

THIS WEEK AT HOLY ROSARY

Sunday, 25 October 2015

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection for World Mission Sunday
Coffee & Doughnuts after the 7, 9 & 11 AM Masses

HR Dominican Laity – 7:00 AM

Highschool CCD – 10:00 AM

Confirmation CCD – 10:00 AM

Monday, 26 October 2015

K-8 CCD – 4:30 PM

C.L. – 7:00 PM

Children's Choir – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, 27 October 2015

Bible Study – 6:00 PM

St. Vincent de Paul – 6:30 PM

RCIA – 7:00 PM

Wednesday, 28 October 2015

SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles

No Events Scheduled

Thursday, 29 October 2015

No Events Scheduled

Friday, 30 October 2015

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, 31 October 2015

Saturday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lector Workshop – 9:00 AM

World Apostolate of Fatima Purgatory Workshop – 9:00 AM

Sunday, 1 November 2015

All Saints Day

End Daylight Savings Time

Scouts Breakfast – 8:00 AM

Highschool CCD – 10:00 AM

Confirmation CCD – 10:00 AM

Dominican Rite Solemn High Mass – 11:00 AM

LECTOR RETREAT AND WORKSHOP

All current lectors are asked to attend an upcoming lector retreat and workshop on October 31, 9 AM to Noon in the Siena Hall classrooms. Your presence at this workshop is essential, so please plan accordingly. The morning will include prayer, a conference on the Word of God in the liturgy, a practice session in the Church, and end with a formal blessing for lectors. Pastries and coffee will be provided. RSVP to Ken Hallenius via email to ken@hallenius.org or call 503-803-7277.

THE "RECREATIONAL" USE OF MARIJUANA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It should be clear that the recent decisions to permit the possession of and the purchase of recreational marijuana in the states of Oregon and Washington do nothing to make its use morally acceptable. Paragraph 2291 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches this clearly. "The *use of drugs* inflicts very grave damage on human health and life. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense. Clandestine production of and trafficking in drugs are scandalous practices. They constitute direct co-operation in evil, since they encourage people to practices gravely contrary to the moral law." The use of "grave" indicates that this is, like the abuse of narcotics, a mortal sin.

Even if there are legitimate medical uses for marijuana, a form other than smoking the substance should be sought. Opium has medical uses, but that does not make visiting an opium den or a shooting heroine morally acceptable. Certainly, I am aware that many people will have difficulty seeing the use of marijuana to be as grave an evil as cocaine, but that still does not justify its use. At a 2014 conference on drug abuse the Holy Father called the use of drugs in a recreational fashion "evil" and "deplorable." He states, "To think that harm can be reduced by permitting drug addicts to use narcotics in no way resolves the problem. Attempts, however limited, to legalize so-called 'recreational drugs' are not only highly questionable from a legislative standpoint, but they fail to produce the desired effects." Besides this attempt to "normalize" sin, there are many lies around the benefits of marijuana. These deceptions are not for the benefit of abusers, as much as the greed of growers, dealers, and governments through taxation. Included in the bulletin this week is an article from the National Catholic Bioethics Center. The Center is relied on upon heavily by the Bishops of the United States for guidance in moral theology and bioethics issues. May we continue to pray for moral and responsible maturity in this nation.

In Christ,

Fr. Vincent

PURGATORY WORKSHOP – HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

On October 31, in preparation for All Souls and All Saints Day, the Portland Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will host a workshop focused on Purgatory. This event will take place at Holy Rosary Church in Siena Hall. Fr. Amancio Rodrigues will conduct the Purgatory Workshop, which will be enlightening and interactive. The following topics will be included.

- The Meaning of Purgatory
- Biblical References
- The Church's Teaching
- Beliefs and Practices of the Faithful
- Our duty for those in the Purgatory

You are invited to attend 7:30 AM Rosary, followed by 8 AM Mass at the Church. A continental breakfast will follow in Siena Hall. The workshop will be conducted from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information, please contact 503-784-8039.