

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2020

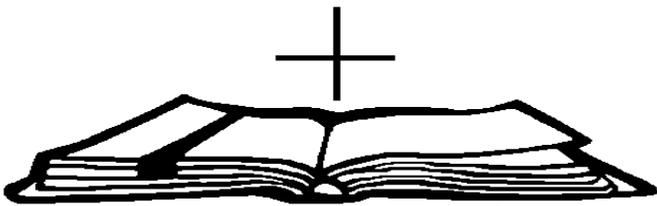
Turn to the Lord for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
— *Isaiah 55:7b*

DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

Mass Intentions



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Sat., Sept. 19, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Ruthi Olson, Willo Lindsey Crawford, Hazel Guidry, and for the living: Betty Jane Guidry, Special Intention, Martin Lowther, Griffin Mehaffey, Teresian Sisters and Fr. Robert Cavalier

Sun., Sept. 20, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Sept. 20, 9:15 a.m. Yvonne Morel, Vivian Boudreaux, Max Jones, Amy Rojas, Louise Plessala, Jack Sharp, Lynn Landry Kernion, Ruthi Olson, Patricia Delaune and for the living: Kathy and Jon Craig and Janice Roussel

Sun., Sept. 20, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Mon., Sept. 21, 8:00 a.m. Brad Brown III (L)

Tues., Sept. 22 NO MASS

Wed., Sept. 23, 8:00 a.m. Sr. Gabriel Mule'

Thurs., Sept. 24, 8:00a.m. Mary Mehaffey (L)

Fri., Sept. 25, 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth & Charlie Armstrong

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole	Dot Willie
Scott St. Romaine	Freddie Addotto
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Kenneth Vicari	Nita Addotto
Joseph Hadad	Yolanda Bourgeois
Roy M. Piazza	Pam Addotto
Brandy Toups	
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith and Family	
Tommy Smith and Family	



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The candles burn in honor of:

Sanctuary: Carmen Zioklovsky

Blessed Mother: Alexander G. Braford

St. Joseph: Gary Joseph Treuil

St. Ann: Mary Anne Treuil

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN HONOR OF

Gabrielle Brown

On September 26th, our First Communion class will finally receive their First Holy Communion. Please join in prayer for Andrea Deldago, Jon Holmes, Eastyn Needham, Hayden Rogers, Ty Pennison, Amanda Sterner & Zac Perilloux. May their hearts be filled to overflowing with the love of Christ.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

AMEN

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

St. John's Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit The Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center in Covington. The Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center is a pro-life ministry dedicated to promoting the sanctity of human life by providing vital resources to those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy including their most powerful pro-life tool, the ultrasound. Please join us in this pro-life campaign specifically targeted to helping the unborn child. Baby bottles will be handed out after all Masses next weekend. Fill the bottle with spare change, cash or check and return the filled bottles to church on October 10th and 11th. Please note that we need all bottles returned regardless of the amount in the bottles.

CAR SHOW RAFFLE WINNER

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Car Show Raffle. Even though we were not able to hold the car show this year our raffle was a resounding success. It allowed us to have a Grand Prize Winner, **Miss Mabel Fuller** of Oregon, and award her a check for \$1000. In addition, we were able to send a check for \$1000 for Hurricane Laura relief along with an additional \$600 collected at Sam's and from individual KC members to aid those in the Lake Charles area. God bless and thank you for your continued and unrelenting support. YOU allow us to do so much good in HIS name,
Your Knights of Columbus, Council #10176

PIVOTAL PLAYERS continue Sunday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m. in Odilo Hall. We will study St. Francis of Assisi. Christ's mission to St. Francis, to "rebuild my Church," is the perennial task of the Church in every age. How is this reform and renewal accomplished? The radical simplicity of the life of St. Francis demonstrates how the foundation of true and lasting reform are to be built on the solid rock that is the witness of the saints.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (1887-1968)

September 23

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually "bilocate" in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or "read hearts" before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of "trials accepted with love," referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: "Pray, hope, and don't worry!"

REMINDERS

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thurs. 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meet Thurs., Oct. 8th, 7 p.m. in Odilo Hall

PSR classes every Wednesday, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

On Monday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will be studying the great Bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Augustine. We will view Bishop Barron's video as part of our study on Augustine.