

@Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest; BVM

12:10 pm Mildred Wuillermin

5:30 pm Martha Silva

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 am Nicholas & Elaine Amatuzio

11:30 am Nuzhat Riaz & Family

6:00 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

Saint Monica

12:10 am Luis Vega

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:10 pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

12:10 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

12:10 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

12:10 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR PENANCE & REFORM THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2018 - 7:00 PM

Dear friends,

I, like many of you, have been shaken by the newest scandals concerning the Church. I was angry when former Cardinal McCarrick's vile actions came to light. Just after that shock, I was depressed by the Pennsylvania grand jury report. I was stunned, furious, and troubled with all that came out. Frankly, it sounded like the basest anti-Catholic propaganda, but it was all true.

The other friars and I have been discussing these terrible events at length, trying to understand what has happened and what can be done. Great evil has entered the Church. Men who have dedicated their lives to serving God have instead become perpetrators of evil. St. Peter warns us to "*Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*" (1 Peter 5:8) Many of the clergy, even bishops as we have learned, have been neither sober-minded nor watchful, but have instead devoured others.

How do we understand this evil within the Church? Christ warns us that within the Church are mixed those who are true servants of God and those who are not. (Matthew 13:24-30) Even an apostle, Judas, betrayed Christ. But to have such a recent, widespread, and graphic reminder of evil is shocking. And for the Church to have covered up that evil is inexcusable.

And what now? Anger is justified in the face of such evil. However, anger must be more than destructive—anger is meant to drive us to take action that leads to justice and healing. But what can we do? What must happen is reform. God has brought this evil to light in order to heal it. The Church, especially her clergy, must again be sober-minded and watchful. We must face our adversary the devil, as St. Peter next says, "*Resist him, firm in your faith.*" (1 Peter 5:9)

Therefore, the friars will have **Eucharistic Adoration** for penance and reform in the Church on **Thursday, August 30th at 7pm at St. Joseph's Church**. We invite everyone to come and pray with us for justice, healing, and reform. This is only a first step, but we hope that you will join us in our sorrow and in our hope. God will never abandon us or His Church, "*behold, I am with you always, until the end of time.*" (Matthew 28:20)

Blessings,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P.

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Pastor

Weekly Collection

August 18th & 19th, 2018

Masses Total -----	\$5,522
Assumption -----	\$667
WeShare-----	\$670
Faith Street (August 11 th & 12 th) -----	\$930
Grand Total -----	\$7,789
Mass Totals (August 11 th & 12 th) -----	\$3,799

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WESHARE

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PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for:

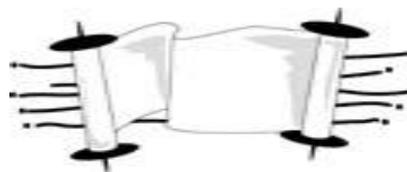
William Jayne
Carol Gershkowitz
Irena Malashenkova
Brendon Burlich
Lourdes Tanglao
Margaret Sotomayor
Keiko Taylor
Peggy Milus



If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names.

Names on the prayer list will be on for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, Weekdays 9AM - 5PM.

INSPIRATIONAL SAINT QUOTES



"What great faith our Lord Jesus Christ asks of us - and how just that is. Do we not owe him such faith? It looks impossible to us, but Jesus is Master of the impossible."

-Bl. Charles de Foucauld

"It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world."

-St. Aloysius

"Work hard every day at increasing you purity of heart, which consists in appraising things and weighing them in the balance of God's will."

-St. Francis de Sales

"Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire."

-St. Catherine of Siena

"I ask you to consider that our Lord Jesus Christ is your true head and that you are a member of his body. He belongs to you and the head belongs to the body. All that is his is yours: breathe, heart body, soul and all his faculties. All of these you must use as if they belonged to you, so that in serving him you may give him praise, love and glory."

-St. John Eudes

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

-St. Augustine

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UPDATE PARISHIONER INFORMATION

If you have not updated your parishioner information in the last two years, please log onto our website and update your information. Please be sure to include your sacraments and family information as well. We have a number of registered parishioners with outdated or no important information. If you are not sure you have registered as a parishioner, please call the office or email secretary@stjosephgv.nyc to check your status.

FLOCKNOTES

Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way! This tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive – via email or text message – from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. There are two easy ways to connect:

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Text SJGV to 84576 from your phone to
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CONTEMPORARY MUSIC PROGRAM



Eliza Poehlman, Director, welcomes all who desire to serve in the Contemporary Music Program. *No auditions required*. Join us in the sanctuary for rehearsal at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings before the 6:00 p.m. Mass. If you have any questions please E-mail me at: info@gsusband.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 2018 - JUNE 2019

Children through the age of 3-16 are welcome to attend our Christian Education Program. Please go to our website under the 'Parish Life' tab, then 'Children's Religious Education' to obtain a registration form.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you (a) want to consider Christianity seriously or have decided to be baptized, (b) are baptized in another Christian communion and want to be received into the Catholic Church, or (c) are baptized Catholic but never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation, then RCIA is for you! RCIA begins with a period of initial inquiry followed by guided initiation into the fullness of our Christian and Catholic Faith.

The RCIA classes will be held on **Sundays** after the 11:30am Mass in the **Casserly Hall** from **12:30-2:00pm**. The RCIA program begins on **Sunday, September 9, 2018**.

For more information, please call the parish office or email RCIA@stjosephgv.nyc.

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel and told them if it did not please them to serve God, then they must decide who they would serve. The people claimed that God had brought them out of slavery and protected them on their journey. Therefore, they would serve, the Lord their God, and no one else.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32
or 5:2a, 25-32**

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loved the Church. They should nourish and care for each other as Christ cared for the church. Through the union between the two, they become one.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' followers were still disturbed by his teaching of the living bread, which they could not yet fully understand. Jesus explained that the Spirit gives life, and flesh is unimportant. Some of the disciples decided to leave. Jesus asked if the Twelve also wanted to leave. Although they do not completely understand yet, they have enough faith in Jesus to stay because they believe he is God's holy one.



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
DAILY READINGS**

Sunday

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or
5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

Monday

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mk 6:17-29

Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

First Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 26, 2018**

"Joshua addressed all the people, 'If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve... as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' ...But the people answered, 'Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods...He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey...Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'"

Not a day goes by when we fail to make decisions. Some are important, others of little value. Many we do not 'give a second thought to.' As I read the instruction of Joshua, the chosen successor of Moses, I find him challenging the people – decide, and decide today. Like the people he spoke to, I probably can affirm the choice I have already made to follow and serve the Lord. But let's take it a step further. Do I only pay lip service or do I act? Do I try to make a difference in the lives of others? What is the quality of my service?

Joshua said 'decide today'. Are you ready?

