

August 7, 2022 | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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CATHOLIC PARISH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am

Daily Masses

Monday – Friday 8:30am

Rosary prayed every weekday at 8:00am

Holy Days/Feast Days

8:30am & 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30pm (In the church)
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday: 9am - 2pm

STAFF

Pastor

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers

Business Manager

Bill Lawton

Religious Ed Coordinator

Sharon Bushway

Secretary

Deborah Harding

Musicians

Denis and Priscilla Coughlin

Finance Council Chairperson

Gerald Gates

SACRAMENTS / OTHER

Baptism

Instruction is required for all parents seeking baptism of their child. Please contact the Rectory.

Marriage

Please contact the Rectory at least one year in advance.

Care of the Sick

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick so that we may keep them in prayer and bring the Eucharist to those who cannot attend Mass.

Confidential Prayer Line

To add intentions please call Ellen Calamari at 978-660-3818 or the Rectory at 978-464-2871.

Adult Bible Study

Please contact the Rectory for schedule

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Wednesdays at 8:00pm in the Parish Hall

QUESTION IS ...

At the
unexpected
sound of a
knock,
would He
find
you ready?

Luke 12: 32-48

Does your earthly currency have an expiration date?
Because, all vanity and possessions are indeed fleeting.

When Jesus suddenly knocks, what lasting treasures
will you be able to present to Him?

For at that time, there will be no more excuses.

“Heavenly Father, help me to keep my death constantly
before my eyes, for this is my final account.”

*Today, for those who will not repent at the approach of the
Kingdom of Heaven, the reproof of the Lord Jesus is the same.
As for when the end of the world will be, that is God's concern.
Even so, the time is very near for each of us, for we are mortal!*

Saint Augustine



*Please pray to end
Abortion
and Infanticide*

Sat	8/6	3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions Special Intention
Sun	8/7	8:30am 10:30am	unrequested Nancy Goodwin <i>by the family</i>
Mon	8/8	8:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tue	8/9	8:30am	Joan Brady
Wed	8/10	8:30am	Robert Chalmers
Thu	8/11	8:30am	Intentions of our Prayer Line and Prayer Intention Book
Fri	8/12	8:30am	unrequested
Sat	8/13	3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions Jeanette and Joseph Goguen <i>by Anita and Gino Masciari</i>
Sun	8/14	8:30am 10:30am	Fr. Tom Schmidt Fred Casselman, Irvin and Jane Puffer <i>by the family</i>

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Dear Friends,

In the Gospel reading from Luke, for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time this year, Jesus said, "Be sure of this: If the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You must also be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

I wonder if Jesus' second coming was tomorrow, would we be ready? Again, if the Lord called us to Himself on any of the upcoming days would we be ready? It seems that most of us would have a difficult time answering yes to these questions.

As we pray and worship, may we have the courage to continue to prepare our souls for our loving God. Through the trials of life, we need to trust in God. Let us seek out our Lady and her maternal love for this spiritual endeavor. In our prayer, may we come to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She will lead us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is within His dear Sacred Heart that our Lord will nourish our souls with His sacrificial love and mercy, preparing us for the Eternal Father.

As we contemplate our personal relationship with God, let us be filled with hope that God is calling us to Himself. May we continue to be aware of preparing our souls for eternal life, striving, "to be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect." Let us not be overwhelmed by the immensity of this endeavor, but allow Jesus to lead us along the way. Be well and be safe!

*God's love and prayers always,
Fr. Ed*

"Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."



**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF
THE LORD**

Saturday, August 6th

"No one should fear to suffer for the sake of justice; no one should lose confidence in the reward that has been promised. The way to rest is through toil, the way to life is through death. Christ has taken on Himself the whole weakness of our lowly human nature. If then we are steadfast in our faith in Him and in our love for Him, we win the victory that He has won, we receive what He has promised."

St Pope Leo the Great (400-461) Doctor of the Church

Diocese of Worcester

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

(Luke 12:34)

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

"The disciple is one, who awaits the Lord and His Kingdom. May the Virgin Mary help us, not to be people and communities dulled by the present, or worse, nostalgic for the past, but striving toward the future of God, toward the encounter with Him, our life and our hope."

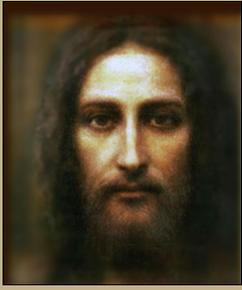
Pope Francis

**THE ONLY WAY GOD CAN
SHOW US
HE'S IN CONTROL
IS TO PUT US IN
SITUATIONS
WE CAN'T CONTROL.
HAVE YOU LET GO YET?**

St. Thomas More Law School Scholarship



Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of not less than \$3000 to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. Applications may be obtained at the following website address: www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society, by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or by calling Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Applications are due on or before September 2, 2022. Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated; contact can be made at the above address or phone number.



The Holy Face of Jesus Relic

**St. Cecilia Parish - Leominster
Saturday, August 20**

St. Cecilia Parish, 180 Mechanic St., Leominster, will host a presentation and opportunity to venerate a relic of the Holy Face of Jesus, Saturday, Aug. 20 at the 9 a.m. Mass. This Holy Relic has been touched to Veronica's Holy Veil, touched to the True Wood of the Cross, and touched to the Spear-head that pierced Christ's side. These facts are verified by the wax Papal Seal and the Certificate of Authenticity signed by His Holiness, Pope St. Pius X, in the year 1905. It is now 114 years old. Visit holysfaceadoration.com/holy-face-presentations to learn more.

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Cleaning Out Your House

You think it may be time?

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.
(2 Timothy 2:21)

Since we were married, my wife and I have moved several times. Each time, we found ourselves cleaning out our house. We found that we had things we were keeping we didn't need. There were things we had bought thinking we would use them, but they were just cluttering the closets and shelves. We needed to get rid of that clutter because it was not providing a benefit to us and there was no point in moving the items.

It seems that our human nature is to bring things into our lives that we may not need. Just like we bring things into our homes that will clutter the shelves, we bring things into our lives that clutter our shelves. These are things that do not bring value to our lives.

In his writing in Timothy, Paul shares that there are different types of vessels that are kept. He said in verse 20 that some are to honor and some to dishonor. He writes here in verse 21 that we must purge ourselves from those things that are dishonorable. ("All who cleanse themselves of the things I have mentioned will become special utensils, dedicated and useful to the owner of the house, ready for every good work.") Therefore, we should want to keep the things in our lives that are adding true value.

Paul is suggesting a spiritual house cleaning. He is suggesting that we take an examination of our lives and all that is in them, and remove the things that may prevent us from being a vessel of honor to God. It may mean that we need to remove friends, influences, activities, or many other things. Whatever that may be on the shelves of our spiritual lives that prevent us from being used fully by God.

How long has it been since you took a look at your spiritual house to see if it needs to be cleaned out? There are so many things that want to creep onto the "shelves" of our hearts. We must be vigilant to clean those things out so that we can continue to be ready for use by the Master.

<https://anotherwell.org/2022/07/22/cleaning-out-your-house>



Holy Hour to Pray for Priests

On Friday, **August 12 from 7 - 8 pm** a holy hour to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. The holy hour consists of time for silent adoration, a short reflection, the rosary, and benediction. Please join us to pray for our priests. Repeats every second Friday of the month.

Are You Pursuing Lasting Treasure?

Occupations and Preoccupations:

We are often so preoccupied and anxious about the things of this world that we forget about pursuing the treasure of the next, "an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy." In working so hard, we fall into another trap of pursuing every little entertainment and escapism to compensate such dedication. All the while, we easily forget about our real purpose and the real relationship we ought to be fostering each day with God our Father who loves us and "is pleased to give you the kingdom." What are the best excuses I use that prevent me from having a deeper committed relationship with God? Do I give as much dedication, money and time to loving God and serving my neighbor as I do to pursuing entertainments?

Pleased to Give You the Kingdom:

Am I convinced God is truly "pleased to give you the kingdom," that he loves me and is interested in me? Why don't I always want what God wants for me? What things and activities in my life are emptying me and distracting me from developing a better relationship with Christ? In order to maintain a healthy spiritual life, we must often reassess our attitudes and change our priorities so as to safeguard our hearts from being swindled and robbed of our true treasure, which is God. Do my priorities and decisions reflect to those around me that Christ is the true love of my heart, my true treasure?

The Devil's Strategy Revealed:

Once upon a time, Satan called an end-of-the-fiscal-year meeting to go over the year's results. He was not pleased, and he demanded to know what new strategies he could employ to guarantee success in moving men's hearts away from their Creator. Sending men distractions in prayer and contemplation came just ahead of tempting men to greed and lust. Infiltrating and corrupting the music industry increased the numbers. Developing the multibillion-dollar pornography industry brought in great results. Yet, Satan was still not satisfied. Then one suggestion was brought to his attention: "We must convince the men of earth that they have a lot of time!" We all tend to think we will continue in this earthly life for many years to come. This may not be the case, for we know not the day or the hour. We must awake from our slumber, for "blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival."

<https://catholic.net/op/articles/419/cat/1187/prepare-for-the-unexpected-hour.html>

WHEN OUR FOCUS IS ON ETERNITY, OUR LIFESTYLES REFLECT THAT PERSPECTIVE.

Weekend Collection - July 31

Sunday Offertory: \$1,610.00
Maintenance: \$95.00
Feast of the Assumption: \$20.00
Total Collection: \$1,725.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Safe Environment Notice

Prince of Peace Parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children and young people approved by the US Bishops and Diocese of Worcester policies. If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to Judith Audette, Director of the Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester at 508-929-4393.