

## REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

By Fr. Pfeifer

Have you ever wondered how to kick-start your faith? Maybe you have been feeling lazy? Maybe you felt as though you are slipping because the prayer time has been slipping? Let's look to today's readings for advice.

In the Responsorial Psalm this weekend we have one surefire way to activate the power of faith:

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart."*

Faith is practical.

If we believe that everything is created by God outside of himself; his power and might cannot even be measured, and if we believe in God's wisdom, love, and power, we will obey him.

We will follow where His GPS leads us. And he is always leading us somewhere - always making His voice heard. Christ never leaves us abandoned on a dead end road.

The most common way he moves us is through our conscience. Our conscience is like an inner radio station that is always tuned to God's voice.

But it's not the only station out there, and, unfortunately, it's not always the loudest. Sometimes we turn up the station of peer pressure and fashion really loud. Or the station dedicated to self-indulgence, irresponsible pleasure, and other soothing but deadening sounds.

Sometimes we allow other things to drown out his voice so it is not heard. That's why the Psalmist tells us: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." We should decide ahead of time that whenever our conscience

starts to ring, we will take notice and pay attention.

We should decide ahead of time that if we aren't sure what exactly our conscience is saying, but we know it's saying something, we will get some good advice from someone who knows Christ and his teaching before we act.

That's the only way God will be able to strengthen us to move mountains - the mountains of sin and sorrow that clutter the world.

That's the only way God will be able to guide us home from exile and give us the inner peace and prosperity that we long for.

If we have something on our conscience today, let's promise Christ that we will take care of it.

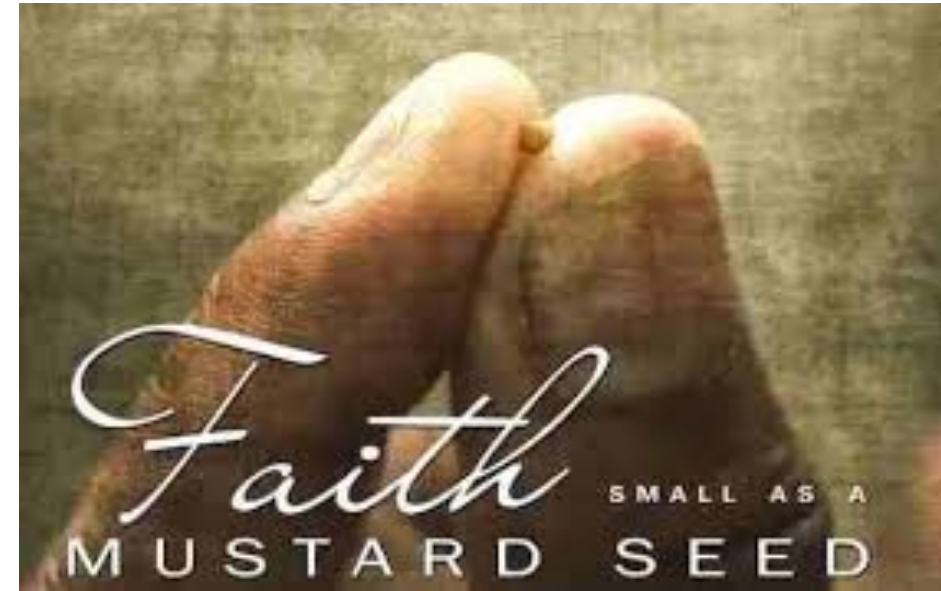
And if not, let's promise him - when we receive him today in Holy Communion - that we will pay special attention to his voice this week, and not foolishly harden our hearts.

Today, if you will  
hear His voice,  
do not harden your  
**HEART**



Hebrews 3:15

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*"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." – 2 Timothy 1:7*


Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The


next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

October 2, 2016

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

Mon., Oct 3 .....NO MASS
Tue., Oct 4 .....NO MASS
Wed., Oct 5 .....NO MASS
Thurs., Oct 6 .....7 PM <i>Fr. Ross Laframboise by Jerry &amp; Darcy Meier</i>
Fri., Oct 7 .....NO MASS
Sat., Oct 8 .....5 PM <i>+Betty Fettig by Mary Fettig</i>
Sun., Oct 9 .....10 AM <i>For Our Parishioners</i>
Sunday Care Center 8:45 AM <i>+Veronica Fettig by +Joe A. Fettig &amp; Family(anniv.10-9) @ Care Center Helper: Lorraine Reis</i>

 Rosary 25 minutes before weekend Masses.

 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 6 AM Thursday until midnight Friday.

**Stewardship of  
Treasure**

This Week: \$ 6,132.51

**Parish Announcements**

The **Christian Mothers Breakfast** will be starting again on Oct. 2 from 8:15-9:15 and will be held the first Sunday of each month.

**Right to Life Bingo** will be held this Sun. Oct. 2 @ 7PM. All ages are welcome.

**Christian Mothers Speaker:** On Tues., Oct. 4th., the Christian Mothers will have a special meeting. Kay Rau will speak about her trip to Africa. Kay, Fr. Katanga, and Kay's granddaughter spent time in Africa doing Mission work. Talk will be at 7:30pm since there is no daily mass. Come and enjoy! No business meeting that evening.

**Fr. Pfeifer will be leaving** on Mon. Oct 3 after Joe Fettig's funeral for Chicago until Fri., Oct. 7th. Only one daily Mass this week: Thursday at 7 PM with Fr. Katanga. Please keep the priests of the Diocese of Fargo in your prayers as they gather with Bishop Folda on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week.

**Blessing of animals** in honor of St. Francis will take place this Sunday at 12:00 PM in the north parking lot entrance. If you would like to bring your pets or animals for a blessing we will be starting promptly.

**Mass Times Switch** - The Saturday night Mass time has switched back to 5 pm for the winter season.

**God's Gift Update** - St. Philip Neri 2016 goal: 39,063. Amount pledged: 55,037. 141% of our goal with 66% family participation. Thank you, St. Philip Neri parishioners.

**Oremus Prayer Class** - A new Oremus prayer class will be starting on Oct. 18. It will consist of 8 sessions after Mass on Tuesdays. Questions? Call Jackie Weigel (471-2516) or the parish office.

Bishop Folda has asked every parish in our diocese to watch a short video from **Catholic Charities of North Dakota**. This weekend we will watch the video that will give us a glimpse of the various services that Catholic Charities offers to us throughout the state. Parishioners are encouraged to support their outreach ministry through works of mercy that happen every day through Catholic Charities offices in our state.

Thanks to your generous donation to the disaster relief efforts in **Louisiana flooding**; our second collection at St. Philip Neri raised 1,182.76 in response to Bishop Folda's request.

**40 Days for Life** is now underway, it started on September 28th and goes through November 6th. We will be meeting at the Grotto of our Lady Queen of Heaven and Earth and praying a rosary every Wednesday during this national campaign. The rosary will start at 7 PM. If the weather is inclement, we will gather in the church.

**Area Events and News**

**St. Philip Neri Parish Inquiry Class - Monday nights throughout the year from 7:40 to 8:40.** All are welcome!

Oct. 3 - Father gone. No class.

Oct. 10 - Jesus Christ (God and man?), 2nd coming, Incarnation

**FORMED** is now up and running everywhere you have internet access. To be able to access the videos, movies, e-books, and talks, just go to formed.org, and enter the parish code **T2TKH2** on the homepage. Create a personal account with your information by adding a username/email and password. Start enjoying hours of education to enhance your faith. No internet? No problem! Call Tanya in the office to help you get set up on the computer in our library.

**Condensed Minutes of St. Philip Neri Finance Council on September 21** - Reviewed 2017 proposed budget. Board approved purchasing new Breaking Bread hymnals. Board approved Father Pfeifer to go forward with the Home Enthronement for the Sacred Heart program. Council reviewed bids for the flooring in entrance and decided to accept a bid from Carpet World. Council briefly discussed landscaping options and lighting the bell tower. Handicap accessibility and parking lines in the new lot will be explored. Mitch Leier is working on a St. Boniface cemetery plot map. Options for use of the \$100,000 trust will be further explored.

**Adoption Supper & Talk:** St. Philip Neri will be hosting an evening for couples who are interested in adoption or those who are interested in helping financially support someone who is adopting. The event will take place on Wed. Oct. 12 starting with supper @5:30 in the Holy Family Hall. RSVP to the parish office by Oct. 9 if you plan to come to supper. If you are unable to make the meal, but still want to attend, please join us at 6pm.

Maybe you have been struggling with conceiving a child, have had a miscarriage, or would like the experience of raising a child simply because you are open to life; please come and check out a panel of speakers who have had their own adoption experience, listen to their testimonies, and ask them questions about their process. Catholic Charities personnel will be on hand at this event and currently have 40 children waiting on their adoption list. They can answer any of your questions and help you get started with this process.

A **Redeemed Men's Conference** hosted by the Fargo Diocese will be **October 8th** (7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) at the Fargodome. Go to Fargodiocese.org/redeemed for more information. If you are interested in carpooling, contact the parish office, or one of the deacons.

**Jason Evert speaking in Fargo** at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church for the Cupcakes for Life event on Monday, Oct. 3 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Cupcakes will be served after his presentation. Free will offering benefits Fargo Shanley students for March for Life in D.C.

 **St. Philip Neri  
Catholic Church**

**Confessions:** 1/2 hr before every Mass, 1 hour before Saturday Mass, OR by appointment.

**Weddings:** Contact Fr. Pfeifer at least 8 months prior.

**Baptisms:** Contact Fr. Pfeifer before Godparents are chosen.

	Saturday, October 8
<u>Sacristan</u>	Phyllis Johnson
<u>Lectors</u>	Charlotte Brendel, Paul Haegele
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	K. Haas Family
<u>Servers</u>	Madison Feist, Peyton Feist, Charmaine Haas
<u>EMHC</u>	Char Young, Mary Schwartz, Jim Fettig

	Sunday, October 9
<u>Sacristan</u>	Mark Wangler
<u>Lectors</u>	Jon Grunefelder, Sue Wald
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	J & C Schwartzberger; Mark Feist Family
<u>Servers</u>	Jacob Bitz Carly Bitz, Blaise Bitz, Isabella Bitz, Anna Bitz
<u>EMHC</u>	Andy Gross, Jackie Grunefelder, Carol Baumgartner