



Late Bloomers

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Human beings grow and mature at different paces. Turning twenty-one is no marker of maturity. We've all known the ten-year-old whom people say is already an old man because of how he thinks and acts. Just as surely, we've known the forty-year-old who still acts and dresses like a teenager. If this is true with human growth, would it not be true as well with growth in faith?

This Sunday's parable of the landowner who pays all his laborers the same even though they have not all worked the same amount of time often sparks the comment that it's not good business sense. But the parable is not about business. It's about how we all come to faith at different times in life, all according to God's plan, not ours. Why then do some complain about deathbed conversions as being unfair? Who's to say when someone finally catches up to God's love and goodness? Too often human wisdom and divine wisdom spin in different worlds.

Pope Benedict XVI once commented on this Gospel's wisdom and how we should be patient with young people as they seek the sacraments. Jesus was patient with us, he said, so we should follow his lead. Federico Lombardi, SJ, the Vatican spokesman for Pope Benedict, reported that the pope had commented, "I used to be more strict about this, but the example of Christ led me to become more welcoming in cases in which, perhaps, there is not a mature and solid faith, but there is a glimmer, a desire of communion with the Church." ●

[The LORD said,]

"As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

ISAIAH 55:9



Reflect

Has your faith matured over the years, or have you stopped growing?



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9:45 am - 11:00 am at Cherry Church Hall

Sunday, September 24th - K thru 4th grade & Confirmation class
Sunday, October 1st - 5th thru 8th grade



We are still looking for **volunteers** to be either a **teacher or helper**.
If interested please call Michelle Bickett 815-751-2656 or email
holytrinitycherry@gmail.com or contact the church office.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of September 25, 2023

Monday	9/25			† No Mass
Tuesday	9/26	9:00 am	STM	† John Balma
Wednesday	9/27	5:30 pm	HT	† Ivan & Gladys Hassler
Thursday	9/28	9:00 am	HT	† Daisy Kopek
Friday	9/29	9:00 am	STM	† Darlene Krueger

Mass Intentions for the weekend of September 30 - October 1, 2023

Saturday	9/30	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Clydia Marena
Sunday	10/1	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Dec. Mem. Lavern Eiten Fam.
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Delores Perry
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For The Parishioners

The Three Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

Feast Day September 29th

Angels are for real. They are mighty, glorious, beautiful and magnificent in every way. Today we honor three of the multitude of angels in Heaven: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

These angels are "archangels." An archangel is the second order of angels just above the guardian angels. In all, there are nine orders of celestial beings that we commonly refer to as angels and all nine of these orders are traditionally organized into three spheres. The entire hierarchy is traditionally organized this way:

Highest Sphere: Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones

Middle Sphere: Dominions, Virtues and Powers

Lower Sphere: Principalities, Archangels and Angels (Guardian Angels)

The hierarchy of these celestial beings is ordered in accord with their function and purpose. The highest of the beings, the Seraphim, were created solely for the purpose of surrounding the Throne of God in perpetual worship and adoration. The lowest of the beings, the Guardian Angels, were created for the purpose of caring for humans and communicating God's messages. The Archangels, whom we honor today, were created for the purpose of bringing messages of great importance to us and to accomplish tasks of the highest importance in our lives.

Michael is well known as the archangel who was empowered by God to cast Lucifer out of Heaven. Lucifer is traditionally thought to be of the highest sphere of celestial beings and, thus, being cast out by a lowly archangel was quite a humiliation. Gabriel is well known for being the archangel who brought the message of the Incarnation to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Raphael, whose name means "God heals" is referred to in the Old Testament Book of Tobit and is said to have been sent to bring healing to Tobit Sr.'s eyes.

Though not much is known of these archangels, it's important to believe in them, honor them and to pray to them. We pray to them because we believe God has entrusted them with a mission to help us bring healing, fight evil and proclaim the Word of God. Their power comes from God, but God has chosen to use the archangels, and all celestial beings, to accomplish His plan and purpose.

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Announcements

• ADA Follow Up

The 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parishes. Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you received your pledge card in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. If you have not, there are pledge cards in the narthex/pews. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to our parishes to help us.

• Growing Disciples Update

There will be meetings with parishioners of our 3 churches in October. We will have an opportunity to discuss in depth about the future of our 3 churches. This important meeting has been requested by Bishop Tyfka and the Diocesan Growing Disciples panel.

• You're Invited

Please join the CCD classes on Sunday, October 1st at 8:30 am at Holy Trinity Church for our Kick-Off Children's Mass. This is our first Children's Mass of the year and we hope that you will come and see our CCD children as they participate in this Mass. We will be having these Masses the first Sunday of each month from now until May.

LATEST OFFERING'S

SEPT 17TH WEEKEND

HT -	\$ 720.00
SP -	\$ 331.00
STM -	\$ 1,098.00



Mass intentions are \$10.00.

Anyone homebound or in the nursing home wanting to receive Communion or a visit with Fr. Thaddeus should call the office at 815-894-2006 to schedule a time.

CONFESSIONS

NEXT CONFESSIONS WILL BE SAT. SEPT 30TH
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT
ST PATRICK
IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

When can I take photographs in church? During my niece's baptism, I was told to put my camera away. We have a confirmation and a wedding coming up, and I don't want to get in trouble again.

Reverence and courtesy are the issues here. Reverence keeps in mind that what is real about baptism and all the sacraments does not come out in photos. Courtesy notes that other folks are trying to enter into the awe and joy of the mystery, and people taking photographs can get in the way or distract.

Parishes differ in rules and regulations. Many parishes prohibit the taking of pictures. Certainly taking flash pictures is annoying in a way that taking available-light photos is not. But even with nonflash pictures, the photographer is trying to get around people and into a good spot.

Weddings call for photos from approved photographers. In most United States cultures, photos at funeral Masses are out of place. However, there are exceptions, such as the situation of an infirm woman who was unable to attend her sister's funeral. She was extremely upset until her niece thought to record it with her phone. The pastor had no problem with this solution.

No matter what the situation, it is always best to check with the parish office before the event. If it is permitted, get a few good pictures and then be sure to close your eyes in prayer so you can see what is really going on. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 25 <i>Weekday</i> Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18	September 26 <i>Weekday</i> Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Lk 8:19-21	September 27 <i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i> Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6	September 28 <i>Weekday</i> Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9	September 29 <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</i> Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Jn 1:47-51	September 30 <i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45	October 1 <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us.

ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017