



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

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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.

*Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers
who harvested your fields are crying aloud;
and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.*

James 5:4

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Sept 25: Vigil 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM +John and Beverly Markey, 10th Anniversary, from Family

Sun, Sept 26: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM
10:00 AM

Mon, Sept 27: St. Vincent de Paul
9:00 AM

Tues, Sept 28:
9:00 AM The Holy Spirit

Wed, Sept 29: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
9:00 AM

Thur, Sept 30: St. Jerome
9:00 AM

Sat, Oct 2: Vigil 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM +Graciela Mercedes Quiquandon, 4th Anniversary and +John B. Sheehan, 10th Anniversary, from Family

Sun, Oct 3: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM
10:00 AM Frank and Mary Oftring, from Family

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) Confirmation 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

This Gospel begins as John comes to Jesus and tells him: "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name! We tried to stop him. After all, he is not one of us!" However, Jesus was calm and he had a completely different perspective than John. Jesus told John: "Whoever is not against us is for us." Did Jesus sense his disciples were concerned they might have to share "the glory" of being followers of Jesus with others who had not been directly called by Jesus?

Jesus tells his disciples that there is no one who could perform great deeds such as driving out demons or healing in Jesus' name who would speak ill of Jesus. This would be a complete contradiction of the deed they had done. Jesus continues: "If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, that individual will not lose their reward."

However, Jesus then says that anyone who causes one of His "little ones" to sin will reap his/her punishment. He continues: "It would be better for them if a great millstone was put around their neck and s/he was thrown into the sea." Jesus continues in this vein for several verses. Clearly, Jesus wants his disciples (and us) to realize what a serious offense it is if we cause one of his little ones to sin. Jesus also gives several graphic examples of the punishment that might be handed out to the perpetrator.

Today may be a good day for us to ask ourselves: do we cause any of the "little ones" to stray from Jesus? We may not be deliberately inviting another person to stray. However, we may subtly or unknowingly invite another to do so. We may be talking with someone and we begin to gossip. Or perhaps we are complaining about work, our co-workers, or the behavior of our children, or perhaps we simply are in a bad mood. The reality is that our attitude and our words affect other people either positively or negatively.

Today may we strive to be a positive and loving presence to each person we encounter. Who knows? This also may help us have a good day!



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rita Turo, Francis Depatie, and Robert Grosse Jr., and keep their families in your prayers during this time of loss. May God grant them hope and strength in the days ahead.



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Religious Education classes take place on Sunday, September 26th at 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.

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.

JOIN THE LIFE CHAIN ON OCTOBER 3

All are invited to join the annual Life Chain on Sun., Oct. 3 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. This event of peaceful, prayerful witness to the sacredness of human life is held annually on Respect Life Sunday across the nation. Life Chain stations will be located at Elm Park/ Highland St. and at Denny’s Restaurant on Lincoln St. in Worcester and at White City Plaza in Shrewsbury. Signs will be available at the local Life Chain stations. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, contact Joe Godek at 508-614-5971. All are welcome to join in this prayerful effort to help build a Culture of Life.

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).

HYMNAL READINGS: 1024

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The next Vianney dinner is Thursday, Oct. 21 at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. They are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as their schedule allows. 6:05 PM Mass, 6:30 dinner, and 7 PM social. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food. Email director@worcestervocations.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 9/19/2021

Sunday Ordinary (includes Online)	\$ 3,615.50
Catholic Schools Annual Appeal	\$ 10.00

Hope for Housing Food Cards:	\$ 40.00
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