

Twenty-Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 9/13 11:00	Ron Simmons +	Lynn Katz
Wed. 9/16 9:00	No Mass	
Thurs. 9/17 12:10	Walter Heitz +	Erika Wendolowski
Fri. 9/18 9:00	James Urbanski	Ann Urbanski
Sat. 9/19 4:00	Mary Kay Powell +	Erika Wendolowski

Stewardship Thought

Christian Stewardship provides a spirituality that you can take home from church, exercise at work and express through personal involvement in the community and church.

Saint of the Week

St. Robert Bellarmine Feast Day: September 17

A native of Tuscany, Robert Bellarmine was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1570, and spent most of his life in Rome, where he taught at the Roman College and composed *On the Controversies*, a classic of the Counter-Reformation. The poor of the city considered him "the new poverello," a reference to Saint Francis, to whom Robert had an intense devotion.

After he was made cardinal in 1599, Robert's cardinal's ring was frequently in pawn to provide funds for the needy. He gave the costly drapes of his apartment to clothe the poor. "Walls cannot catch cold," he remarked. He died on September 17, 1621, the feast of the stigmata of Saint Francis.

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

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. SIRACH 28:2

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

Monday Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday Saints Cornelius and Cyprian 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday Saint Robert Bellarmine 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday Saint Januarius 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Father's Column

In Defense of Tradition

Last weekend I explained how the authority of the Church is real and important, but also has limitations. The Pope and bishops, for instance, are strictly bound to the revelation of Jesus Christ, whether written (Scripture) or unwritten (Tradition). In the course of the homily, I also gave a reference to this idea in Vatican II's document *Dei Verbum*. The following is the quote in its context:

"10. Sacred tradition and Sacred Scripture form one sacred deposit of the word of God, committed to the Church. Holding fast to this deposit the entire holy people united with their shepherds remain always steadfast in the teaching of the Apostles, in the common life, in the breaking of the bread and in prayers (see Acts 2:42), so that holding to, practicing and professing the heritage of the faith, it becomes on the part of the bishops and faithful a single common effort.

"But the task of authentically interpreting the word of God, whether written or handed on, has been entrusted exclusively to the living teaching office of the Church, whose authority is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ. This teaching office is not above the word of God, but serves it, teaching only what has been handed on, listening to it devoutly, guarding it scrupulously and explaining it faithfully in accord with a divine commission and with the help of the Holy Spirit, it draws from this one deposit of faith everything which it presents for belief as divinely revealed.

"It is clear, therefore, that sacred tradition, Sacred Scripture and the teaching authority of the

Church, in accord with God's most wise design, are so linked and joined together that one cannot stand without the others, and that all together and each in its own way under the action of the one Holy Spirit contribute effectively to the salvation of souls."

This quote from Vatican II beautifully explains why we as Catholics must be traditional for it is from the Tradition that we receive the Good News that can save our souls.

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September 19 and 20, 2020 Second Collection
will be for the
2020 Priests' Retirement and Benefits

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

John and Lori McCarley

Denise Cook

Parish Council Meeting
Our next Parish Council meeting will be on
Oct. 8, 2020 at 10:15 am

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, Lee Smith