

## SANTA MARIA GORETTI PARISH

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**Mass Schedule:** Tuesday to Friday - 7:00 p.m.

**Weekend:** Saturday at 5:00 pm. Sunday: 9:30 am (*English*) and 11:30 am (*Italian*)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. before Mass or by appointment

**Adoration:** Every Friday at 6.30 pm. **Rosary every evening: 6:20 pm.**

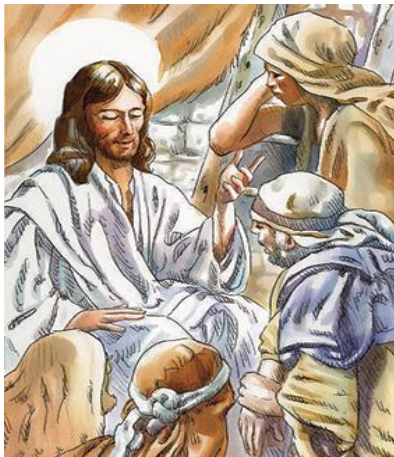
**Baptism:** Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 11:30 am. Please contact parish office for scheduling Baptism.

**Marriage:** Contact the Priest at least 6 months prior to the Wedding.

(A Catholic Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement.)

**Mezz'ora Con Voi (Italian Radio Program):** Sunday at: 8:30 a.m. on 101.7 FM

## 29 Agosto 2021 XXII Domenica del Tempo Ordinario / B AVVICINARSI A DIO



È una costante umana pensare e procedere per opposizioni: bianco-nero, sinistra-destra, alto-basso, interiore-esteriore, e via dicendo. E la Parola di oggi ce ne dà alcuni esempi: ascoltare e praticare, aggiungere e togliere (alla Legge), labbra e cuore, interno ed esterno, puro e impuro. Il Vangelo, però, ci mette in guardia su un errore piuttosto diffuso, specie tra i farisei: trasportare nel campo morale un metodo per la conoscenza del mondo, dividendolo così in due parti, una buona e un'altra cattiva. Gesù condanna le pratiche dei farisei, ma senza introdurre una nuova divisione del mondo: non dichiara cattivo ciò che, prima di lui, era considerato buono e viceversa. Afferma infatti: «Non sono venuto per abolire, ma per dare compimento» (Mt 5,17). I farisei non avevano capito che l'attaccamento alla Legge doveva significare l'attaccamento a Dio e che la Legge è santa non soltanto perché proviene da Dio, ma perché conduce a lui. È solo quando cerca la presenza di Dio che il cuore sperimenta l'intelligenza autentica delle cose.

*Don Tiberio cantoboni.*

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

As Catholics, our faith isn't merely about being a pew-sitter. In today's readings, God is calling us to follow him by being doers of his word, rather than only going through the motions of worship every Sunday. The readings help us grasp the theme of obedience to God by being an authentic Christian. How do we show true devotion to God? First, we must tap into the source of our faith from within and look at the intentions of our heart. This message is emphasized in the Gospel of Mark when Jesus chastises the Pharisees for losing sight of the true spirit of faith and being judgmental hypocrites. They attempt to discredit Jesus by condemning his disciples for not following Jewish tradition when they were eating without washing their hands. Yet they miss the point of faith. It's not worshipping God from traditions. It goes deeper than the rulers they have made. Jesus teaches us that worship through rituals can be empty if we actually don't follow the commandments, don't live out our faith from within and our intentions aren't genuinely good. May God's ultimate gifts of love and mercy help our hearts be close to him. May God help us prepare ourselves for his kingdom by authentically following our faith with pure intentions and actions.

*Christl Dabu.*