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Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil Mass Sunday: 8:30 AM (English) 12: PM (Tiếng Việt)

Monday, Wednesday; 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

6:00 PM

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

9:00 AM

### **HOLY HOUR**

Monday; Wednesday; 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

4:30 PM

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

7:30 AM

#### **WEEKEND HOLY HOUR**

Saturday Evening: 4: 00 PM Sunday: 7:00 AM & 11:30 AM

#### **RECONCILIATION**

**After Mass** 

Monday - Thursday & Saturday

Or: by appointment



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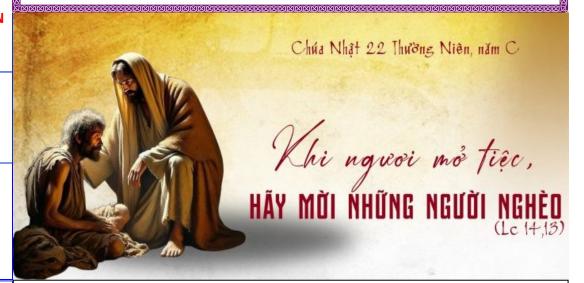
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# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 08, 31, 2025

"when you give a banquet, invite the poor..."". Luke 14, 1, 7-14

# The Pope Leo's Intention In September 2025

# For our relationship with all of creation:

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect. .

<u>Cầu cho mối tương quan của chúng ta với toàn thể công trình sáng</u>
<u>tạo:</u> Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện để, với cảm hứng của Thánh Phanxicô, chúng ta có thể trải nghiệm sự phụ thuộc lẫn nhau với mọi loài thụ tạo được Thiên Chúa yêu thương và xứng đáng được yêu thương và tôn trọng.

Mass Into	entions	08. 30 - 31. 09. 01 - 06. 2025
SAT: 08/30	(Vigil)	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
5:00 PM		<b>Tạ ơn Chúa, Đức Mẹ và cầu bình an</b> <i>AC Hòa &amp; Điệp</i>
SUN: 08/31 8:30 AM		TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
		<b>Lh. Teresa</b> AC Kiều Trinh & Thành Nguyễn
12:00 PM		Tạ ơn Chúa nhân dịp kỷ niệm 25 năm Thành Hôn (AC Quyền & Hạnh)
MON: 09/01 6:00 PM		Weekday 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30 Mr. Robert Lorei Fr. Hery
TUE: 09/02		Weekday 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
9:00	AM	<b>Lh. Gioakim &amp; Lh. Anna</b> ÔB Ngôn Nguyễn
WED: 09/03		Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church-Memorial Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
6:00 I	PM	Tạ ơn Chúa, Đức Mẹ và cầu bình an AC Hòa & Mai
THU: 09/04 9:00 AM		Weekday - Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11 Lh. Andre & Lh. Maria.
FRI: 09/05 6:00 PM		Weekday - Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39 All sicks & followed by the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick.
SAT 09/06		Weekday - BVM Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
9:00 /	AM	Giuse Tuấn Huỳnh— Fr. Henry & followed by the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick.
5:00 I	PM	Tạ ơn Chúa, Đức Mẹ và cầu bình an Bác Hoa & Chị Lệ
SUN: 09/07		TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Wis 9:13-18b/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
8:30 /	AM	Pray for all children, especially for all catechists - Fr. Henry
12:00	PM	<b>Tạ ơn Chúa, Đức Mẹ và cầu bình an</b> AC Hòa & Mai

# Twenty - second Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting Introibo ad altare Dei, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink. - Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# Please keep the following People in your prayers

David Dessauer, Mr. Ben White, Mr. Steve Dessauer, Mary Wheeler, Angela Hanh, Nguyễn Lành, Harold Alexander, Tom Snider, Bill Dineen Meg Guck, Laura Barnett, Pearline Smith and Doug Pickens, Sharon Cook, Dorothy Cook, Mary Ann



Coughlan, Ronny Murphy Eddie Hallford, Jay McAtee, Melissa Grigg, James Meyn, Dan Dwyer, Calvin Isbell, Jerry Powell, Kim Kellams, Danny Carter, Lori Gasque, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr. Robert McGlone, Joe Franz Mathes, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Rebecca Gonzalez, Nancy Barbour, Connie Tirico, Tammie Tweedy, Nancy Sterling, Geneva Alexander, Alie Smith, Lisa Carothers, Randall Adams, Melissa Dillon, David Boston, Mildred & Hallie Edenfield, Kimberly Simmons, Charlotte Hazel McEvilly, Ray Brueland, Joseph Schork, Brenda Wolfrey, Teresa Jones, and for all others not mentioned. If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please call the office at: (706) - 886 - 2819 - ext 1 or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at: 706 - 963 - 0050 for a loved one who is sick. Our homebound Ministers are please to bring you Holy Communion and the Weekly Bulletin.

## Sunday, August 31, 2025

# "when you give a banquet, invite the poor..." Luke 14:1, 7-14

<u>Meditation</u>: As you begin to read today's Gospel, you might wonder, "Is Jesus really offering advice on table manners and etiquette? Is he really telling me how to win people's esteem?"

But as you keep reading, you realize Jesus is after something else. He's not teaching you how to make friends and influence people; he's asking you to choose a life of humility and generosity—just as he did. Don't try to curry favor with the wealthy. Don't set yourself apart as someone special. Rather, get to know the "invisible people" who are usually left out. Care for the poor. Spend time with those who are disadvantaged. Learn their names and their stories.

In other words, Jesus is saying, Become like me. Imitate the One who humbly put aside his glory to live among us sinners (Philippians 2:6-7). Think of the time he spent with those who were "abandoned" (Matthew 9:36), how he joined them "at table" (9:10), and how he was not afraid to touch people who were sick and reviled (Luke 5:12-13; 7:38).

Above everything else, think of how he continues to humble himself at every Mass. Imagine: day in and day out, the all-holy Son of God generously makes himself present to the hundreds of millions who gather to worship him. In the Eucharistic gift of his Body and Blood, he gives himself to sinners, all of whom stand in need of salvation. No matter our situation, he offers each of us grace upon grace.

That's how Jesus wants us to live: in a spirit of humility and self-giving for anyone who is hurting in any way. And he asks us to do this, not on our own strength, but by drawing on the grace that he pours into us. So fix your eyes on Jesus, the humble One, today, and let him make you a little bit more like himself.

# "Lord, give me a heart like yours the heart of a servant!"

Chuyển ngữ: Sr. Maria Trần Thị Ngọc Hương Theo the Word Among us

## Chúa Nhật, ngày 31. 08. 2025

"Khi ngươi mở tiệc, hãy mời những người nghèo".
Lc 14, 1,7-14

<u>Suy niệm</u>: Khi bạn bắt đầu đọc bài Tin Mừng hôm nay, bạn có thể tự hỏi: "Liệu có phải Chúa Giêsu thực sự đang đưa ra lời khuyên về cách cư xử và hệ thống các quy tắc ứng xử không? Người có thực sự đang nói với tôi cách để chiến thắng lòng tự trọng của mọi người không?"

Nhưng khi bạn tiếp tục đọc, bạn nhận ra Chúa Giêsu đang hướng đến điều khác nữa. Người không dạy bạn cách kết bạn và gây ảnh hưởng những người khác; Người đang yêu cầu bạn lựa chọn một cuộc sống khiêm nhường và quảng đại – giống như Người đã sống. Bạn đừng cố gắng lấy lòng người giàu. Đừng tự cho mình là người đặc biệt. Tốt hơn, hãy biết đến "những người vô hình" thường bị loại trừ. Hãy chăm sóc những người nghèo. Hãy dành thời gian cho những người bị thiệt thòi. Hãy học tên họ và câu chuyện cuộc đời họ.

Nói cách khác, Chúa Giêsu đang nói: Hãy nên giống Ta. Hãy bắt chước Đấng khiêm nhường đặt từ bỏ vinh quang của mình để sống giữa chúng ta là những kẻ tội lỗi (x. Pl 2,6-7). Hãy suy nghĩ về thời gian mà Người đã dành cho những người "bị bỏ rơi" (Mt 9,36), cách Người đã tham gia "đồng bàn" với họ (Mt 9,10) và cách Người không sợ tiếp xúc với những người đau ốm và bị sỉ nhục (x. Lc 5,12-13; 7,38).

Trên hết mọi sự, hãy nghĩ tới cách Người tiếp tục khiêm nhường hạ mình nơi mỗi Thánh Lễ. Hãy tưởng tượng: ngày này sang ngày khác, Con Thiên Chúa toàn năng chí thánh quảng đại đích thân hiện diện trước hàng trăm triệu người quy tụ để thờ lạy Người. Trong quà tặng Thánh Thể Mình và Máu Thánh Người, Người ban chính mình cho các tội nhân, tất cả những ai đang cần ơn cứu độ. Bất kể tình trạng của chúng ta như thế nào, Người đều ban cho mỗi người chúng ta hết ơn này đến ơn khác.

Đó là cách Chúa Giêsu muốn chúng ta sống: trong một tinh thần khiêm nhường và hy sinh cho bất cứ ai đang đau khổ theo bất cứ cách nào. Và Người mời gọi chúng ta làm điều này, không bằng tự riêng sức chúng ta, nhưng bằng cách cậy dựa vào ơn mà Người ban chúng ta. Vậy hôm nay bạn hãy tập trung vào Chúa Giêsu, Đấng khiêm nhường và để Người biến đổi bạn nên giống Người hơn một chút.

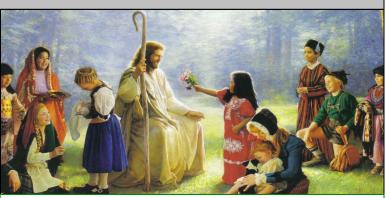
"Lạy Chúa, xin ban cho con một trái tim giống như Chúa – trái tim của người tôi tớ!"

# PSR New Sunday School Year 2025 - 2026

We are excited to begin another season of Parish School of Religion. We will start with Youth Mass on Sunday, September 7th, at 8:30 am. We ask that all catechists and PSR volunteers attend for a special blessing.

After this Mass, we would like students and their families to join us in the Parish Life Center for breakfast and a parent meeting to discuss the schedule, curriculum, expectations, and meet the teachers.

Following the meeting, students will participate in a Protecting God's Children-Virtus lesson. See the Program overview and reach out to Jessica Burger if you have any questions.



PSR IN SEPTEMBER 2025 : 9:30 AM —11:30 AM

Breakfast schedule	Date	Class		
Tiên Trần's family	09/07	PSR	١	
Tiên Trần's family	09/14	PSR	•	
Ladies Guild	09/21	PSR	•	
Tiên Trần's family	09/28	PSR		

# A Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father,
We pray today for our catechists.
We thank you for their gift
of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word.
Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in

right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# Cầu Nguyện cho Giáo Lý Viên

Lạy Thiên Chúa là nguồn mạch yêu thương,

Hôm nay, chúng con cầu nguyện cho các giáo lý viên của chúng con. Chúng con cảm tạ Chúa vì họ chính Là món quà Chúa ban qua việc phục vụ Ngài trong Giáo hội.

Xin Chúa ban cho họ sự khôn ngoan của Ngài để họ có thể lớn lên trong sự hiểu biết và giảng dạy Lời Ngài. Xin cũng ban cho họ tình yêu của Ngài để họ có thể trở thành những người loan báo Lời Ngài một cách hiệu quả và dẫn dắt người khác yêu mến Ngài.

Xin đổ tràn Thánh Thần của Ngài lên họ để ban cho họ sự khôn ngoan về những điều quan trọng; kiến thức về những chân lý đức tin; hiểu biết về ý nghĩa của chúng; phán đoán đúng về cách áp dụng chúng trong cuộc sống; can đảm để kiên trì ngay cả khi đối mặt với nghịch cảnh; thái độ tôn kính trước tất cả những gì thiêng liêng và cao quý; và sự nhiệt huyết yêu thương mà dẫn dắt người khác được biến đổi và đến gần với Con Ngài.

Chúng con cầu xin nhờ Đức Kitô, Chúa chúng con. Amen.

# Offertory/Contribution Weekend of August 23 & 24, 2025

Weekly Budget	\$ 3,100.00
Offertory	\$ 4,082.00
HML (Debt Reduction Program)	\$ 1,060.00
Other	\$ 56
Total deposit	\$ 5,198.00

## The counters for the week of 09/02 are:

Nancy Williamson, Bill Mercure and Pat Kassal

Second collection of next week is for HONORING MARY'S LEGACY (DEBT REDUCTION PROGRAM)

# Thank you for your generosity!

# September focus:

Supporting the parish endowment fund through gifts of appreciated stock Use this opportunity to plant the seed for parishioners to make a gift to your parish endowment fund.



Questions? Visit cfnga.org/resources/parish-resources for more, or call us at 404.497.9440.

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# **September 7: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<u>Tax Benefits of Gifts of Securities:</u> Transferring appreciated stock that you have owned for at least a year is an easy way to support the parish and receive tax benefits. To make a gift to your parish endowment fund by transferring securities, please contact the Catholic Foundation (info@cfnga.org or 404.497.9440) or visit cfnga.org to learn more.

#### September 14 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Facilitate your charitable giving, receive a tax deduction, and avoid capital gains. You can use appreciated stock to create a donor advised fund and give to what you care about, including your parish offertory and the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. To learn more about how this could work for you, please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation: jgreco@cfnga.org or 404.497.9440.

# Save the date for St. Mary's Parish Picnic!

Sunday, 09. 07<sup>th</sup>. 2025

Open: 2:00PM; - Lunch: 3:00 PM

at Tugaloo State Park Pavilion

Please keep our beloved
Nancy Barbour in our prayers







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# PATH's next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat October 17-19, 2025

If abortion is part of your story, you may carry anger, guilt, or regret. Healing after abortion isn't about excusing what happened or forgetting. It's about finding peace. Call today to take that first step toward your healing and wholeness. Join us for PATH's next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat October 17-19, 2025.

For more information or to register, call or text our confidential number

- at 404-717-5557
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- Start where you are. You're so worth it.
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# The Knights of Columbus Joseph M. Malik Council 9975



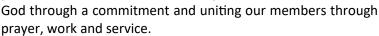
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A Catholic Men's organization whose principles are charity, unity and fraternity: all activities that the council involves itself in are based upon these tenets. We work closely with our Pastor and members are involved in a wide range of church functions in support of the parish family.

- ⇒ Members are required to be practicing Catholics and a minimum of eighteen years old.
- ⇒ Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6PM, in the Parish Social Hall.
- ⇒ Monthly parish breakfast is sponsored on the first or second Sunday after the morning Mass. For more info please visit: www.kofc.org

# St. Mary's Ladies

The Ladies of St. Mary serve to provide a community of fellowship and growth in faith, reaching out to serve and support our pastor, parish families and the community. We serve



## Meet: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month

- 10 AM; at the Social Hall

Co-Presidents: - Connie Tirico: (678) - 464 - 3214

- Michelle Wright: (404) -375 - 5958



Saint Vincent de Paul Society St. Mary Toccoa Conference

Help Telephone: 678 - 892 - 6163

## St Vincent de Paul Needs you!

Are you looking for ways to experience Christ? Members of St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul conference invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing Christ by serving our neighbors in need. We see Christ in the poor because Jesus told us "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me." To learn more: www.svdpgeorgia.org/join-svdp. For more information contact Ethan Owen: (706) - 599 - 6815.

# **BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**



If you would like to have your birthday and anniversary announced on WNEG radio/Connie Gaines, please use the signup sheet is in the narthex. Questions? Contact Gary

Cortellino: Phone: 678) 360-2545

Email: garycortel@aol.com

# Help us keep the Church Clean!

# 1/ God's Housekeepers:

We are looking for more parishioners to help clean the church. The ministry is called God's Housekeepers and each week 2 people clean the church,



narthex, and restrooms. Your commitment would be four times during the year. We have all of the supplies for you. If you're interested or want more information, please call, text or email Laverne Tilley. Phone: 770 - 539 -0460 or email: ltilley@gmail.com.

Thanks and let me know if you need more information.

## 2/ Lawn Care Service:

If you are interested to help to care the garden or lawn care of the Church. Please contact Mr. Tony Duong Vu's team at:



- vutony603@gmail.com or 706-599-4278
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# New and Existing Parishioners of St. Mary

#### SIGN UP FOR THE FLOCKNOTE COMMUNICATION

Regarding: Prayer Request, Parish Activities, Reminders, Mass Changes, etc.... Please give us your name, email and cell phone.

PLEASE PRINT AND WIRTE LEGIABLY 8 NO LAND LINE PHONE NUMBERS. The form is in the Nathex.

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