



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are currently being held
in the St. Dominic Savio Center
to the right of the school.

MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily
and Sundays.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

CHAPEL - Currently open every day
9:00am - 9:00pm.

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory,
and then he will repay all according to his conduct." - Mt 16:26-27

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

A love of suffering does not come naturally to us as humans. We have no instinct to throw our arms around a rough and heavy cross — no, we shy away from it. But as adopted children of God, crafted lovingly in His image, our inheritance is the grace to do what feels so impossible. ©LPi

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 4

8:30 am Special Intention

Tuesday, September 5

8:30 am David Snyder

Wednesday, September 6

8:30 am Melvin Powell

Thursday, September 7

8:30 am George Scofield

Friday, September 8 • The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Miguel Lozano

Saturday, September 9 • St. Peter Claver

4:00 pm John Snyder, Sr., David Snyder, Melancon & Fisher Families, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Melvin & Nellie Powell, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Dolly Omond, Souls in Purgatory, Special Intentions, "Big T" Valure, Marilyn Torres, Bridgette Jeansonne, Special Intention

Sunday, September 10 • 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Grandparents' Day

8:30 am Karen Angelo, Earl Brown, Jr., Roques & St. Pierre Families, Francis Kim Nguyen, All Souls, Special Intention, Nelson Madere, Joyce Bailey Darenbourg, Eugene Buckley, Special Intention, Fr. Benny Piovan, Eula McMurry

10:30 am Mark Chapman

3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners

7:00 pm Nelson Madere



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VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

In memory of Kaitlyn Fitch Vargas

**Fr. Stephen Dardis, Dean of the
St. John - St. Charles Deanery, will be
our celebrant next Sunday at the
8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses.
Fr. Dardis will speak about
Parish Sustainability.**

My soul
thirsts
for you.

PSALM 63



Pope Francis' September Prayer Intention For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society,
in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by
institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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Office of the Archbishop

September 2023

To: Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is our archdiocesan tradition to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as confession, on a weekday evening in September. I am pleased to inform you that many people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans have taken advantage of this opportunity.

This year confessions will be available in all Catholic churches on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 5:00PM – 6:30PM**. Please consider inviting the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy.

Pope Francis reminds us, "Confessing our sins may be difficult for us, but it brings us peace. We are sinners, and we need God's forgiveness."

Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 13.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

**EVENING OF
CONFESSION** WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
5:00 - 6:30pm at AOL

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**Monday, September 11th 6:15 pm
St. Dominic Savio Center**

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, September 4 • Labor Day

Parish Office Closed
6:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, September 5

6:30pm Parish Cooks Meeting - Piovan Parish Hall
7:00pm Baptismal Seminar - Parish Office

Wednesday, September 6

11:00am Altar Society Meeting - Piovan Parish Hall
7:00pm KC Planning & Director's Meeting - KC Home

Thursday, September 7

8:30am School Mass - Savio Center
6:00pm PTO Meeting - Don Bosco Hall

Friday, September 8

9:00am Soldiers for Christ Prayer Group - Savio Center
12:00pm School Early Dismissal - School
6:00-8:00pm AOL School Decade Dance - Don Bosco Hall

Saturday, September 9 • Team 2

Sunday, September 10 • Team 2

5:30-8:00pm Confirmation Class & Mass - Savio Center
7:00pm Youth Mass - Savio Center



The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4th.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!

Adoration has resumed in the Chapel every day from 9:00am to 9:00pm.

"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"



Kids Corner

Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for giving up your life to save mine.

Mission for the Week

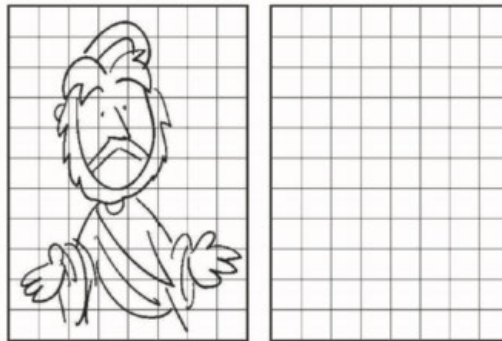
Every day firemen, policemen and soldiers give up their lives to protect yours.
Thank God for them.

Sharing the Gospel

If it were up to Peter, Jesus would never have died on the cross. Peter did not want to see his dear friend get hurt. It could have been tempting for Jesus to listen to Peter. But Jesus did not come to be happy or comfortable. Jesus came to die on the cross and rise again. He came to take your sins away. Jesus gave up his own life so that your life could be saved. He did it for you.

Now color the picture! →

Copy the picture square by square.



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 at 985-652-2615.

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.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Choosing the Cross

I've been called a lot of things in my life, but I've never been called "Satan," at least not to my face.

It seems to me the worst name you could call a person, and today we hear it straight from the lips of Jesus. It's just one of the many small reminders strewn throughout Scripture that Jesus preaches meekness, but he is not mild — not when mildness serves no purpose, anyway.

And here, when Peter is trying to deter Jesus from making the right choice, mildness serves no purpose at all.

Can we blame Peter? I certainly can't. I'm sure I would have said the same thing to my own dear friend. He is, in today's Gospel, wholly unwilling to embrace the cross — he's afraid of it, even — but aren't we all, in the end, afraid of our cross? I am. It's no sin, it's only human. Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a reflex.

What Christ speaks of today is a choice, one we are all faced with, again and again, just as Peter is. We will not always respond perfectly; Peter does not respond well today. He does not respond well on Holy Thursday.

But on his last day, on the day of the ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses the cross.

We marvel at first responders who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of others, because to do so is not human, it is divine. I have to believe that if even a firefighter's loved one threw themselves in his way, he would still charge toward the flames, crying, "Get behind me."

Christ runs into the burning building for us, shaking off not only his own fear (and he had it, I promise you — he was human, too) but the fear of everyone who loved him.

"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..." — Romans 12:1

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday: | Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27 |
| Monday: | 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37 |
| Wednesday: | Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44 |
| Thursday: | Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11 |
| Friday: | Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 |
| Saturday: | Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5 |
| Next Sunday: | Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20 |

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING
OF SCRIPTURE - *Father John Muir*

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us. ©LPI





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