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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2023

*Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 5:05 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am,
5:30 pm and 9 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Thursday - 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
or by appointment

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Congratulations!

Please call the office at least 4 months before
your planned wedding date.

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

Please contact Fr. Rich at
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Labor Day

We have just a few changes for this Labor
Day weekend. There will not be a Sunday
Supper, but the weekend Mass times will
remain the same.

Please note that on Monday, September 4th,
there will not be a daily mass or confessions,
and the office and building will be closed.
Have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend!

Thoughts on Today's Readings

Like Peter, followers of Jesus must come to grips with the fact that Christian living is not attractive to people making judgments based on 'what's in it for me?' We cannot blindly follow trends but must go forward to the next place God calls us. We judge risks by whether this decision helps us to follow Christ more closely. We refuse to make judgments based on a safe common sense way to work things out. Worshipping the Lord with your body, your very life, is not a sure bet with an early payoff.

We are nourished by a stream within our hearts that flows deep and pure. It calls us to bold living. Like Jeremiah, we can try to silence that voice within because it can be terribly inconvenient. We should pray that God's word burns within, making us uncomfortable when we try to suppress it. This is what the saying about 'gaining the world but losing your soul' is about. It is a real and costly struggle that all followers will enter.

When we come to a crossroad, it is important that we listen to the words of God's Spirit. Common sense wisdom and the best of worldly advice is not what always leads to life in abundance. Daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and the witness of the saints instruct us about what it means to follow Jesus. The church community offers many examples of those who have chosen rightly, refusing to lose their souls to gain worldly respect. Who do we consult when it comes to the big decisions in our lives?



First Fridays

In the late 17th century, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, who had experienced a childhood filled with illness and a difficult home life, decided to reject the possibility of marriage. Instead, she joined the Order of the Visitation nuns. She had a rocky start in her vocation but eventually found her rhythm in the monastery where she lived. Then, she started having visions.

These visions were of Jesus, asking her to spread the word about devotions to his Sacred Heart. As Catholics, we understand this to mean the entire mystery of Christ and everything about Jesus: Son of God, Savior, part of the Trinity, and our salvation. The Church celebrates the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. As you may have guessed from that oddly specific dating, Fridays are an important part of the Sacred Heart devotion and Sister Margaret Mary's vision.

In her visions, Jesus asked her to share his promises of good things that could happen if we could spread this devotion. This was a time when most people received the Eucharist only rarely, and it created new interest in both the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation.

First Friday Schedule

Noon: Angelus followed by a rosary
 3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
 430pm: Liturgy of the Hours
 505 pm: Mass followed by Exposition and Benediction for one hour

VOLCATHOLIC

VolCatholic is the undergraduate student group here at St. John XXIII. We meet every Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the Paulus Room at St. John XXIII with different events weekly that include arts and crafts, game nights, movie nights, and many other fun activities.

Students of any religious background are welcome and encouraged to come out! The 5:30pm Mass on Sunday is the student mass, and St. John XXIII holds Sunday Supper directly afterwards. It is a \$2 dinner cooked by parishioners or students and it is free for your first time! We look forward to seeing you!

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 3, 2023

Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
Monday	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 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	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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Catholic Response to Climate Change

Catholic Response to Climate Change Committee (CRCC) is a group of parishioners of area Catholic Churches who are inspired by Pope Francis' call to all Catholics to engage in the theme of integral ecology in response to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. The group meets monthly and welcomes new members into the fold, each with their own insights, experience, abilities, and gifts as they live a vision that takes into account the ecological crisis at hand and the Eco-spirituality mandated by biblical teaching and the social doctrines of our Catholic Faith.

The group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month (on zoom at this time). For more information or to join the meeting, please send an email to genrop@aol.com or call Beth Carroll Hunley at 865-216-1827.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

September 4-10

Monday: Building and Office Closed
No Daily Mass or Confessions

Tuesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Wednesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - VolCatholic

Thursday: 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Friday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Saturday: Game Day Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass †Tim and Helen Hart
10:00 am - Adult Bible Study
11:15 am - Mass
12:30 pm - Parish Council Meeting
5:30 pm - Mass
9:00 pm - Mass

Insights and Awareness Topic 89 - Synodwatch Session 2 - Co-responsibility in Mission

This discussion covers the second priority in the working document for the October 2023 Synod - "Co-responsibility in Mission".

You can view this topic at:

<https://www.john23rd.org/insights>

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Bulletin Sponsor of the Week!



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Prayer Requests

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Jo Andrews, Isabella Bleu, Isabella Linguidi, Mateo, Silas Templeton, Karen Pearson Rich, Elizabeth Sirk, Charles, Linda D., Garrity family, Peg Hart, Jerry Carney, Vic and Barbara Kaminsky, Larry and Anne Kaminsky, Suzanne Lenhart, Christine Wade, Jackson Igou, Alice Peterson, Liz Mattson, Cindy Cunningham, V. J. D'Innocenzo and his family, Beth Long, Connie Beeler, Hal Leiner, Margaret Dusichka, Diane Dusichka, Ray Bieniek, Al McGinley, residents of Serene Manor, those serving in the military, and for any too reserved to let us know.



Pope Francis' Prayer for September: 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."

Lector Schedule

September 2-3

Sat. 5:30pm Steve Hillenbrand - John Sobieski
Sun. 9:00am Michelle Odoi - Lee Campfield
Sun. 11:15am Suzanne Lenhart - Abigail Cutler

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