

SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2023
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL XI

By Bishop Robert F. Vasa

Last month I began to look at the notification which is carried in various liturgical aids regarding the reception of Holy Communion. The notification concerns those who are not properly disposed, due to lifestyle, for the reception of Holy Communion as well as those who do not share the same faith traditions as Catholics. In general, those who do not profess the Catholic faith are not to present themselves for the reception of Holy Communion. However, there are exceptions.

The section concerning non-Catholics continues: *“Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion.”* Here, we see the possibility of an exception which is covered in the next paragraph.

“Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).” It is most important to note that this concerns those members of these other Churches and their approach to receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church. It says nothing about Catholics who approach other churches (where the Eucharist is ostensibly valid). That is covered in a different Canon which will be discussed below.

Unfortunately, an intentional misinterpretation of this guidance, provided by a priest of the Diocese of Santa Rosa who was affiliated with the Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) in Las Vegas, led many Catholics to believe that they could, in accord with their own desire, attend the PNCC and receive Holy Communion there. This misinterpretation was proclaimed on a number of occasions on various social media sites and has generated enormous confusion, especially in the (now) Archdiocese of Las Vegas.

The guidance regarding Catholics receiving Holy Communion in the Churches mentioned in the previous paragraph (Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the PNCC) is covered in canon 844 §2. There we read: *“Whenever necessity requires it or true spiritual advantage suggests it, and provided that danger of error or of indifferentism is avoided, the Christian faithful for whom it is physically or morally impossible to approach a Catholic minister are permitted to receive the sacraments of penance, Eucharist, and anointing of the sick from non-Catholic ministers in whose Churches these sacraments are valid.”* Failing to read the entire Canon can lead to a misinterpretation or even an intentional misrepresentation of the law.

Thus, there are clearly conditions which need to be fulfilled before Catholics may legitimately avail themselves of the Sacraments, including Holy Communion, in these churches (including the PNCC). Necessity is the first of these conditions as well as *“true spiritual advantage”*. However, both of these include the need to avoid both indifferentism and error. Such an error might be the conviction that these churches are 100% in full communion with the Catholic Church, which they are not. The next condition is that it is either physically or morally impossible to approach a Catholic minister. This is clearly not the case in any city in the United States. This may explain why this portion of the Code of Canon Law is not included in the worship aids in our Churches.

The worship aid guidance concludes with an invitation to pray for unity: *“All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.”* For those who are non-Christian a similar proposal is addressed: *“We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.”*

Today's Gospel Reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the “discourse on the Church” or the “church order” discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the “discourse on the Church” (**Matthew 18:1-14**), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these “little ones” astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those “little ones” who have strayed.

In today's Gospel Reading, **Matthew 18:15-20**, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEMI ANNUAL TRI-TIP ROAST SALE

ROASTS ARE MARINATED, BBQ'D, AND READY TO EAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
FROM NOON – 4PM

ORDER BEFORE OCTOBER 2, 2023

PRE-SALE ONLY

EACH ROAST \$35.00

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DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS TREAT!



FOLLOW-UP BBQ MEETING

We will be holding a follow-up BBQ meeting on Sunday, September 24th at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Come to help us celebrate our tremendous success!

Everyone is welcomed to attend. Please bring your notes, ideas and suggestions to further help on next year's event.

Dave, Angelene and Father Pacheco hope to see you all there!



FIRST DAY OF CATECHISM INSTRUCTION:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2023

FROM 5:30PM – 6:30PM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT VERONICA RENTERIA: 707-357-2890 OR THE PARISH OFFICE: 707-964-0229.



JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY
FROM SUNDAY – FRIDAY AT 5PM IN THE CHURCH.

“The Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you’ll be amazed at the results.”

– St. Josemaria Escrivá



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.

**MASS INTENTIONS
SEPTEMBER 9 - 15, 2023**

Saturday (09)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Barbara Clark †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Maria Paz Rubio Coss y León † & Family Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (10)	8:00am	Deceased Member of the McNair Family Rev. Nicholas Rausch O.S.B. †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (11)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (12)	12:05pm	David Lotten (healing)
Wednesday (13)	12:05pm	Mat Yager (healing)
Thursday (14)	12:05pm	Pepe Mendoza (b-day) Vanessa Bermudez (b-day)
Friday (15)	12:05pm	Guadalupe Díaz †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 2 & 3, 2023...\$2,921.50

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**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
MAINTENANCE FUND**

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

**LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.

ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH. FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
AT 707-964-0229.



EVERY **THURSDAY @ 11:00AM**, WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDECTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT **12:05PM**.



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If you have any questions, please, contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.