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***MASS SCHEDULE***

***All In-Person Services at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted.***

October 2, 2022: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
***Quarterly Healing Service at this Mass***

October 9, 2022: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
***Memorial Mass for Rudy Schmid***

October 16, 2022: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2022: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
***No Mass this Sunday due to Synod***

October 30, 2022: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

## Scripture Reflections

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

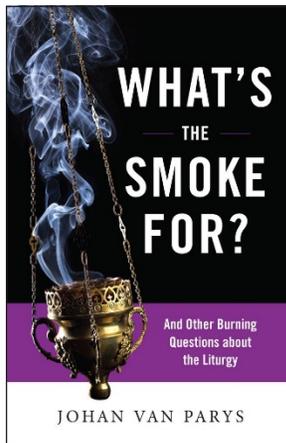
**October 2, 2022 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Today's readings from Habakkuk and St. Luke stress faith – meaning belief/trust/commitment. The selection from Second Timothy refers to Jesus' faith, in the sense of his faithfulness to us. Do we need to grow in faith or in faithfulness? (Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14, Luke 17:5-10)

**October 9, 2022 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Both Elisha and Jesus cure two unlikely persons in today's first reading and Gospel. Second Timothy refers to those who are chosen. This reminds us that God looks into hearts and may prefer persons whom we consider less deserving. Do we make an effort to respect everyone? (2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19)

**October 16, 2022 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** The reading from Exodus shows us Moses persevering in prayer with the help of two companions. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about praying with perseverance. Second Timothy likewise stresses perseverance – but perseverance in proclaiming the word of God Lord. Keep us faithful to prayer and witness. (Exodus 17:8-13, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8)

**October 23, 2022 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** God answers the prayers of the needy and poor, as today's selections from Sirach and Luke remind us. Even the passage from Second Timothy bears this out, for God strengthens the apostle although everyone else abandoned him. Do we believe God will answer our own prayer in the way that is best? (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14)

**October 30, 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In today's passage from Wisdom, the sage tells the Lord, "You spare all things, because they are yours!" Jesus gives a concrete example of this in his dealings with Zacchaeus. We, too, are Christ's and have received mercy from Him. We want to be worthy of this calling, as Paul desired for the Thessalonians. What does this mean for us here and now? (Wisdom 11:22-12:2, 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2, Luke 19:1-19)



Dear Johan,

Why is it that people sign themselves with the sign of the cross on their foreheads, lips, and hearts before the reading of the gospel?

### *Gentle Reader-*

Christians love to sign themselves and others with the sign of the cross. I remember asking my parents for a blessing every night before going to bed and they would sign my forehead with the sign of the cross. I sort of did it out of habit and yet deep down I realized it was important because I would not have dreamt of omitting this from our evening ritual, except maybe in a fit of rebellion during my teens. I will never forget asking my dad for his blessing during his last visit. It was his last blessing I ever received.

This custom of signing ourselves and others with the cross goes back to the early centuries of Christianity. Tertullian (ca. 160–ca. 220), for example, made reference to Christians wearing out their foreheads with the sign of the cross.

Every time we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross, we place ourselves under the protection of the cross and we commit ourselves to Christ into whom we have been baptized.

Specific to your question, there is evidence that people signed themselves on the forehead and breast at the time of the gospel as early as the ninth century. By the eleventh century the signing at the time of the gospel also included the mouth.

Today's rubrics (prescriptions) for the celebration of the Eucharist as they are contained in the Roman Missal indicate that the person proclaiming the gospel is to say, "A reading from the holy Gospel according to..." Following that, he is to make the sign of the cross on the book, and then on his forehead, lips, and breast, "which everyone else does as well."

The meaning of this gesture may be summarized as follows: May the word of the Lord guide our thoughts, our speech, and all our actions.

## From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to our parishioners who have special reason to celebrate this month:**

### **Birthdays:**

Becky Kaley: 10/1  
+Fr. Carl Swaringim: 10/28

### **Anniversaries:**

+Fr. Bob Catlett: 10/23 (6 years – Episcopal Consecration)  
Fr. Bill LaGrand: 10/23 (19 years - Ordination to Priesthood)

**Farewell and Welcome!** The parish extends its best wishes to Rev. Liz Meade, former Interim Rector of St. Timothy's. She has taken a new assignment in Wisconsin. We now welcome Rev. Meghan Ryan as the new Rector of St. Timothy's!

**Masses now on Facebook Live!** We are now able to livestream our Sunday masses on our Chapel Facebook page. If you are unable to attend in person, join us virtually...we would love to "see" you!

**Memorial Mass for Rudy Schmid:** On Sunday, October 9, 2022, at 2:00 PM, we will have a Celebration of Life/Memorial Mass for our parishioner, Rudy Schmid, who passed away on January 19, 2021. Due to Covid, the Schmid family was unable to have a funeral mass or memorial. October 9, 2022 would have been Rudy and Joan's 68<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, so it is fitting to celebrate his life with his family and friends. Joan and her family have extended an invitation to everyone in the parish to join them as we celebrate Rudy's life. After mass, the family plans to have a reception in the parish hall with desserts and light refreshments. All are invited to attend the mass and reception.

**Synod 2022:** +Fr. Bob will be attending the Annual Synod at our sister parish, Sacred Cross Oratory, in Floyds Knobs, Indiana, October 21-23, 2022. Therefore, we will not have mass on Sunday, October 23, 2022, since +Fr. Bob will be out of town.

**"What's the Smoke for? – and other burning questions about the Liturgy":** This month we continue our series of questions posed about the Liturgy using the book entitled, "What's the Smoke for?" (ISBN 978-0-8146-3565-0, Liturgical Press, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN 56321) These are questions posed to Catholic Liturgist, Johan Van Parys, that Catholics and others often wonder about the liturgy. Van Parys is the Director of Liturgy and Sacred Arts at The Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis, Minnesota since 1995. Since 1997, he has been managing editor of the award-winning *Basilica Magazine*. He is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgists and Societas Liturgica. This month's topic is "Why is it that people sign themselves with the sign of the cross on their foreheads, lips, and hearts before the reading of the gospel?"