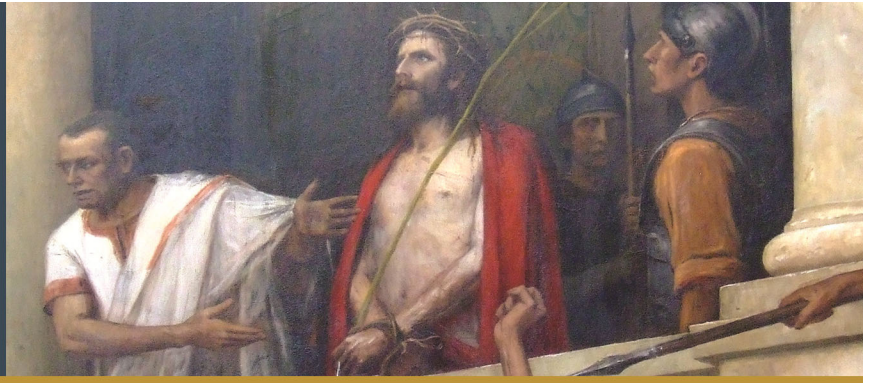


SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



The Son of Man is to be handed
over to men and they will kill him,
and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.

Mark 9:31

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LORD'S DAY MASSES

4:00 PM (Sat. Vigil),
7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday -Thursday: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM
(Or by appointment)

ADORATION:

Holy Hour for Priests on Second Friday 7:00 PM

WELCOME!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Sept 18: Vigil 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM +Shawn Finnegan, 11th Anniversary,
from Family

Sun, Sept 19: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM

10:00 AM +Ellen Gerheran, from her Husband

Mon, Sept 20: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul
Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions
9:00 AM +Joe Zavattaro, 1st Anniversary, from
Michael T. Casey and Family

Tues, Sept 21: St. Matthew

9:00 AM

Wed, Sept 22:

9:00 AM

Thur, Sept 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

9:00 AM

Sat, Sept 25: Vigil 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM

Sun, Sept 26: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**INFANT BAPTISM**

Celebrated on Saturdays at 2:00 pm or Sundays at 11:30 am.
Contact the church office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

From grades Pre-K to 11. Contact our Religious Ed.
Administrator Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119.

RCIA

For adults seeking full admission into the Church through
Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. Please call the Church
Office for registration which takes place during the month of
September.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

For Catholics who received first communion but have not yet
been confirmed a diocesan-wide adult (18 or older) Confir-
mation celebration is offered every year in February at the
Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester. If interested, please
contact the Church office.

HOLY ORDERS

If interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate
please contact the director of this program Deacon William
Bilow at 508-929-4335. For information about entering the
Priesthood, contact our Vocation Director Rev. Donato
Infante at 508-630-4473.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home,
is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home. If there is an
urgent need for this sacrament, dial the emergency extension.

THIS SUNDAY'S WORD

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and
the servant of all."*

The Bible is very clear—to be truly great, we must be hum-
ble. Athletes seek to set records, businessmen seek a high-
er position, laborers lust after higher pay, students seek
better grades, more influence, and cooler friends. But
there is a danger in that pursuit: that we can be blind to
our spiritual needs and deficiencies. Pride manifests itself
in many subtle and lethal ways:

The proud heart focuses on the failures of others; the hum-
ble heart is overwhelmed with their own spiritual need.

The proud heart is critical and fault finding; the humble
heart is compassionate and forgiving.

The proud heart is independent and self-sufficient; the
humble heart is dependent and recognizes their need of
others.

The proud heart wants to prove they're right; the humble
heart is willing to yield the right to be right.

The proud heart claims their rights; the humble heart
yields their rights.

The proud heart desires to be served and to receive; the
humble heart desires to serve and to give.

The proud heart desires to be a success; the humble heart
is motivated to be faithful and make others a success.

The proud heart has a drive to be recognized and appreci-
ated; the humble heart carries a sense of unworthiness.

The proud heart thinks how lucky others are to have me
serve them; the humble heart thinks how incredible God is
to use me at all.

The proud heart is wounded when others are recognized;
the humble heart rejoices when others are recognized.

The proud heart is sad and remorseful over their sin; the
humble heart is genuinely repentant, desiring to forsake
their sin.

The proud heart is confident in how much they know; the
humble heart is humbled by how much they have yet to
learn.

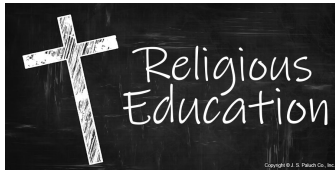
The proud heart is self-conscious; the humble heart is not
concerned with self.

The proud heart privately keeps others at arm's length; the
humble heart is willing to risk getting close to others.

The proud heart is quick to blame others; the humble heart
accepts responsibility, and sees where they could be
wrong.

The proud heart has a hard time saying, "I was wrong, I'm
sorry"; the humble heart is quick to admit their failure and
seek forgiveness.

Are you a proud person or a humble person?



Religious Education takes place on Sunday, September 12th, 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in K through 10th grade. If you have not registered your child for classes, it is not too late! Please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119 for more information.

The Confirmation Candidate and parent meeting is on Sunday, September 26th 11:15AM-12:15PM.

OUTDOOR ROSARY ON THURSDAYS

Weekly outdoor Rosary will be held on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in Our Lady’s Garden on the Church grounds on the rectory side. Weather permitting.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP MEETING

The Society Saint Vincent de Paul group will be meeting Sunday Sept 19th after the 10am Mass, in the basement of the church. Anyone is welcome to join. Members are dedicated to helping individuals and families in need in our community.

BIBLE STUDY IN OCTOBER

All are invited to participate in a presentation and discussion of Saint Paul’s Two Letters to the Thessalonians on Tuesday evenings, October 5, 12, 19 and 26 in the Church Hall from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. These two Letters are of particular interest because of Paul’s insights concerning the nature and timing of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Frank McGuire will serve as presenter and discussion moderator.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - RCIA

This is a process open to receive all who want to be a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Who is invited to participate in the RCIA process?:

- Children 7 years old and older who have not been baptized.
- Adults 16 years of age and older who have not been baptized, received their First Holy Communion, or Confirmation.
- Adults belonging to another Christian Faith who wish to become Catholic and be received in to the Roman Catholic Church.

This program starts in October and culminates with the reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please contact Fr. Edwin for registration.

HYMNAL READINGS: 1021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS THIS FALL

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 31 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should pre-register no later than October 18 so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or send an email to: aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Cathaleen Peloquin, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (direct, confidential line).



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 9/12/2021

Sunday Ordinary (includes Online)	\$ 2,930.00
Annual Catholic Schools Appeal	\$ 15.00
Assumption	\$ 50.00
Aid for Church in East Europe	\$ 20.00
Donation to St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 25.00