

# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

-- ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD --

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

# MASS SCHEDULE

#### **MASS TIMES**

#### **DAILY MASS**

#### **CONFESSIONS**

One half hour before each Mass daily and Sundays.

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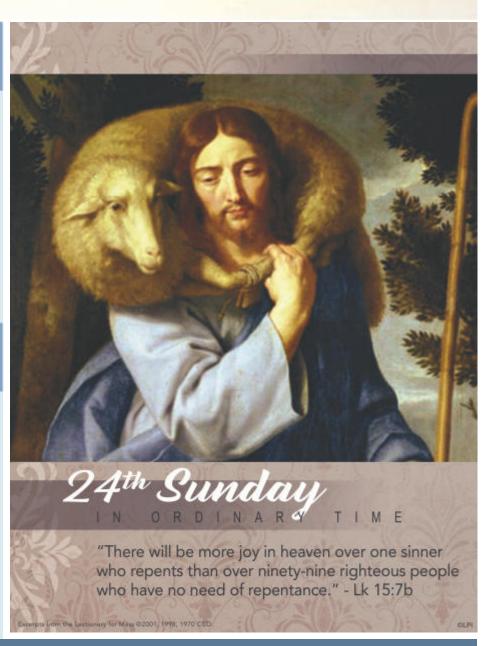
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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, September 16 • Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

8:30 am Zulma Williams

Tuesday, September 17 • St. Robert Bellarmine

8:30 am Rose Grieggs

Wednesday, September 18
6:00 pm Eugene Buckley

Thursday, September 19 • St. Januarius

8:30 am James Trosclair, Sr.

Friday, September 20 • Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions

8:30 am Aubrey Coniglio

Saturday, September 21 • St. Matthew

4:00 pm Stuart Torres, Clarence & Myrtle Torres, Irving & Norma

Vial, Paul & Mary Lato, Grace Lamonte, Scott Duff, Grady Duff, Jr., E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Nita

IN MEMORY of ME

Newlin, Roberta Hardwick

Sunday, September 22 • 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am James Trosclair, Sr., Gwen Booth, Mary Sims, Steve

Valure, Marie Williams, Melanie Champagne, Chesney M.

Jones, Jr., Special Intention

10:30 am George Mastainich

3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners

7:00 pm Lionel Tamplain

#### VIGIL LIGHT FOR SEPTEMBER

In memory of Norman & Verna Millet, Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet, & Rosalind Millet Hutson

#### **CHAPEL CANDLES BURN FOR:**

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September 15, 2019

The word "catechesis" means "to echo." Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. This is not a suggestion; it is a command of our Lord. Some people are called and set apart in our communities as catechists, those formally trained and charged with passing on the Gospel to children and adults, inside and outside of our communities. On Catechetical Sunday,

we acknowledge them and remind ourselves of the need for formation and growth in all of us. To be a catechist is a privileged calling, and today be sure to say "thank you" to one in your community.

However, it would be wrong on this day to only look to those bearing the NAME of catechist for an echoing of good news. ALL of us are called to echo and share the Gospel message. Parents are the first and primary catechists in a child's life. But we also are important catechists in the lives of our coworkers, our spouses, our relatives, and our friends. Some say catechesis begins in the home, and while that is true, it carries with it a parent/child connotation. But where does catechesis really begin? It begins in the HEART. This year on Catechetical Sunday, may your heart be moved to motivate you to share with others the good news of Jesus Christ.

# AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



# Gifts for God's Children

In January, AOL Church held a Spiritual Adoption. This program was a simple way for people to prayerfully intercede on behalf of moms and babies threatened by abortion. Participants spiritually adopted and named a baby who is at risk of abortion by pledging to pray daily for nine months. We are now ready to celebrate all the babies saved by our daily prayers by having a

**Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower!** Bring your "shower" gifts to Church the weekend of September 21 & 22

Baby Shower gift ideas: Boy or Girl sizes Preemie-1 year old

Onesies PJs sleepers diapers and wipes blanket bottles Baby booties/socks



Additionally, join us in our ongoing fight for life by signing up to participate in this year's 40 Days for Life Walk on October 27th. Sign-ups will begin at Church on the weekend of September 28 & 29.

Our annual Pro-Life Baby Diaper & Wipes Drive will also be held the weekend of September 21 & 22.

Girls Small Group Bible Study



September 18th | 6:00~7:15 pm Piovan Parish Hall

All 7th & 8th grade girls are invited!

# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Congratulations to these recently elected student club officers.

Ascension of Our Lord Catholic School 2019-2020 Club Officers

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For more school info, visit www.aolcrusaders.org.



Tickets are now available for our upcoming Dynamic Catholic event at Ascension of Our Lord. For this weekend only, tickets are 25% off at DynamicCatholic.com. Don't miss your opportunity to take advantage of this limited time offer!

Visit <u>DynamicCatholic.com/LaPlace</u> for more information and to purchase tickets.

## ASCENSION OF OUR LORD STATEMENT OF FAITH

Ascension of Our Lord is a Catholic Church, in full union with the Church in Rome. We are dedicated to, and are under the "Authority of our Holy Father, and therefore, accept and embrace all of the teachings of the Magisterium of the Church". We invite all to worship with us in the confidence of knowing that our Church and doctrines were established by God through Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit and safeguarded by His Church, which is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. (Established July 1979)

#### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Monday, September 16

6:00-7:30pm PSR

6:30-8:00pm Bible Study - PPH

7:00pm Pastoral Council - Parish Office (RESCHEDULED)

#### **Tuesday, September 17**

1:00-2:30pm Bible Study - PPH

6:30pm Bereavement Team Meeting - PPH

#### Wednesday, September 18

1:00pm Silver Crusaders Meeting - PPH 6:00pm Girls Small Group Bible Study - PPH

6:30pm KC General Meeting - KCH

7:00pm RCIA - Parish Office

#### **Thursday, September 19**

8:30am School Mass 12:30pm Hearty Meal

7:00pm Spanish Bible Study - PPH

7:00pm River Parishes Serra Club Meeting - St. Charles

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#### Friday, September 20

#### Saturday, September 21 • Team 3

Pro-Life Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower/Baby Diaper & Wipes Drive KC 50/50

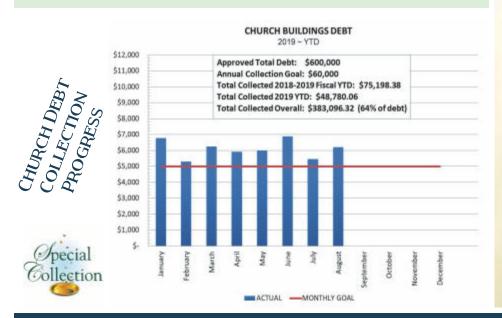
#### Sunday, September 22 • Team 3

Pro-Life Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower/Baby Diaper & Wipes Drive KC 50/50

10:30am Mass for Persons with Special Needs - Church

# Mass for Persons with Special Needs Sunday, September 22nd 10:30am Mass

Children and adults with special needs and their family and friends are invited to attend this Mass with Special Blessings.





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Fridays 8-9am
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Good friends find pleasure in one another's company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a Friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to Him straight from the heart.

- St. Alphonsus de Liguori

#### **SACRAMENTS**

BAPTISMS: Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

WEDDINGS: Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office or 985-630-2837 (evenings).

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office

FUNERALS: Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.

### ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH



# SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"While his son was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion." Luke 15:1-32

We are broken and we are gifted. We sin and we seek redemption in God's grace.

We find both grace and brokenness in the parable of the Prodigal Son. The younger son's selfish and self centered behavior breaks the relationship he has with his father. But his willingness to seek redemption in returning home restores the relationship.

The older son possesses the qualities of faithfulness; he has never abandoned his father. But underlying this positive trait we find that he harbors deep resentment towards his father because he feels unappreciated. Unlike the younger son who seeks forgiveness, the older son does not want reconciliation, he does not want redemption, he remains outside and bitter.

The father shows his grace in never judging his son and offering forgiveness. But his actions show all the signs of an enabler who allowed his son to make selfish choices.

Many people followed Jesus as His disciples. He chose 12 disciples to continue His work of proclaiming the Good News once He leaves. When Jesus faces His Passion most of the disciples run and hide. Peter and Judas in a particularly public way turn on Jesus.

Both men abandon Jesus. Yet Peter finds redemption because he returns to the group, He returns to the Church broken yet redeemed. Judas makes no effort to return instead he allows His brokenness to remain unredeemed, like the older son. He hangs himself.

As disciples called through Baptism to follow Jesus, we sin but find redemption by the sacrifice Jesus made on the Cross. In the sacrament of Reconciliation we verbally confess our sinfulness and in the words of absolution we find redemption. We return to God and the Church forgiven.

But redemption requires reformation. As disciples we leave that confessional challenged to live lives of grace. Do we reflect that change in how we pray, how we worship, and how we show God's love to others?

Fr. Walter Austin



#### Patience in All Things

St. Francis De Sales said, "Have patience with all things, but, first of all with yourself." Life has a way of knocking us down or off the path we are traveling. If it is a path that God has called us to, then it will be easier to get back to the journey, but nevertheless, it is difficult. The hardest thing to bear is that too often what we blame on life is really about our own choices or shortcomings. The refrain of many a blues singer sounds something like, "Nobody to blame but me!"

What is the Good News? God's patience is far superior to our own. We do need to follow the words above and cultivate in ourselves a greater sense of patience in all things. However, we should take great comfort in knowing that God's patience will always be there as we struggle to grow and advance in our life as a disciple.

You're trying to live a stewardship way of life but keep falling onto the side of the road? God wants you to reach Him on the road but will wait for you. You want to be holier and more committed to your faith? God will take what you give Him. The danger is when you lose your patience and stop moving toward Him. You decide that it



doesn't really matter and that what you can offer God doesn't amount to anything of worth. We must never cease our journey. You and I may get fed up, but our God never will.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# Building a Future Full of Hope

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk

15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 [6]/Lk 7:1-10 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 [2]/

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 7:31-

35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk

8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13 Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1

Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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