

September 22, 2024
25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipatory) 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday 6:00 PM
Daily (Mon, Wed-Fri) 12:15 PM

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
And before/after daily Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 AM Mass.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

ON CHARITY

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done. —Prov 19:17

And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. —Luke 6:33

The first excerpt below is from a homily entitled, "Who Has Charity?" by St John Vianney (d. 1855), the Curé of Ars. The Catechism defines "charity" as "the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God". It is the one virtue that surpasses all the others. As St Paul (1 Cor 13:2-3) said: "And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains *but do not have love, I am nothing*. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast *but do not have love, I gain nothing*." In St Robert Bellarmine's (d. 1621) words: "Charity is that with which no man is lost, and without which no man is saved."

The second and third excerpts, by way of example, are accounts of St Elizabeth of Hungary's (d. 1231) and St John of God's (d. 1550) labors on behalf of the poor and sick.

AH, DEAR LORD, how Christians are damned through lack of charity! No, no, my dear brethren, even if you could perform miracles, you will never be saved if you have not charity. Not to have charity is not to know your religion; it is to have a religion of whim, mood, and inclination. Carry on, carry on, you are only hypocrites and outcasts! Without charity you will never see God, you will never go to Heaven!

Give away your wealth, give generous alms to those who love you or who please you, go to Mass every day, go to Holy Communion every day if you wish: you are only hypocrites and outcasts. Continue on your way and you will shortly be in Hell! You cannot endure the faults of your neighbor because he is too tiresome; you do not like his company. Go away, unhappy people, you are but hypocrites, you have only a false religion, which, whatever good you are doing, will lead you to Hell. Oh my God! How rare this virtue is! Alas! It is so rare that they are rare, too, who will be going to Heaven! I don't want even to see them, you will say. At the church they distract me with all their mannerisms. Ah, unhappy sinner, say rather that you have no charity and that you are but a miserable creature who loves only those who agree with your sentiments and enter into your interests, who never go against you in anything, who flatter you on the subject of your good works, who love to thank you for your kindnesses, and



who give you plenty of attention and recognition.

You will do everything for such as these; you do not even mind depriving yourself of some necessity to help them. But if they treated you with contempt or returned your kindness with ingratitude, you would no longer love them. You would never wish to lay eyes upon them. You would avoid their company. You would be very happy to cut short any dealings you have with them. Ah, dear God, what false devotions these are which can only lead us to a place among the outcasts.

If you have any doubt of this, my dear brethren, listen to St Paul, who will not lead you astray. If, he tells us, I should give my wealth to the poor, if I should work miracles by raising the dead to life, and have not charity, I am nothing other than a hypocrite.

But to convince you even more firmly of it, go over the whole of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Consult all the lives of the saints; you will find nothing in them which does not conform with this virtue. No, you will not find one of them who did not choose to do good to someone who had done them harm. Look at St Francis de Sales, who tells us that if he had only one good work to do, he would choose to do it for someone who had done him some wrong rather than for someone who had done him some good service. Alas, my dear brethren, the person who has no charity goes far afield for evil! If someone does him some harm, you see him examining all his actions then.

He judges them. He condemns them. He turns them all to evil and is always quite certain that he is right. But, you will tell me, there are plenty of times when you see people doing wrong and you cannot think otherwise. My good friend, because you have no charity, you think that they are doing wrong. If you had charity, you would think quite otherwise because you would always think that you could have been mistaken, as so often happens ... Yes, my dear children, anyone who has charity does not see the faults of his. Whoever possesses charity is sure that Heaven is for him! That is the happiness which I desire for you.

FROM this time onward [St] ELIZABETH'S [OF HUNGARY, d. 1231] goodness greatly increased. She was a lifelong friend of the poor and gave herself entirely to relieving the hungry. She ordered that one of her castles should be converted into a hospital in which she gathered many of the weak and feeble. She generously gave alms to all who were in need, not only in that place but in all the territories of her husband's empire. She spent all her own revenue from her husband's four principalities, and finally she sold her luxurious possessions and rich clothes for the sake of the poor. Twice a day, in the morning and in the evening, Elizabeth went to visit the sick. She personally cared for those who were particularly repulsive; to some she gave food, to others clothing; some she carried on her own shoulders, and performed many other kindly services. Her husband, of happy memory, gladly approved of

these charitable works. Finally, when her husband died, she sought the highest perfection; filled with tears, she implored me to let her beg for alms from door to door.

Apart from those active good works, I declare before God that I have seldom seen a more contemplative woman. When she was coming from private prayer, some religious men and women often saw her face shining marvelously and light coming from her eyes like the rays of the sun.

Before her death I heard her confession. When I asked what should be done about her goods and possessions, she replied that anything which seemed to be hers belonged to the poor. She asked me to distribute everything except one worn out dress in which she wished to be buried. When all this had been decided, she received the body of our Lord. Afterward, until vespers, she spoke often of the holiest things she had heard in sermons. Then, she devoutly commended to God all who were sitting near her, and as if falling into a gentle sleep, she died. She was 24 years-of-age.



IN 1539, on hearing a sermon by St John of Avila (d. 1569, priest), JOHN CIDADE [St JOHN OF GOD, d. 1550], age 42, was so stung with remorse for his past life that he distributed his worldly possessions and went about the city beating his breast calling upon God for mercy. His sanity was doubted and he was dealt with as a madman until the zealous priest obliged him to desist from his lamentations and undertake some other method of atoning for the sins of his past life. Namely, charitable works. Soon after, on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadeloupe [Spain], the Blessed Virgin appeared to him and urged him to work for the relief of the poor. Returning to Granada, he gave himself up to the service of the sick and poor, renting a house in which to care for them and after furnishing it with what was necessary, he searched the city for those afflicted with all manner of disease, bearing on his shoulders any who were unable to walk. For some time he was alone in his charitable work soliciting by night the needful supplies, and by day attending scrupulously to the needs of his patients and the rare of the hospital; but he soon received the cooperation of charitable priests and physicians. His boundless charity extended to widows and orphans, those out of employment, poor students, and fallen women. After 13 years of severe mortification, unceasing prayer, and devotion to his patients, he died amid the lamentations of all the inhabitants of Granada. His last illness [pneumonia] had resulted from an heroic but futile effort to save a young man from drowning.

Summoning his last strength, he rose from his deathbed and knelt before a crucifix. He died, age 55, while on his knees in prayer.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sep 22, SUNDAY — 25th Week of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM | Sunday Mass
10:00 AM | Sunday Mass
6:00 PM | Sunday Mass
7:00 PM | Eucharistic Adoration

Sep 23, MONDAY

12:00 AM | Daily Mass [NOTE TIME CHANGE]
6:15 PM | Monday Women's Group

Sep 24, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Sep 25, WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)
10:30 AM | "The Bible and the Virgin Mary"
12:00 PM | Daily Mass [NOTE TIME CHANGE]
6:30 PM | "The Bible and the Virgin Mary"

Sep 26, THURSDAY

9:00 AM | Day Away
12:15 PM | Daily Mass
10:00 AM | Thursday Women's Group
6:00 PM | "A Journey Through Church History"

Sep 27, FRIDAY

10:00 AM | Food Pantry
10:30 AM | "A Journey Through Church History"
12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Sep 28, SATURDAY

8:30 AM | Men's Group
9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)
4:00 PM | Confession (until 5:00 PM)
5:30 PM | Anticipatory Sunday Mass

OFFERING

15 Sep '24 (23rd Sunday Ordinary Time): \$5,126.00

THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 21 (Sat), 5:30 PM James Gallagher (req. by Tom & Cynthia Sullivan)
Sep 22 (Sun), 8:00 AM Joe & Marilyn Kinzel - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Maureen Mooney)
Sep 22, 10:00 AM Larry Hardy (req. by Judy Hardy)
Sep 22, 6:00 PM Ray Gavert (req. by family)
Sep 23 (Mon), 12:15 PM Elfriede Rausher + Michaela McLaughlin (req. by Werner Rauscher)
Sep 28 (Sat), 5:30 PM John Galant (req. by Mark & Joanne Kenna)

Sep 29 (Sun), 8:00 AM Joan Basilicato (req. by Elaine Syseskey)
Sep 29, 10:00 AM Mike Vincent (req. by Linda Ray)
Sep 29, 6:00 PM Michael Lafleur (req. by family)

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es) for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORK OF THE PARISH

The work of the parish is to help parishioners make JESUS CHRIST the center of their lives. While salvation is God's "gift" (Rom 6:23), He cannot give what we are unwilling to accept. The willingness and determination to become a saint, therefore, is the mainspring of Christian life. Since only JESUS CHRIST can make us a saint—"I am the way the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6)—, it is by a lively and humble faith in Him, expressing itself through conversion of heart, obedience, and love (1 John 5:2), which enables us to "conquer overwhelmingly" (Rom 8:37) all that opposes our salvation; as we strive increasingly to "live a life worthy of the Lord and [pleasing to] Him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work" (Col 1:1); that we may continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST" (2 Pet 3:18), persevering unto Eternal Life.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Begins Sat (Oct 5), 6:30 PM

Who is the RCIA for?

- It is for persons who have never been baptized and wish to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (Holy Communion) in the Catholic Church.
- It is for persons who were baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.
- And, it is for baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation; by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

ADULT CONFIRMATION MASS

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS is offered twice each year in the diocese. The Fall Confirmation Mass has just been scheduled for Nov 10, 2:00 PM at St Joseph's Cathedral (145 Lowell St, Manchester). **Participants must be REGISTERED by their parish by Sep 28th.** To register, we need: 1) Name and Address, 2) a copy of your Baptismal Certificate, 3) the name of a Sponsor, 4) and your chosen Confirmation Name. Sacramental Prep is offered on online or, if you choose, in the parish.

CREATION CARE MINISTRY

Eating locally sourced food that supports local businesses and uses less energy because food is not being transported hundreds or thousands of miles. Please consider purchasing your fruits, vegetables, egg, etc. **For a list of local sources:**
<https://nheatslocal.com>



GRIEF SHARE is a 14-session series for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. You can join at any point during the series: Wednesdays, 6:30 PM. For more info contact Deacon Brian Lester at:

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NH Monthly Couple Enrichment Circle

The N.H. Enrichment Circle is a monthly gathering of married couples who make time to nurture their relationship. Each gathering offers a different topic designed to foster strong, healthy married relationships and communication. Participants have a chance to collectively explore the topic and then, as a couple, share on a related question. Meetings are on the first Saturday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Immaculate Heart Of Mary parish center in Concord, NH. Participants are asked to bring a snack to share and a writing notebook. For more information, contact Dave and Karen Demers: (617) 448-0745 or dkd1974@aol.com.

PRAYER LINE

To add someone PARISH PRAYER LINE please contact Teri at the parish office: (603) 880-4689, tschmitt@sjnnh.org. PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Youth volunteers and students-past, present & future.
Participants in our Grief Share group. Mike. Jared. Melanie. David. Ron. Chris. Pat. Susan. Bernadette. Rebecca & Darin. Elaine & family. Jeanette. Kristen. Lyric. Alexandra. Alice. Pat & her husband. Zach. Ivory. Ray. Marge. Rebecca. Alice & the residents of Oxford, CT. Kathy. Wendy. Nancy. Helen. Mia. The children of two parents who were involved in a murder/suicide. Souls of Barbara, Casey & Joyce. Thanksgiving for Aislyn. Ella Elizabeth. Cathleen. Roselle. Monica. Frankie. Dale & Marie. Levi. Doug & Pat. Mark. Rick. Darrell. Tom. Victoria. Renee. Simone. Cecile. Sue. Fr. John. Thanksgiving for Pat. Barbara. Terry. Eddie. Joseph. Alice. Fran. For vocations. All our priests. Holy Souls in Purgatory. Those that have stepped away from the faith.

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