

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

#### Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."



#### Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.



### For the Week of September 8<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

#### Monday

Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11

#### Tuesday

Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

#### Wednesday

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

#### Thursday

Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

#### Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

#### Saturday

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sunday Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. (SH) Joan Carol Walton

### Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Mary & Lawrence Reni

10:00 a.m. Joe Szwajkowski

### Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners,  
Living and Deceased

### Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Kwang Cho

### Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Charlie and Doris Moloney

### Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

### Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

### Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Jerry Peterson

### Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Betty and Jim Spring

10:00 a.m. Edna Shearer



**REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:** Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Rosemary Keating, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne, Tom Blum, Michael and Lena Yirka* and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.

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**NEW TO THE PARISH:** Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to [sacredparish.org](http://sacredparish.org).

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**MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE:** Please remember in your prayers Alice Maloney and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

# PREP

## Parish Religious Education Program



### Bringing the Gospel Home

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time –  
Luke 14:25-33

#### Reflection for Parents

This is a hard reading for parents if we take it literally. It helps to understand that Jesus was making a point about how committed we should be if we want to follow him. Discipleship is not something we go away by ourselves and do. It's how we live in our everyday world.

It's how we treat our children, our friends and spouses, coworkers, neighbors, and strangers. When we count the cost of discipleship each morning when we get out of bed, we might consider the challenges we will face with people throughout the day. Even thinking ahead about how we will deal with expected issues or unexpected irritations will help us act like disciples. Asking Jesus to help us throughout the day will remind us that we are not alone!

#### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Have each person in the family cut out a cross from a large sheet of paper and draw symbols on the cross that describe their personal commitment to Jesus. Help family members realize that discipleship is demanded in our everyday lives, at home, at work, at school, in our neighborhoods and community. After the symbols are finished, share your ideas of what you might turn away from in order to faithfully follow Jesus. What kind of planning and foresight does it take for you to do the things you've drawn on your cross?

#### Discussion Starters

1. One thing in my life that gets in the way of following Jesus is . . .
2. One person I know who lives this Gospel and is a faithful follower of Jesus, is . . . and I see him/her paying the price of discipleship by . . .
3. As a follower, I think Jesus expects me to . . .



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**HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH**, our Parish intergenerational religious education program, begins again on **Sunday, September 22 in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 am liturgy.**

This year's theme is **THE CREED**. We will be examining each statement contained in the Nicene Creed, the profession of faith that we recite each Sunday. As Catholic Christians, what do we profess to believe in? What is your understanding of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit? What exactly is the Communion of Saints? Who or what is the Holy Catholic Church?

We will be using Bishop Robert Barron's series "*Catholicism*" to enhance our understanding of the concepts that form our most basic beliefs. Each week the parish bulletin Calendar section will list the topics for discussion. One session will be a whole household group activity/discussion session, while the next session for that topic will use the "*Catholicism*" video series. Put the dates on your calendar and join your fellow parishioners in this opportunity to learn more about our one, holy, catholic and apostolic faith.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** begins **Sunday, September 22, at the 10:00 am liturgy.** This ministry is designed for children in grades K-3 (ages 5-8).

This children's celebration of the Church's Liturgy of the Word parallels the content, structure and symbol of the Liturgy of the Word being conducted simultaneously in the larger adult faith community. That is, children will hear the same readings (adapted for children), give the same responses, stand, sit and sing at appropriate times.

They will hear an age appropriate 'homily' to help them understand God's Word and will participate in the Profession of Faith and Prayers of the Faithful. In all aspects the children experience the beauty and richness of the Liturgy of the Word at a level designed to facilitate their understanding of God's Word. In order to enable families to share the Word that has been proclaimed on that Sunday, children will receive a handout with a summary of the Gospel and associated family activities to be completed together at home. Please encourage your children in grades K-3 to participate in this celebration of the Liturgy of the Word!



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"The corruptible body burdens the soul."

### Sheepish Question:

What weaknesses frustrate my commitment to follow Jesus' way?

# PARISH NEWS

## Offertory – Week Ending September 1<sup>st</sup> Week 10

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John's are made possible. "Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
<b>Offertory</b>				
9/1	\$4,632	\$4,486	\$6,635	\$2,483
<b>Wk. 10</b>				
<b>YTD</b>				
<b>Wk. 10</b>	\$45,780	\$16,779	\$66,350	-\$3,791

**HELP NEEDED:** Each year, the Salvation Army distributes approximately \$20,000.00 to families in need, in the Chestertown area. A team of volunteers interviews these individuals two mornings a week, at the First United Methodist Church. Presently, we are in need of a volunteer to help interview clients, one to two mornings a month. These clients have been pre-screened and referred by Kent County Department of Social Services. No experience is needed. Training is provided.

Please call Pat McDonald at 410-928-5160 if interested in helping our neighbors in need.

## Mass Schedule commencing on 7/8<sup>th</sup> of September:

**Saturdays, Sacred Heart - 4:00 p.m.  
Liturgy**

**Sundays:**

**St. John – 8:00 a.m. Liturgy**

**Sacred Heart – 10:00 a.m. Liturgy**

## SEPTEMBER SAINTS

### SEPTEMBER 5 - TERESA OF CALCUTTA



On August 26, 1910, Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia. As a young girl she was very involved in parish activities, and her mother told her many stories of missionaries, who inspired her greatly. In 1928, at age 18, Agnes joined the missionary order of the Sisters of Loreto in Dublin, Ireland. There she was given the name Sister Mary Teresa.

As a young Sister in 1929 she traveled to Calcutta (today known as Kolkata), India, to teach at a school for girls. She continued to teach at various schools in India for 20 years. During that time, she was deeply moved by the number of sick and dying people on the streets.

On September 10, 1946, while traveling by train to Darjeeling, Sister Mary Teresa experienced a "call within a call." She felt called to be God's love in action: to serve the sick and dying, the hungry and homeless.

She received permission to leave the Loreto convent. Then she sought medical training and became determined to serve the poorest of the poor.

In 1950 she established an order of religious women called the Missionaries of Charity. Over time the Missionaries of Charity have built centers throughout the world. In 1979 Mother Teresa, as she was known by then, received the Nobel Peace Prize. Her simple message was: "We are put on earth to do something beautiful for God."

The process that led to Mother's Teresa's beatification was the shortest in modern history. Ordinarily, the cause for beatification cannot begin until five years after the candidate's death. However, Pope John Paul II advanced the cause of Mother Teresa soon after her death on September 5, 1997. The pope explained that he was making an exception because of widespread admiration for the tiny nun.

Mother Teresa's spiritual vitality can be described with these words. "Don't search for God in faraway lands. He is not there. He is close to you. He is with you. Just keep that lamp burning, and you will always see him."



We plan to resume our **Sunday Coffee Socials** on **September 15, 2019**, following the 10:00 AM Mass, and continue weekly through Christmas.

**THIS CAN ONLY HAPPEN IF WE HAVE  
ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS.**

Parishioners wishing to serve as hosts and hostesses in this *Ministry of Hospitality* - - - on a schedule and frequency of their own choosing - - - should contact Frank Creegan (410-778-4830 or [fcreegan2@washcoll.edu](mailto:fcreegan2@washcoll.edu)).

**Here's an opportunity** to develop your talents for design & decor! No experience required. The Art & Environment group needs more members! We teach and learn together. Projects and tasks to fit your skill & time. Volunteer when convenient for you. We will meet on **Thursday, September 12 at 9:30 in the Sacred Heart Hall**; please come and bring a friend. Questions? contact: Emily Moseman at 443-282-0198 or [emilymoseman@pobox.com](mailto:emilymoseman@pobox.com).

