

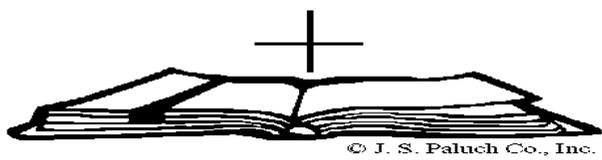
**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1, 2019**

You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God.
— *Hebrews 12:22a*

HUMILITY

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

Mass Intentions



- Sat., Aug. 31, 4:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Thomas Pitre, Amy Goff, Earline Mauthe, Chris Kyle, Zelda Hannon, Roy Cina, Milsap Family (L)
- Sun., Sept. 01, 7:30 a.m.** Carol Pieri
- Sun., Sept. 01, 9:15 a.m.** Mary Jane Mehaffey, Richard D. Letsch, Dr. Normi Miller, Joan Hoffman, Andrew Danenhower (L), Margaret Mary Mule'
- Sun., Sept. 01, 11:00 a.m.** Parishioners
- Mon., Sept. 02, 8:00 a.m.** Communion Service
- Tues., Sept. 03** NO MASS
- Wed., Sept. 04, 8:00 a.m.** Catherine A. Mule'
- Thurs., Sept. 05, 8:00 a.m.** Joseph Pieri (L)
- Fri., Sept. 06, 8:00 a.m.** Thomas Cashmere (L)
- Sat., Sept. 07, 4:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Larry Kass, Guidry and Bolotte Family, Breaux Family, Mary Favre, Earline Mauthe, Thomas Pitre, Amy Goff, Earline Mauthe, Chris Kyle, Zelda Hannon, Roy Cina, Milsap Family (L), Loren Grimes (L), Special Intention (L)
- Sun., Sept. 08, 7:30 a.m.** Parishioners
- Sun., Sept. 08, 9:15 a.m.** Carol Pieri
- Sun., Sept. 08, 11:00 a.m.** Bob Pecunia, Rolland Golden, Bruno Touchard

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- Monday: Labor Day
- Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

PRAYER LIST

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| Helen Lafleur | James Michael Cole |
| Scott St. Romaine | Michael Estrada |
| Lou Lavedan | Billy Cahill |
| Fred Kopfler | Louise Cashmere |
| Audrey Maracich | Florence Hoffman |
| Sylvia Callahan | Trey Pertuit |
| Max Jones | Freddie Addotto |

Weekly Collections

Envelopes	\$ 1,989.00
Loose	\$ 1,756.91
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 50.00

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

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| Sanctuary | Josefina Alvarez (L) |
| Blessed Mother | Madison Stahel (L) |
| St. Joseph | Craig and Jennifer Schiro (L) |
| St. Ann | Vin and Joyce LeBlanc |

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are in memory of
Bill and Florine Brown

On Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd, we will have a Communion service, no Mass. The office will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday.

UPCOMING MINISTRY FAIR

We are having our upcoming Ministry Sunday in October, and we are planning on making a pamphlet which will describe the ministries to those who do not know what we offer. If you are in charge (or know enough about your ministry), please send your information to Rebecca Breaud at rbreaud@bellsouth.net and she will take care of the rest. Deadline for turning in this information is September 15th.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

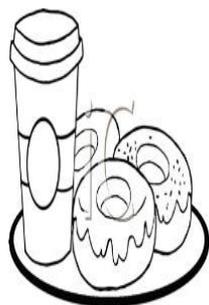
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ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic Church?
- Is an adult who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized in another Christian religion, but may be interested in the Catholic Faith?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to discern if God is calling them to continue their faith journey as Catholics. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the office at 985-796-3806

On Wednesday, September 11, 2019, the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**, more commonly known to us as Confession, will be available here at St. John's from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. All of the Churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will have a light on the confessional as a sign that Christ is not only a light of the world but also one who is eager to forgive and to heal us.



Everyone is invited to come and join your fellow parishioners in Odilo Hall for free fresh coffee, donuts, and Fellowship this Sunday, after the 7:30 or 9:15 Mass.



The Confirmation Candidates will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on September 9th with the candidates at St. Benedict Church. They are: Ethan Cancienne, Mia Castagnetta, Justin Basse, Elisa Ramirez and Rosi Sandoval. Please pray for them.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAR SHOW

The Knights of Columbus Council 10176 is gearing up for their 7th Annual Car Show scheduled for September 14th with a rain out date of September 21st. The four classes that will participate are truck, classic, hot rod, and foreign. There will be food for sale and music. Mark your calendars for this annual gathering with neighbors, fellow parishioners and car enthusiast. We guarantee to pass a good time.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who purchased raffle tickets for the upcoming car show. Your support is much appreciated.

Catechetical Sunday 2019 – September 15th "Stay with Us"

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2019. This year's theme from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is "Stay with Us". Those who the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

The Office of Religious Education has a number of excellent resources for clergy, catechetical leaders, and catechists available online at: <https://nolacatholic.org/catechetical-sunday>.

REMINDERS!

The next Knights of Columbus meeting is on Thursday, September 12th at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall

First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month

Monday Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. in the Library

Men's group meets at 7:00 p.m. in Library every Thursday except second Thursday

Catch Fire Youth Group will meet Aug. 18th in Odilo Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Exodus Adult Bible Study, Thursdays, or Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library in Jonathan Hall

NO SURPRISES

We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures.