received Holy Communion but did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This immediate preparation program meets on Monday evenings, beginning Sept. 16th, and Confirmation will occur Oct. 30th at an Archdiocesan Confirmation Mass. Details in the bulletin flyer this week. Call Leslie at 299-0411 if interested.

RCIA/Sacramental Prep
For children ages 7 to 18 who are not baptized or missing Sacraments. Contact Jana at 299-0411 for details.

Registration is open for Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation programs. What if young people came to know God...always?

Registration forms are also in the Church Vestibule to pick up after Mass and drop off at the Parish Office. Call 299-0411 with questions or for additional details.

Sr. Neery Guan, FIDC, Director
nguan@annunciationparishabq.org
Mary Agnes Sain, Administrative Assistant
299-9111

- Pope Francis, Angelus, August 14, 2016
LECTIONARY READINGS: Monday, August 19th, 2019 — Saturday, August 24th, 2019

MONDAY:  St. John Eudes, Priest  
Jgs 2:11-19  
MT 19:16-22

TUESDAY:  St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church  
Jgs 6:11-24a  
MT 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY:  St. Pius X, Pope  
Jgs 9:6-15  
MT 20:1-16

THURSDAY:  The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16,22  
MT 22:34-40

FRIDAY:  St. Rose of Lima, Virgin  
Rv 21:9b-14  
Jn 1:45-51

SATURDAY:  St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
Rv 21:9b-14  
Jn 1:45-51

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC
Cantor Rehearsal: Thursday, August 22 @ 6:45 pm, in the church (after Mass)
5:30 PM Music Ensemble Rehearsal: Before Mass @ 4:15 pm in the church

The Annunciation Parish Mixed Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 5. We encourage anyone of any age who enjoys singing to join our choir! This choir rehearse every Thursday at 7:30 pm in the church. We sing every few weeks at weekend Masses; there is not one “Choir Mass” – we sing at various Mass times, so the whole parish can be inspired and supported by the choir’s musical leadership. No audition is necessary; please contact Dr. Jane Smith at the Parish office, or just come to the rehearsal on September 5!

MINISTRY
By virtue of our Baptism, we are all called upon to be ministers of word and deed. Many of the Scriptures we hear at Mass urge us to take our ministry – our mission – seriously. At Annunciation, we are blessed with many Liturgical Ministers who have heard and answered the call to serve our Parish Community as Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, and Musicians. However, with six Masses every weekend, more help with one ministry or another is needed at almost every Mass! As a new year of parish activities begins, there will be training sessions for these ministries in the coming weeks. If you regularly attend Mass at the same time each week, please look into your heart to see if you are being called to serve your worshiping community in one of these important ways. We have all been blessed with gifts from God; He wants us to use them for the benefit of all!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will begin in September. Adult and youth volunteers are needed to run this Sunday morning program for young children. If you can help out, please call the Liturgy Office at 298-9363. Thank you!

Please keep the sick and homebound of our parish in your prayers.

Anointing of the Sick: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 after the 8:30 AM Mass

Children’s Liturgy of the Word website: www.annunciationparishabq.org/liturgy.html

SAINT Pius X Raffle Ticket Sales
St. Pius students will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses on the weekend of August 17th - 18th. The tickets cost $5 each, and the money benefits Athletics, Athletics and Tuition Assistance.

1st Prize: $20,000  
2nd, 3rd, & 4th Prizes: $1,000 each

If your St. Pius student would like to sell tickets, please have them wear their uniform.

If you have any questions, please call Christine Thomas at 331-2724.

CONFRonation Registration
Register in the parish office Monday–Friday, 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm (for registration forms in the Church’s vestibule and drop it at the office)

ONLINE Registration: annunciationyya.wordpress.com

Scouting
Troop 280 Meeting
6:00pm, Gym, August 21

Pack 280 Kick-Off / Registration
6:30 pm, Gym, September 3rd

AHG Kick-Off / Registration
3-3pm, Community Center, August 23rd

Young Adult Ministry
send a text FransanABQ to 84576; you will receive a reply asking you to click a link to finish subscribing

SR. Lupita Cheperro, Director  
Melony Gallegos, Admin. Assistant

I HAVE NOT COME TO ESTABLISH PEACE

Today’s Gospel reading may surprise us. Jesus’ words don’t seem to fit the peaceful “forgive your enemies,” “turn the other cheek” image of Jesus that we’re used to. In fact, he says quite explicitly that he didn’t come to establish peace, but rather, division. What does Jesus mean? Why does he sound so harsh? To understand Jesus’ words, we must understand the difference between intentions and reality. Jesus does not say that he desires division; he simply says that it will happen. Maybe you’ve experienced this. Maybe you’ve felt alone in your desire to go deeper into your faith. Maybe family members or friends have thought you were strange for becoming Catholic or seeking to live out your Catholic faith more fully. Christians who live our Jesus’ teachings will begin to stand out in the world. They will be noticeably different. And that sometimes causes division. They will be misunderstood, looked down upon, or openly criticized by those who do not share the same Christian values. Put simply, it’s not easy to be a Christian. However, as Christians, we are to take heart in our struggles for they are the path Jesus has set for us. Jesus doesn’t promise us any earthly reward. Instead, he promises the cross. He tells us that if we are going to be his disciples, we will have to pick up our cross and follow him. The Christian life is centered on this reality. It acknowledges that we are going to have struggles, pain, and sorrow in our lives. The question is, what are we going to do when we encounter such difficulties. Ultimately the message of the Gospel gives the answer: if we have the courage to turn over our struggles to God, then, like Jesus on Easter Sunday, we, too, can be raised from the dead, and in doing so, those things that are so painful for us in this lifetime will be glorified. (formed.org)