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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept. 12	7:00 pm	Don Tate & deceased family members
Sun. Sept. 13	10:00 am	For the Parish
Sat. Sept. 19	7:00 pm	Fr. Brian Prunty
Sun. Sept. 20	10:00 am	Jim Loughrin

Your Contributions for August 27th Deposit: Envelopes: \$1,250, offertory: \$166.00, Maintenance: \$275.00 Picnic Donation: \$560.00.

Your Contributions for September 9th Deposit: Envelopes: \$2100.00, offertory: \$185.00, Maintenance: \$270.00 Picnic Donation: \$25.00, CCD tuition: \$120.00

Encountering Jesus: Where do we meet him each day? - ... First, Jesus is alive in His Word, the inspired **Gospel** stories and the living tradition of our church. Second, we meet Jesus in the **sacraments**, especially in regular participation in both the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation. And third, we meet Jesus in our loving **service** to those in need, those who live on the periphery of society.

(for full article, go to <https://www.americamagazine.org/issue/encountering-jesus>)

Religious Education. Contact Barbara if you have questions. Thank you!

Grades K-6 – at St. Patrick's as usual, beginning Monday, October 5th

Grades 7-8 – moving to MONDAY nights – beginning Monday, October 5th

Grades 9-11 – moving to MPB – beginning this week Wednesday, September 16th

Plan A – in class as usual – this is currently the plan

Plan B – if needed, we will offer virtual homeschool for K-8

From the Diocese / Sunday Mass Obligation updated: Following much careful consideration, the dispensation for Sunday Mass obligation has been lifted and beginning the weekend of Sept. 19 and 20, all Catholics will once again gather as a community of faith on Sundays. The lifting of the dispensation was announced in a decree issued by Bishop David Ricken on Monday, Sept. 7.

(www.gbdioc.org/sundayobligationdecree)

With this news, please note there are still occasions when the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply:

- If individual Catholics struggle with serious health concerns or are physically or morally prevented from worshipping at Mass for a grave reason
- If individuals are frail due to illness or age or, in their well-formed consciences believe that going into public places --including Sunday worship at Mass --would place their health or the health of their loved ones in serious jeopardy
- If individuals are sick, or have been in contact with someone who has been sick.

The faithful who are unable to attend Mass are urged to make holy the Lord's Day and to pray, read the Scriptures, watch a broadcast or live-streamed Mass and take part in acts of charity. The diocese also issued guidelines for public Masses at (www.gbdioc.org/sundayobligationreinstatement).

These guidelines make clear that face masks are still required, and that, while restrictions will be lifted on the percentage of people at Mass, the standards of social distancing will still be upheld. The obligation to attend Mass for Catholics reflects our faith in Jesus Christ, the blessing of the Holy Eucharist and an acknowledgment of His great love for us.

Pope Francis' Intention for September: *We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.*

Bishop Ricken's Intention for September: *That our Catholic schools truly be schools of discipleship, where our youth grow in their friendship with Jesus Christ*