

St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465
Bulletin: September 6, 2026 - 718-828-3403



PRAYER AT GROUND ZERO

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain. We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here — the heroic first-responders:

Our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion, to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope. We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering. God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all

¹⁹⁰ Benedict XVI. Prayer at Ground Zero,
New York - April 20, 2008

September 11, 2001
September 11, 2026

*May we never forget the memory of those
whose spirit shines in the darkness!*

**At 8:46am the bells will toll throughout the
Archdiocese!**

**Please say a prayer for the victims at
this time!**



MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, September 6th; Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Johanna Livesay "Living"
8:00 Domenico and Maria Del Vecchio
9:30 Michelangelo Cipollone
11:00 Christopher Jonathan Brown
5:00 St. Benedict Parish

MONDAY, September 7th; Labor Day

8:30 Silvia Resciniti and Angelo Salvatico

TUESDAY, September 8th; The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast

8:30 Manuel A. Diaz

WEDNESDAY, September 9th; Saint Peter Claver

8:30 Michael Driscoll

THURSDAY, September 10th

8:30 Anthony Corrado

FRIDAY, September 11th

8:30 St. Benedict School

Those Who Perished in the Twin Towers
on September 11, 2001

SATURDAY, Sept. 12th; The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30 Lina Fava

4:00 Frank Janicki

SUNDAY, September 13th; Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 St. Benedict Parish
8:00 John Donadio
9:30 Vazquez and Halpern Families
"Deceased and Living"
11:00 Patrick Francis Mooney
5:00 Santo Terrasi
"Happy Heavenly Birthday"

**THIS WEEK'S ALTAR BREAD, WINE, AND
ALTAR CANDLES HAVE BEEN DONATED BY:**

*Antonio and Maria Boiano
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Rosa and Nunziato Pilla*

**THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN
DONATED BY:**

*Loving Daughter-in-Law and Grandchildren
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Domenico and Maria Del Vecchio*

**THIS WEEK'S ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES
ARE:**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
*Those Who Perished in the Twin Towers on
September 11, 2001 - 25th Anniversary*

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased Members of
Our Parish and their Grieving Families:**

John Joseph Wolf

**REGISTRATION for 2026-2027 IS NOW OPEN
for Religious Ed (CCD) and Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd (CGS)**

ONLINE REGISTRATION for both our Parish
programs is available on our Parish website:
@stbenedictchurchny.org. All information
regarding program fees, class times and dates,
along with the registration form and online
payment option are also available on our
Parish website.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION upon request.
Please email Maria Pirraglia at:
reled@stbenedictsschool.com to schedule
an appointment.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration for 2026-2027 is now open.
Visit the Parish website: stbenedictchurchny.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for GRADES 1 - 8

Wednesday session 4:15pm to 5:45pm OR
Sunday session 10:30am to 11:45am

Classes meet at St. Benedict's School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for Pre-K & Kindergarten
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 (ages 4-6)

Sunday session #1 8:30am to 9:30am OR

Sunday session #2 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Classes meet at the Convent

NOTE: this class is NOT offered on WEDNESDAYS.

If interested in a tour of the atrium (classroom) email
Maria Pirraglia at:
reled@stbenedictsschool.com

FIRST DAY of CLASSES:

Wed, Sept.23, 2026 and Sun, Sept 27, 2026

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

*This is an Invitation to ALL Adults who have not
received their sacraments.* You are invited to
attend classes here at Saint Benedict's starting the
end of September 2026. If you are interested,
please come to the rectory to register. Any
questions, please go to:
Rectory@stbenedictchurchny.com or call
718-828-3403, x101.

Thank you.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekdays: Monday through Friday
8:30am

Saturdays: 8:30am and 4:00pm
(Saturday Evening Vigil)

Sundays: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 5:00pm

Message from Fr. Pergjini,

The first reading from the prophet Ezekial today reminds us of the duty and moral obligation to speak the truth, to place before the faithful what is sinful and what is not sinful, what is holy and what is evil, what is wrong and what is right. The prophet Ezekiel has received this command from God to warn the sinner to avoid evil deeds for their salvation. Of course, when Ezekial spoke, they hated him as they did hate those who spoke the truth. Today, unfortunately, not all of us as clergy avoid these warnings and we are focused more on the love of God without mentioning love is impossible to separate from the truth of God. One of our serious issues today is taking Holy Communion for granted and unwillingness to know the requisites of holy communion. For instance, at funerals and weddings we make this announcement before distributing Holy Communion. **"We welcome you today to our parish, Catholics, and non-Catholics. We invite Catholics who are prepared to receive Holy Communion. Being prepared as a Catholic means attending Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and going to confession at least once a year. If you are not prepared, you may come up for a blessing instead by folding your arms across your chest. We welcome non-Catholics today and we hope and pray they will respect the guidelines of our Eucharist not to receive holy communion, but they are welcome to come up for a blessing by crossing their arms. We thank you for your understanding."**

It is the duty of the clergy to inform the faithful about the requirements of Holy Communion. One time, after the funeral mass was over, the sister of the deceased said to me "if you did not make the announcement, I would have received without being aware of these requirements, I thank you for letting us know." On the other hand, there are also times when we are rebuked with anger for making this announcement. On one occasion someone approached me after the funeral. He was angry saying to me that he did not like what I said. He said what about Juda who participated at the Last supper. I patiently listened to him and said "you know what happened to Juda, who received without discerning the powerful presence of Christ at the last supper. Juda hanged himself." He left in silence.

We have to be prepared for the confrontations, knowing our duty as Catholic priests, and accepting the consequences. Our conscience needs to be informed, corrected, and prepared. I am fully aware that there are many who ignore what we announce. In their arrogance and stubbornness, they think in their mind who are you to tell me when I should receive or not receive Holy communion. The idea being Catholic today simply means that they are automatically entitled to go and line up to receive Holy Communion.

They think it is a private thing and can make up their own mind regarding this essential issue of our faith. The Catholic Church, through the celebration of the Holy Mass, provides for the faithful the Real Sacramental Presence of Christ. The holy mass, holy communion, can never be separated from the sacrament of confession. It is impossible to separate one from the other. We remind them that one of the precepts of our Catholic Church is, and continues to be, that a Catholic, at least once a year the faithful should go to confession.

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Therefore, participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Catholic church we are obliged to follow the requirements of our Catholic teaching regarding Holy communion. It is true if we do not speak from the pulpit regarding this delicate issue the faithful are not responsible. The Catholic clergy are responsible for not telling what the right way is to receive holy communion. The readings today are very clear: we as clergy need to point out what is sinful and the need for conversion. When the faithful hears the message, we as clergy have done our part, and they must do their part.

There are honest and humble people who hear this message. They are aware they cannot line up and receive without being sacramentally prepared. On the other hand, there are many Catholics who know that they cannot receive holy communion, still they go up and receive anyhow. For instance, co-habitation has become the norm these days. They live as husband and wife without having the sacrament of matrimony. It is our duty again to encourage them to be prepared to receive the sacrament of matrimony and seal their union with Christ's Blessings. Again, it is our duty to speak, to help them to live in state of grace.

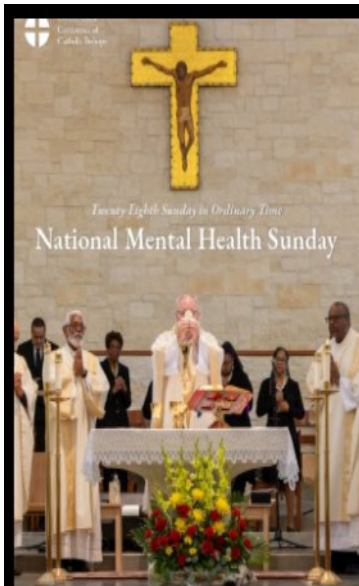
There are also people who already know that they cannot receive holy communion but faithfully come to attend Sunday Holy Mass. We approach them regarding this delicate issue, most of them are honest and willing to make plans for getting married in the Catholic Church or applying for an annulment. The readings today, from the prophet Ezekiel, the responsorial psalm, Saint Paul's letter, and the Gospel of Saint Mathew, strongly emphasize that if we do not speak out regarding sin, we are responsible before Almighty Father. For this reason, it is our duty to inform those who are not aware of their sinful relationships. We must take very seriously as Catholics the most sacred element of our Catholic faith: the Real Presence of our Lord, hidden in the sacred host, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

One of the reasons today that many Catholics do not believe in the real presence or take for granted the Eucharist is because they have neglected the sacrament of confession. Sin, mortal or venial are not mentioned. Not attending Holy Mass on Sunday or Holy days of Obligation is not considered a sin for most of the people today. The ten commandments that are the most powerful tool to make an examination of conscience are not used. Still, we cannot ignore our duty to speak out about the redeeming value of the Eucharist that saves our broken souls.

From the beginning of our faith regarding the Eucharist Saint Paul was very strong: **"All who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgement against themselves" (1Cor11:29)**

St. Paul spoke back, and still his words are valid and will always be valid, whether we like them or not. The purpose of the words of the Ezekial and Christ's words in today's gospel are meant to help us, to be aware of our sinfulness and desperate need for our conversion.

May we always have the courage to speak out the Truth that saves our souls and to proclaim that Christ wants salvation of our souls and not condemnation.



SAVE THE DATE
October 11, 2026

(the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

**National Catholic
Mental Health Campaign
& Mental Health Sunday**

Recommended by the USCCB
to break the stigma around mental
illness, offer spiritual accompaniment
to those who struggle, and to highlight
mental health awareness and healing.

Catholics are invited to pray the
National Mental Health Novena From October 10 to 18

Digital resource links

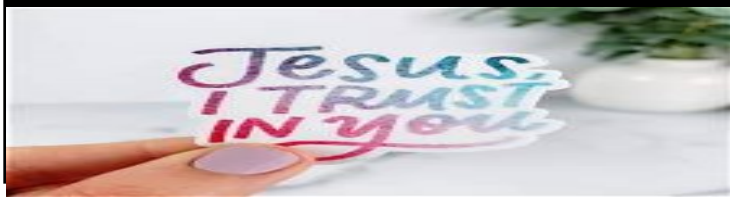
USCCB Campaign & Reflections: usccb.org/healing-and-hope

Daily Novena : usccb.org/mental-health-novena

Catholic Mental Health Ministers: catholicmhm.org

Catholic Charities Wellness Resource: catholiccharitiesusa.org/publications/whole-hearted/

If you or a loved one are carrying the silent weight of anxiety,
depression, or grief, please know that you are a beloved child of God,
and you are never alone.



The Bible Study Group is taking a break for the
summer. God willing, we will begin again in the Fall
(date to be determined).
Have a Blessed, Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

BUS TRIP TO PADRE PIO
Monday, September 21, 2026

National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Rd, Barto, Pa
Depart 8:00am from the Bruckner Blvd side
Depart 4:00pm from Barto, PA

\$60.00 per person round trip (No Refunds)

Bring your own lunch

**THERE ARE NO MORE
SEATS AVAILABLE!!!**

Please Remember to Pray for the Sick!
May they find healing and comfort in Jesus Christ!

Sr. Claire Regan, Stacey Addario, Joseph Abbate, Louis Amend,
Donna Antonacci, Yselsa Arroyo, Gustavo Bardana, Andrea
Emilia Bernabey, Jack Bonacorso, Kathleen Bowers, Joseph
Brenner, Wendelin Brenner, Walter Buddington, Peter Burnett,
Amy Buscamonte, Caceres Family, Diane, Georjina Cales,
Frankie Carpenter, Fay Carter, Jay and Patricia Cepero, Carolyn
Chiappetta, Patricia Coughlin, Tom Curran, Maryann Cuttita,
Lillian Cuttler, Frank Dailey, Vinny D'Amico, Louis D'Annuncci,
Debbie, Carla DeCicco, Anton Deski, Darielle Deviccaro, Angela
Diaz, Lali Dilone, Anthony DiNardi, Emily DiNardi, John DiNardi,
Margaret Dionisio, Dorothy DiPierro, Pat Eaccirano, Sandra
Edwards, Sean Fagan, Barbara Farrell, Melissa Fonseca,
Francisco Fernandez, Isabelle Mercedes Fernandez, John
Fernandez, Filomena Fidanza, Christopher Filardi, David Fisher,
Anthony Fortunato, Roseann Frattini, Debra Ann Garcia, Richard
Garcia, Sr., Richard Garcia, Jr., Rose Gettenberg, Ralph Giorgio,
Hope Mercedes Fernandez, Nereida Ferrer, Gordon, Marion
Gruber, Frank Hinz, Jr., Sharon Holzapfel, Donna Inzano, Eileen
Jeninngs, Edward Kennedy, Paul Korngold, Stephanie (Tyko)
Kreps, Daniel Kundig, Josephine Lambell, Manuel Larino, Elise
Lawle, Luis Gabriel Leal, Geraldine Lee, Mary Alexandra Lee,
Virginia Lee, Frankie Lettera, Jessica Lettera, Francine Lettley,
Katharina Listner, Frank Lomangino, LauMei Sheung Louie,
Tiffany MacKnight, Ernie Magnotta, Julia Magnotta, Adrienne
Malave, Elizabeth Mandile, Ann Marro, Olga Martinez, Robert
McCarthy, Margo McGinty, Annette Matranga, Denise McPadden,
Sue McVey, Carolyn Morello, Christie Madonna Muccino, Paula
Mullane, Rosa Munoz, Lisa Murphy, Oyola Family, Maylee
Roman Overman, Angelo Palumbo, Sr., Juana Perez, Aida
Perez, Pasquale Preziosa, Paolo Principe, Michael and Robert
Prokop, Linda Ranallo, Kim Rappold, Richard Reale, Joshua
Reaser, Philip Rebia, William F. Reilly, Maritza Resto, Frank
Riegel, Phillip Rivera, Joanne and Walter Robinson, Mario and
Nelson Roman, Antonette Roublick, Sylvia Russo, Angela Dello
Russo, John Russo, Carl Saglimbeni, Ann & Dave Samhammer,
Peter Samoylo, Ashley Saucedo, Ada Scanga, Margaret Geddis
Schmidt, Nicolai Soriano, Maria Soto, Edward Spar, Lois Stabile,
Virginia Strasser, Theresa Stanton, Ramon Surita, Pasquale
Tartaglione, Jennifer Tully, Stefanie Ural, Teresa Bosquez
Valdez, Fran Walsh, Loretta White

+ Babies/Children +

Amber, Baby Amari, Baby Rose, Brayden, Brinley, Mia Carolla,
Daniella Grace Comblo, Charli Mary Carozza, Crosslyn, Declynn,
Sebastian DeLuca, Caleb DeJesus, Erma, Marco Garcia,
Joseph Gentile, Ella Grazia Delli Carpini, Eli, Blake Salvatore
Haddock, Harry, Jr., Hayden, Noelle Jablonka, Katherin,
Savannah Longo, Sophia Lopez, Emi Lun, Aubrey Madden,
Maizy, Giulia Sofia McCullough, Mila, Natalie, Noah, Lucas Ortiz,
Sihanna, Anastassia Savov, Tiffany Toro, Summer Rose Vachna

GOD BLESS AMERICA!



III. *Nikolas Stanovic and Kristina Djurovic*
I. *Daniel Agnello and Michelle Lawless*

Preston Center of Compassion's English as A Second Language Program

PCC is offering our ESL Program; details are as follows:

Where: St. Frances de Chantal (Throggs Neck), 190 Hollywood Ave., Bronx NY 10465

When: Registration is Sept. 13, 14 or 15
9:30 - 11AM. Late Registration is Sept. 20, 21 or 22
9:30 - 11AM.

Classes begin September 20th and are weekly MON, TUES WEDS 9-11AM.

Classes are free!

For further information contact: Anne Desel, Preston Center of Compassion, 718-892-8977.



Prayer for The United States of America!

Father, I come before you, lifting up the United States of America. I pray for unity among its people, that love may bridge the divides, and that grace may guide our interactions. Grant wisdom and discernment to our leaders, so that they may govern with integrity and seek the well-being of all.

May Your peace reign in our land, and may Your purposes prevail.

In Your mercy, heal our nation, restore hope, and let righteousness and justice flow like a mighty river. Amen!



St. Benedict's School Registration

If you are thinking about what school to place your child in for this September, one way to show love to your children is to offer them a catholic school education. So, please feel free to contact St. Benedict School at your convenience to set up a tour. **Registration for the 2026/2027 school year is OPEN and we have availability in all grades.** If you are looking to apply you may do so by going online to our website at: **stbenedictschoolbx.org** and clicking APPLY NOW. SBS serves grades PK-3 students all the way through 8th grade. PK classes are curriculum based and 8th graders are guided and prepared to enter high school. PK-3 must be aged 3 by 12/31/2026 and PK-4 must be aged 4 by 12/31/2026. **Financial aid for the 2026/2027 school year will be available to the families with students FULLY REGISTERED and ENROLLED in grades KINDERGARTEN through 8th grade and is on a first come, first served basis.**

You may contact the school at 718-829-9557 for further information about our school and to set up a one-on-one tour.

St. Benedict's Women's Cornerstone Retreat will be October 2nd and 3rd 2026

Cornerstone is a 27-hour retreat that provides you with the opportunity to reflect, renew, and strengthen your faith while meeting other women in our Christian community. All meals (including dinner on Friday night) will be provided. Applications with more details are now available in the back of the Church, and in the rectory. The retreat is free but registration is required — No walk-ins. For more information, please call or email Women's Cornerstone at: 862-236-4074 or email: sbcornerstoneny@gmail.com

St. Benedict's Men's Cornerstone Retreat will be October 23rd and 24th 2026.

More information coming soon!



The Federal Education Freedom Tax Credit

We want to bring your attention to an exciting new opportunity launching next year: the federal Education Freedom Tax Credit. This program allows taxpayers to support K-12 tuition and education scholarships at zero net cost. There are extra flyers at the rectory!

“LET US DO GOOD“ FUNDRAISER

THE REDWOOD CLUB

2680 Schurz Avenue, Bronx 10465

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Doors open at 3:00pm

Tunnel to Towers Foundation - T2T.ORG

The Genovese Family will be hosting their 9th Annual BBQ Fundraiser in Honor of the memory of their son and brother Matthew Genovese. All proceeds will go to a memorial fund in Matt's name to support the work of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers (T2T) Foundation.

For a donation of \$25, guests will be able to partake in a BBQ with one ticket for a complimentary beer or wine. **Kids (12 and under) are free!** In addition to accepting donations, there will be an array of raffled gift baskets, prizes, a 50/50 raffle, music and entertainment.

Quotes from the Fathers of the Church, the Saints, and the Great Teachers!

“The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world.”

~~~Pope Saint John Paul II



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## Prayer List For Our United States Servicemen and Women

### U.S. Air Force:

1<sup>st</sup> Class Airman Eric Bosco, General Thomas D. Crimmins, Ismael Guiles, Major Roger Illari, 1st Airman Darren Morello, Stephanie Mendez, Air Force Airman, Msgt. Daniel Rivera, Lieutenant Colonel Alicia Stumpf, Lieutenant Colonel Sean Stumpf.

### U.S. Army/U.S. National Guard:

SPC, Army National Guard, Middle East, Marcus Cassin, Pvt. Matthew Dooley, Sgt. Scott Douglas, Jason Engeldrum, Sgt. Pedro Flores, Pvt. Anthony Grieco, Jr., 2nd Lt. Christopher Hackett, Johnny Jiminez, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne, Corporal Jenna Kuhl, Sergeant First Class Javier Mendoza, PV2 James McCarthy, Private Patrick W. Mooney, Major Peter Anthony Orlando, Pvt. Anthony Ottaviano, Reverend (Captain) Peter Pompisello, Major Lori Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Jr., Pvt. Sidney Antonio Kearns Rodriguez, Pvt. Justin Roman, Ryan Shank, Timothy S. Valentine, S.J., Capt. Javi San Juan, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Renee San Juan, Colonel Raymond Van Pelt, Franky Perez, Sgt. Andrew Santander, Staff Sgt. Matthew Wickes, SPC Albert Zapata, Staff Sgt. William Ziegler.

### U.S. Coast Guard:

Jayke Hooks, Seaman Apprentice, Thomas J. Hooks, Brandon A. Moreno, YN3, Ryan T. Moreno, CS3; Seaman Apprentice, PO3 Eberlee Santander.

### U.S. Marine Corps:

Corporal Michael John Canzone, III, Liam Deenihan, Parris Island Boot Camp; 1st Lieutenant Ryan E. Dengler, Master Sgt. Mark S. Lynch, Corporal Kevin S. Major, LCpl Erik Mango, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Parisi, Reserves, In Basic Training Daniel Smith Peters; Sgt. Benjamin Rodriguez, Staff Sgt. Randy Vaccaro, Reserves; Pvt. 1st Class, Jason R. Wager

### U.S. Navy:

Chief Petty Officer Laurence Bueno, Lieutenant Commander Diplomat John Brunetti, Lieutenant JG Bethany Lee Champlin; Petty Officer Gillen, LCDR Jennifer Groger Widman, ABH3 (AW) Christopher Hough, Ensign Brandon McGaughan, Jordan McKay, Active Reservist, Naval Airman E-3, Sea Bee Sammy Pizzano, Petty Officer William F. Ramos, Ralph Romero Sanchez, Richard Torrens, Lieutenant Commander Victor Schaefer, E-4 Edwin Vargas, Pvt. Nicholas Zayas.

### Spiritual Readings for the Wk of Sept. 6, 2026:

#### 6 SUN TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20 (127) Pss III

**7 Mon** Weekday 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11 (437)

**8 Tue** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (636) Pss Prop

**9 Wed** USA: Saint Peter Claver, Priest Memorial 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26 (439)

**10 Thu** Weekday 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38

**11 Fri** Weekday 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42

**12 Sat** Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Mary; BVM] 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49 (442)

#### 13 SUN

#### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 (130) Pss IV