

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Those who are humble will find favor with God. Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.



Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."



For the Week of September 1st through September 8th

Sunday

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

First Friday

Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

First Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website,

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 31st

4:00 p.m. Jerry Peterson

6:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, September 1st

8:00 a.m. Our Parishioners, Living And Deceased

10:00 a.m. Tim Kern

Monday, September 2nd

8:30 a.m. Mass for all Workers

Tuesday, September 3rd

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 4th

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 5th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, September 6th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, September 7th

4:00 p.m. (SH) Joan Carol Walton

Sunday, September 8th

8:00 a.m. Mary and Lawrence Reni

10:00 a.m. Joe Szwajkowski



REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Rosemary Keating, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne, Tom Blum, Michael and Lena Yirka* and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.

NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.

NEW PARISHONERS: The following people have registered in our parish recently: *Marilyn Maguire of Chestertown*. We pray that you will become closer to God through your participation in our Faith Community. We look forward to getting to know you. Welcome!

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



Bringing the Gospel Home

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Luke 14:1,7-14

Reflection for Parents

Most often the role of a parent is cast in humility. When we think back on our own childhoods, even if we have taken the time to tell our parents how much we appreciate all they did for us, children rarely take in the whole scope of what their parents do for them. Yes, in some cases we might even say what parents sacrifice for them, but it's hard to call something a sacrifice when it's given out of love. Still, parents know what it means to provide for someone who cannot repay us. We don't expect our children to repay us financially for what we've given them in food, clothing, shelter, education, and entertainment. Not only is it not realistic, but it's just not the way it works! We understand the meaning of this Gospel in connection with our children, but how much greater our understanding will be if we reach beyond our own family to provide for someone in our society who cannot begin to repay us.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Using your parish bulletin, local newspaper, or knowledge you have of your community, find someone or a group of people who cannot repay a kindness from you. Decide as a family what you will do to serve this person or group. Perhaps you can help serve a meal at a soup kitchen or hunger center. Maybe you can provide clothing or transportation to a family struggling at this time. You might look for non-profit organizations that rely on volunteers in order to provide services to the community. When you have finished your service experience, read this passage again and share together how you lived the Gospel message this week.

Discussion Starters

1. The most humble person I know is . . . What makes him/her humble is . . .
2. An experience I had of honor happened when . . . I responded (or did not respond) humbly by . . .
3. This reading makes me pay attention to the way I . . .



HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH, our Parish intergenerational religious education program, begins again on **Sunday, September 22 in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 am liturgy.**

This year's theme is **THE CREED**. We will be examining each statement contained in the Nicene Creed, the profession of faith that we recite each Sunday. As Catholic Christians, what do we profess to believe in? What is your understanding of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit? What exactly is the Communion of Saints? Who or what is the Holy Catholic Church?

We will be using Bishop Robert Barron's series "**Catholicism**" to enhance our understanding of the concepts that form our most basic beliefs. Each week the parish bulletin Calendar section will list the topics for discussion. One session will be a whole household group activity/discussion session, while the next session for that topic will use the "**Catholicism**" video series. Put the dates on your calendar and join your fellow parishioners in this opportunity to learn more about our one, holy, catholic and apostolic faith.

AUGUST SAINTS



JEANNE JUGAN – AUGUST 30

From the time she was a little girl, Jeanne Jugan knew how it felt to be in need. She was born in revolutionary-era France in 1792, and her father was a fisherman who was lost at sea. Her mother struggled to find ways to support her family in their small village. Jeanne's mother raised her children with faith and love.

When Jeanne was a teenager, she took a job as a maid in the home of a wealthy Christian family. The woman of the house often took Jeanne with her when she went to visit the sick and elderly people in the village. The woman taught Jeanne the importance of putting her faith in practice by showing love for her neighbor.

Later, Jeanne worked in a hospital, but after six years, the demands of the job had exhausted her. She went to work for an elderly woman. Jeanne and the woman prayed together everyday and performed charitable works. They also invited the neighborhood children into the home to teach them the Catholic faith.

After the woman died, Jeanne and two other women rented a room in a small cottage. They devoted themselves to daily Mass and caring for people in need, especially old people who were alone and sick. In 1839, at the age of 47, Jeanne brought home a sick and blind elderly widow, giving the woman her own bed. Eventually, caring for the abandoned elderly became the primary focus of her religious order, and remains so today for the approximately 2,700 Little Sisters of the Poor.

Jeanne and her friends begged for money in the streets and by going from door to door. More women joined them in their mission and Jeanne was elected as their superior. Sister Mary of the Cross became Jeanne's religious name.

She died in 1879 and the Church declared Jeanne a saint in October of 2009. Today she is the patron saint of the elderly, and her Little Sisters of the Poor serve more than 13,000 elderly persons in 32 countries.



© Jean Denton flock.pastoralcenter.com

"Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God."

Sheepish Question:

Who am I trying to impress?

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending August 25th Week 9

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John's are made possible. "Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 8/25 Wk. 9	\$4,500	\$704	\$6,635	-\$1,431
YTD Wk. 9	\$41,148	\$12,293	\$59,715	-\$6,274

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

HELP NEEDED: Each year, the Salvation Army distributes approximately \$20,000.00 to families in need, in the Chestertown area. A team of volunteers interviews these individuals two mornings a week, at the First United Methodist Church. Presently, we are in need of a volunteer to help interview clients, one to two mornings a month. These clients have been pre-screened and referred by Kent County Department of Social Services. No experience is needed. Training is provided.

Please call Pat McDonald at 410-928-5160 if interested in helping our neighbors in need.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR GARNETT AND ROCK HALL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



Having the right tool for the job makes a big difference. Let us once again help all of our local students begin the new school year equipped with all of the tools necessary for success. **Collection boxes will be at the doors of Sacred Heart and St. John this weekend.** Questions – for Sacred Heart, please contact Joanne Whalen at 410-708-7064 or jwhalen2016@gmail.com, or for St. John, please contact Jack Bigelow at 410-708-2966 or jnabigelow@gmail.com.

- Back Packs
- 1” 3-Ring Binders
- Composition Notebooks (**not wire-bound spiral**)
- Loose Leaf Paper Packs (**wide ruled**)
- 3 x 5 Index Card Packs
- Glue Sticks (large or small sticks in multipacks)
- # 2 Wooden Pencils (**10 packs preferred**)
- Multi-Pocket Folders (**2-pocket and 5-pocket preferred**)
- Pencil Pouches (zipper) and pencil boxes
- Crayola Crayons (**24 pack preferred**)
- Crayola Markers (multi-colored)
- Box of ZIPLOCK Baggies (sandwich or quart-size)
- Eraser Packs
- Personal Pencil Sharpeners
- Highlighters (**yellow and multi-colored**)
- Multiplication/Division Flash Cards
- Headphones (**NOT Earbuds**)
- Rounded End Scissors
- Tissues (both individual and boxes)
- Rest Mats

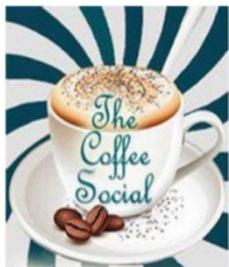
Mass Schedule commencing on 7/8th of September:

**Saturdays, Sacred Heart - 4:00 p.m.
Liturgy**

Sundays:

St. John – 8:00 a.m. Liturgy

Sacred Heart – 10:00 a.m. Liturgy



We plan to resume our **Sunday Coffee Socials** on **September 15, 2019**, following the 10:00 AM Mass, and continue weekly through Christmas.

**THIS CAN ONLY HAPPEN IF WE HAVE
ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS.**

Parishioners wishing to serve as hosts and hostesses in this *Ministry of Hospitality* --- on a schedule and frequency of their own choosing --- should contact Frank Creegan (410-778-4830 or fcreegan2@washcoll.edu).

