

# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 9/06 11:00	Rena Burke +	Lynn Katz
Wed. 9/9 9:00	Ernestine Medlar +	Lynn Katz
Thurs. 9/10 12:10	John Powers +	
Fri. 9/11 9:00	Fr. Richard Morrow +	Erika Wendolowski
Sat. 9/12 4:00	Earl Goodrow +	Lynn Katz

## Stewardship Thought

“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...” (Ezekiel 33:7) The Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

## Saint of the Week

### St. Guy of Anderlecht Feast Day September 12

Guy of Anderlecht was born near the end of the tenth century, close to Brussels. His parents were very poor and unable to provide for his education but they gave him a strong religious upbringing.

Guy practiced great austerity and self-denial, and he proved to be a good friend of the poor. For a while he served as a church sacristan, but when his resources were depleted, he made a pilgrimage to Rome and Jerusalem, walking the entire distance.

After seven years Guy returned to Belgium, seriously ill as a result of his arduous journeys. He died at the hospital in Anderlecht around the year 1012. Before long, miracles were reported at his grave, and as a result a shrine was built to house his remains.

## 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.

**The office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 14th.**

**There will be No Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 16th.**

## Scripture Readings

**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

**Monday** Labor Day 1 Corinth 5:1-8; Psalm 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday** Nativity of the Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

**Wednesday** Saint Peter Claver 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

**Friday** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday** The Most Holy Name of Mary 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49 Sunday 24th

**Sunday** in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

## Father's Column

### What is Papal Infallibility?

Much confusion about the Pope's infallibility exists today: some wrongly think it means the Pope is incapable of sin; others think it means his authority is limitless or that he can contradict Tradition. But what does it actually mean? A simple definition of papal infallibility is that it is impossible for him to err on matters essential for salvation when he intends to use his papal authority.

This general understanding has been regarded by the Church since the very beginning of Christianity: Peter definitively declared that circumcision is not required for salvation; churches in other areas of the world understood the Bishop of Rome (the Pope) possessed such authority as when a local council in 397 AD in Carthage sought the Pope's ratification of what they thought belonged in the Bible.

Greater understanding of the nature of papal infallibility came with Vatican Council I (1868-1870) when the Church finally gave a formal definition, declaring that when the Pope "speaks *ex cathedra*, that is, when, in the exercise of his office as shepherd and teacher of all Christians, in virtue of his supreme apostolic authority, he defines a doctrine concerning faith or morals to be held by the whole Church, he possesses, by the divine assistance promised to him in blessed Peter, that infallibility which the divine Redeemer willed his Church to enjoy in defining doctrine concerning faith and morals".

While Vatican I's definition seems to suggest boundless authority, it also includes severe limitations. The subject matter can only be on faith and morals and not, for instance, the economy or environment. He also must intend for his teaching to be held by the whole Church. These instances are seldom; an interview or off-the-cuff comment certainly would not qualify.

The exercise of papal infallibility is quite rare. We can understand it as ultimately settling an issue. Examples include Peter's declaration on circumcision, Pope Innocent I's list of inspired books of the Bible, Pope Pius XII's teaching of Mary's bodily assumption into heaven, and Pope Paul VI's teaching on artificial contraception (*Humanae Vitae*). These questions emerged and needed resolution.

Hopefully, this greater understanding of papal infallibility will help those confused by comments or gestures made by individual popes.

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

## DSA

Total Assessment \$12,240

65.48%

Total Funded \$8,474

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### In this time of Covid

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### 2020 Priests' Retirement and Benefits Second Collections for September

On the weekends of Sept. 6th and 20th we will have second collections for the Priests' Retirement and Benefits. While the average age of retirement in this country is 60 priests are asked to serve until age 70 and beyond. There are 29 retired diocesan priests currently receiving benefits. There are 84 diocesan priests in active ministry.

The September 11 issue of the *Catholic News* features information on the Priests Retirement and Benefits Collection.. Please take time to read this article so that you can be better informed about the retirement and benefit 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.

### Parish Council Meeting

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