

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 8/30 11:00	Lee Smith + and Sharon Lucy +	Jeanne Smith
Wed. 9/2 9:00	No Mass	
Thurs. 9/3 12:10	Linda Anderson +	Lynn Katz
Fri. 9/4 9:00	Alison Van Cour +	Susie Goodrow
Sat. 9/5 4:00	Fr. Carl Beavers +	Ellen Nolan

Stewardship Thought

“Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure you have received. (1 Peter 4:8-10).

Saint of the Week

St. Gregory the Great Feast Day September 3

Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pop’s seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. At age 50 he was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of “Gregorian” chant is disputed.

His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. Called “the Great,” Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

An Anglican historian has written: “It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great.”

Our Lady of the Mountains Guidelines and Precautions during the Covid-19 Pandemic

We are taking the following precautions to keep everyone safe at Mass.

1. The obligation to attend Mass is still lifted.
2. Social distance of 6ft is observed at all times.
3. Seating is limited to every other pew to facilitate social distancing.
4. Sanitizing hands is encouraged upon entering and leaving. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
5. The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
6. Reusable items in the pews have been removed, such as hymnals and missals.
7. Congregational singing is suspended.
8. All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
9. The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
10. Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.
11. All high-contact surfaces are disinfected after Mass.

There will be No Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd and Wednesday, Sept. 16th. The office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 14th.

Scripture Readings

Sunday 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Monday 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday St. Gregory the Great, Pope 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Father’s Column

The Indefectibility of the Church

In the midst of discussing scandals, it is critical to understand two inherent characteristics of the Church: indefectibility and infallibility. The Church’s indefectibility means she will endure to the end of the world, and her teachings and essential characteristics will remain unchanged. By infallibility, what is meant is that it is impossible for the Church to fall into error concerning faith and morals.

What evidence is there for these claims in Scripture? The Old Testament prophesied about an indestructible kingdom (see Is 9:7; Dn 2:44; 7:14). The Archangel Gabriel declared about Christ: “shall reign in the House of Jacob forever” (Lk 1:32). Christ promises both He and the Spirit of Truth will be with His Church forever (see Mt. 28:20 and Jn 14:16). St Paul states that the Church is the “pillar and bulwark of truth” (1 Tim 3:15).

While describing His Church for the first time (Mt 16:18 et seq.), Christ claims that it will be built on rock, that is Peter, and that the gates of hell will never prevail against it (emphasis added). Further, the Lord’s parable about a house built on rock, and not sand, is all about endurance.

After the Ascension, Peter assumed his rightful place as the Church’s chief shepherd. When a debate raged in the Church about circumcision, Peter gave definitive declaration that it was not needed for salvation. The issue was forever settled; the Church understood her own infallibility.

Why is it important for the Church to be indefectible and infallible? The answer is simple: Christ divinely willed that salvation should come through His Church. It is through the hands of His Apostles and their successors and priests that the saving water of baptism is administered; that the life-giving Eucharist is given; that sin is forgiven (see Jn 20:23). If the Church is necessary for salvation, she must enjoy divine promises that she will endure to the end of time unchanged and that she will never fall into error regarding those things necessary for salvation: believing the truth faith and living morally.

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

James Urbanski, Sandy Powers, Ellen Nolan, Griffin Harper, Nick Klingler, Shawn Webster

Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.
Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.

Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.
John Powers, Fr. Carl Beavers, Earl Goodrow and Ron Simmons

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Second Collections for September

The September 1 issue of the Catholic News Herald features information on the Priests’ Retirement and Benefits Collection. Please take the time to read this article so that you can better be informed about the retirement and benefits plans. All registered families should soon receive information in the mail from Bishop Jugis. Please respond generously to the annual collection for Priests’ Retirement and Benefits scheduled for the weekends of September 6th and 20th.

Parish Council Meeting

**Our next Parish Council meeting will be on
Sep. 10, 2020 at 10:15 am**