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**From the Pastor**

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Annunciation Roman Catholic Parish is a people of living faith rooted in the Gospel, centered on the Eucharist and led by the Holy Spirit. We are inspired by the example of Mary to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by ministering to all. 

Annunciation Parish Website: www.annunciationparishabq.org

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Today’s parable of the crafty steward, Lk 16:1-13, may seem paradoxical for Jesus to use because it would seem that, in verse 8, He is commending this steward for his unethical behavior. In reality, Jesus is making the contrast between worldly people who will do anything to advance their cause and spiritual people who have little zeal for the things of God. Some may think that they can get away with cheating in business, but you cannot cheat God! As Jesus says, in verse 13: No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Mammon is a Semitic word which refers to riches or money. As good stewards of God’s gifts to the soul, which are the true riches, we are to use them for the good of all. Do we use the gifts we have for ourselves alone or do we use them for the common good? Do we see the bigger picture of our common humanity and work for the betterment of everyone both economically and spiritually? The Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2424 says: A theory that makes profit the exclusive norm and ultimate end of economic activity is morally unacceptable. The disordered desire for money cannot but produce perverse effects. It is one of the causes of the many conflicts which disturb the social order. A system that “subordinates the basic rights of individuals and of groups to the collective organization of production”, (Gaudium et Spes 65.2),is contrary to human dignity. Every practice that reduces persons to nothing more than a means of profit enslaves man, leads to idolizing money, and contributes to the spread of atheism. St. Paul reminds us in 1 Timothy 6:10 that:...the love of money is the root of all evils...When you study the evils of our time, you will surely find someone is making money off of them. Let us reorder our priorities by putting God first so that all other things will fall into their proper places.

**ECUMENICAL NEWS**

Pope Francis gifted Patriarch Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch and Archbishop of Constantinople who is the premiere leader of Orthodox Christians around the world, with some of the relics of the Apostle St. Peter as a gesture of unity between the Christians of the East and the West. This follows many other gestures like that of Patriarch Athenagoras, over fifty years ago in Jerusalem, giving Pope St. Paul VI with an icon of St. Andrew embracing his brother St. Peter as another sign of unity. Let us pray that these ongoing efforts will bear much good fruit in overcoming the scandal of the disunity of Christians. Our Lady of Unity, pray for us. Saints Peter and Andrew, pray for us.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

Take control of your financial future and change your life and how you manage your money in this Christian based financial education program. The nine session program begins this Tuesday, Sept. 24th and goes through Nov. 19th. The program will meet in St. Bachita Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you want to gain some sanity back into your finances, call Mary at 573-7380 for details on how to register. St. Matthew, tax collector and Apostle, pray for us!
PARISH LIFE & PASTORAL OUTREACH
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The penalty of the疝ness is inexcusable if one chooses to walk in a manner that is contrary to the laws established by God. It is important to understand that our decisions and actions are a reflection of our faith and commitment to living a life according to God's will.
—Pope Francis, Angelus, September 10, 2016

This Week's Meetings/Activities
Sept 22
Sunday
Marriage Matters
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Gym

Sept 23
Monday
Maridan
9:30 - 10:30 AM
SMH

Sept 24
Tuesday
RCIA
7:00 - 9:00 PM
SMH

Sept 26
Thursday
Sunday Prayers Reflection
9:30 - 10:30 AM
SMH
EHC/DIV — Human Aid
1:00 - 5:00 PM
SMH
Consolation Ministry
6:30 - 8:00 PM
SMH

Sept 28
Social Concerns Collection — Barrett House/El Rancho
All Masses
Parking Lot

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING
Please consider becoming a sponsor to adopt a family in one of our neighboring parishes and show our gratitude for our blessings from the Lord by providing food for those in need at this special time of the year. If you are a senior, volunteer, or single, and would like to help, you may offer a check (payable to “Annunciation” for “parish”) instead of preparing a meal for a family. The Adopt-A-Family forms are available in the church vestibule. To register or for more info, call Joe and Beverly Rudy at 261-5692 or email us at annunciationfooddrive@q2.com

RCIA — A JOURNEY IN FAITH
Interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA inquiry sessions are every week on Tuesday at 6:00 - 7:00 PM in St. Magdalene Hall. Walk-ins are welcome. It is still not too late to join — the deadline to register has been extended to September 12. If you are interested, please call Nocy at 299-9111 or pick-up the flyer on the bulletin board and drop-off the registration portion at the parish office.

Consevation Ministry
New Bereavement Group Sessions
Consolation Ministry offers this program every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in St. Basilissa Hall. Please call Nocy at 299-9111 or the Parish Office for more information. The Bereavement program may be contacted at 1-800-451-4503.

Recovery in Christ
Ministry for those recovering from drug or alcohol addiction who seek a new life in Christ through support and meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in St. Basilissa Hall. Meetings resume Thur., Oct. 5, in St. Basilissa Hall. Call 299-9111 for questions or for details.

Social Concerns Collection
This month's collection will be Barrett House for homeless women and children and El Rancho de los Niños dedicated to keeping silhouettes together to prevent separation in foster care. Donation request bags will be distributed this weekend and will be collected at all Masses next weekend in the church parking lot. Thank you for your kind generosity to support these food channels.

Marriage Matters Ministry
Make time for each other! Free Mass, Free Children's program. For more information, call 299-9111 or the Parish Office to register so we can have enough bolsielos for everyone. Contact Mary Agnes Scan at 299-9111 or the Parish Office to register at 299-9111.

LRBS Fall Session
will start on Sat., October 2, at 9:30 - 12:00 PM in St. Basilissa Hall. This is a support group for those facing a Fall & 4 in Spring. Pre-registration is required to order materials now. Please call the Parish office at 299-9111.

Faith Formation
Learn what it takes to follow Christ through study of the Bible on Wed. evenings at 6:30 PM in Fr. Jerry O'Connell Hall. Next session is on Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30 - 8:00 PM in St. Magdalene Hall. Session topic is "Come and See" Becoming Disciples (John 1:35-11:52).
LECTIONARY READINGS: Monday, September 23rd, 2019 — Saturday, September 28th, 2019

MONDAY: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Ezr 1:1-6  
Lk 8:16-18

TUESDAY: Weekday  
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20  
Lk 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY: Weekday  
Ezr 9:5-9  
Lk 9:1-6

THURSDAY: St. Cosmas & St. Damian, Martyrs  
Hg 1:1-8  
Lk 9:7-9

FRIDAY: St. Vincent de Paul  
Hg 2:1-9  
Lk 9:18-22

SATURDAY: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr & St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs; Blessed Virgin Mary  
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a  
Lk 9:43b-45

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC

Cantor Rehearsal: Thursday, September 26 @ 6:45 pm, in the church
Parish Mixed Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, September 26 @ 7:30 pm, in the church
5:30 PM Music Ensemble Rehearsal: Before Mass @ 4:15 pm in the church

The Annunciation Parish Mixed Choir has started a new year of rehearsals! We encourage anyone of any age who enjoys singing to join our choir! This choir rehearses 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 a Thursday rehearsal!

MINISTRY

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is held in the Community Center every Sunday during the 9:00 am & 10:30 am Masses. Information and Registration Forms are available in the Parish Office and at the Sunday morning meetings. 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 298-9636. Thank you!

Training Sessions for Altar Servers: Monday, September 30 @ 3:30 pm & 6:45 pm. (It is necessary to attend only one of these sessions.) Children who have received First Eucharist and are in 4th Grade (or higher) can be Altar Servers. Your family must be registered in the parish for your child to serve on weekends; students who are enrolled at Annunciation School can serve at School and weekday (8:30 am) Masses. Please call the Liturgy Office at 298-9636 for additional information.

Anointing of the Sick: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 after the 8:30 AM Mass  
The Liturgical Minister Schedule Annunciation Parish Website:  
www.annunciationparishabq.org/litschedule.html

There is a helpful rule of thumb for managing our spending: “Mind the pennies, and the dollars will take care of themselves.” The purchases which seemed small and insignificant at the time turn out to be very expensive indeed when added all together. The same principle is true in our spiritual lives. Jesus puts it this way in this Sunday’s gospel: “The person who is trustworthy in a very small matter is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.” In other words, if we make good choices in the small details of our daily lives, it will add up to a good and holy life. On the other hand, if we fail to do good when we have the opportunity, or if we make bad choices because the sins we commit seem small and insignificant, it will add up to a sinful life. Like those small purchases that turn out to be very costly, those sins which seem insignificant can have a deep, corrupting influence on our consciences and souls in the long run.

The good news is that just as cutting corners can get us into a rut, small steps in the right direction can get us out. It is not always necessary to make big changes in our lives to get ourselves back on the path to reconciliation with God. We can fundamentally redirect our course by committing ourselves to making good choices every day.

Confirmation II  
Register in the parish office Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm  
Closed Sept 21-22, 3:30pm at CC

Scouting  
Troop 280 Meeting  
6:00 pm, Gym, September 25th

Pack 280 - Meeting  
6:30 pm, Gym, October 8th

AHG - Now registering  
Contact Abigail  
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