



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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A PRAYER FOR MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN FAMILY OF PARISHES

For our Family of Parishes, that our four parishes may, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, work in a spirit of collaboration with one another as we together strive for holiness, and embrace the Mission of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all, let us pray to the Lord...

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least six months before any other planning. Pre-Cana Conference, FOCCUS, Engaged Encounter or Equivalent, programs are required.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

The Sacrament of Baptism for children age seven and younger is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Parents are required to attend a Parent Information Session which is held the second Thursday of each month prior to scheduling a Baptism.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

We welcome you and your questions about the Catholic Faith. The Journey in Faith to become Catholic is a process known as the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Please contact Deacon Tim Crooker for inquiries.

NEW PARISHIONER OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Parish Office if you have had a change of address or phone number, or if a member of your family has gone into a nursing facility or moved out of the household.



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

6:45 p.m.	Denise Leonhardt	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	Regina Schnetzer	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Helen Tucker	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, September 16 – Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

8:30 a.m.	Sr. Catherine Marie	St. Ann
6:00 p.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	Jeny Wurzelbacher Swopes	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Dorothy Hudepohl	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Wednesday, September 17 – Weekday

	No Mass	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	John & Betty Westover	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Intention of Celebrant	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Thursday, September 18 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Deb Kramer	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. James
12:00 Noon	Traci Noonan	St. Margaret Mary

Friday, September 19 – Weekday

	No Mass	St. Ann
	John Reverman	St. Bernard
	Jerry Niehaus	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Saturday, September 20 – Sts. Andrew Kim and Paul Chong Ha-Sang

3:00 p.m.	Tim Withrow	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Henry Werdman	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	Shirley Schroeder	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, September 21 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m.	Diane Eichold	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	LaVerne Dittmer	St. Bernard
8:00 a.m.	People of Mary Queen of Heaven	St. James
10:00 a.m.	Jack & Anna Schaffer	St. Margaret Mary
11:30 a.m.	Jo Ann Armstrong	St. Ann
10:30 a.m.	Janet Hammann	St. Bernard
10:00 a.m.	People of Mary Queen of Heaven	St. James

IN SYMPATHY

Mary Queen of Heaven extends prayers and sympathy to the family of: **Lois Anderson.**
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THINGS I'VE SEEN AND HEARD

Musings of Fr. Bryan T. Reif

Welcome to the new "Single Bulletin" for the Family of Parishes. This common bulletin has been a work in progress for over a year, and has taken a lot of time, work, and energy from our Communications team, working with the bulletin company, Dee Printing, to make the transition from four separate parish bulletins to one shared Family Bulletin a reality. I hope you like it, and I am sure that over the next weeks and months it will continue to evolve as we are better able to identify areas of need and improvement in how we communicate to the Family of Parishes. Beacons of Light is moving forward in Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes.

Fr. Jim returns to full time active ministry, and to his role as chief administrator/Pastor tomorrow. I wanted to thank you for your prayers for him during his leave of absence, and also your prayers for me during this time that I spent with you as Parochial Administrator. Serving in this capacity for the Lord, for you, and for Fr. Jim so that he could recover, get well, and strengthen was a great honor and a blessing for me. I thank each and every one of you, parishioners of the Family, and staff for your help, consult, support, and prayers during this time. It was a very busy, sometimes even hectic four months, but we managed to keep the ship afloat, and on course for which I am grateful. As I hand the keys back to Fr. Jim, so to speak, I renew my support for him as pastor of the Family of Parishes and look forward to continuing to work with him as we move toward a more full implementation of Beacons of Light in our Family of Parishes.

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This harkens to Good Friday, and to the Easter Triduum and serves as a reminder to all of us as to the very heart and core of our Holy Faith. Christ's death on the Cross freed us from unending death, and His Rising opened the gates of Paradise to all who believe. As we celebrate this Solemnity this weekend, let us spend time gazing upon a crucifix, be that in the church, or on a wall at home, and recall and give thanks for the great sacrifice that the Lord was willing to come down to earth to accomplish for love of all of us. *"Christus Vincit, Christus Regnat, Christus Imperat. Amen."*

Take Good Care,
Fr. Bryan

LITURGY/CONFESSIONS

St. James

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00/10:00 a.m.
Reconciliation: Friday 9:00-10:00 a.m.

St. Ann

Monday 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Friday No Mass
Saturday 3:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00/ 11:30 a.m.
*Reconciliation: Monday &
Thursday 5:00-6:30 p.m.*

St. Margaret Mary

Monday-Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 12:00 Noon
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. Bernard

Monday 12:00 Noon
Tuesday 12:00 Noon
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday No Mass
Friday 12:00 Noon
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30/10:30 a.m.
*Reconciliation:
Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.*

BEQUESTS

A bequest to your parish is a way to honor your church and faith of your lifetime. A bequest, included in your will, is exempt from estate and inheritance taxes, and reduces the amount of the estate to be taxed. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE
PERMANENT DIACONATE

Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit all bulletin announcements to Gina Perkins, Director of Communications at gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com. All bulletin announcements must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. Monday (two weeks before published date).

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

As party of the Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Family, we have established the following protocol for Sacramental Emergencies.

What is a Sacramental Emergency?

Sacramental Emergencies are if someone is in imminent danger of dying and wishes to receive the sacraments before passing. This also may include those who are under someone's care and are unable to request the sacraments themselves – including but not limited to, emergency infant Baptism or Last Rites of someone with dementia.

If someone either has a chronic illness or is not in imminent danger, please schedule an anointing. It is suggested that the sick person receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the beginning of any serious condition – not at the end. **If you are in need of a priest or have a Sacramental Emergency after hours, please call 513-369-9820.**



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Monday, September 15

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tim 2:1-8; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday, September 16

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tim 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 17

1 Tim 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 18

1 Tim 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 19

1 Tim 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 20

Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 21

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at <https://bible.usccb.org>

DONUT SUNDAY

Donut Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, September 21st at St. James in the Church Hall after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses for Coffee and Donuts.



VOCATION CUP

St. Ann

September 14th –

Charles & Christine Coleman – 11:30 a.m. Mass

September 20th –

Steve & Mary Lou Lang – 3:00 p.m. Mass

September 28th –

Connie Kirby – 9:00 a.m. Mass

St. Margaret Mary

September 14th –

Jenni Petrey

Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry to pray for Catholics to answer the call to a vocation as priests or religious such as brothers and sisters.

EVANGELIZATION



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Quoting the late Pope Benedict XVI, "The Church does not proselytize, but rather she grows by 'attraction' to the beauty of God's love." This past week, we have begun preparing our **Parish School of Religion (PSR)**, children for the sacraments. We have a wonderful team of catechists who guide, teach and inspire these children to know our Lord better and how to allow their faith to shine forth in their lives. We are also meeting with children, on this evening, who wish to be baptized or who were baptized and have not received all their Sacraments of Initiation.

UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS:

There are two parent meeting options for First Reconciliation:

- Tuesday, September 30th, 7:00 p.m.
at St. Ann Church, Trinity Room (Spanish)
- Wednesday, October 15th, 6:30 p.m.
at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church. (English)

Questions? Contact the Children's Evangelization Coordinator, Elena McSwane, at mcswane@stbernardtc.org or 513-353-4207.

There are two remaining parent meeting options for Confirmation:

- Tuesday, September 23rd, 7:00 p.m.
at St. Ann Church, Trinity Room (Spanish)
- Tuesday, September 23rd, 6:30 p.m.
at St. James Church, undercroft (English)

Questions? Contact the Associate Director of Children's Evangelization, Pam Bevington, at pbevington@stjameswhiteoak.com or 513-741-5300.

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN FAMILY OF PARISHES

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR JUNIOR HIGH

MQH Youth Ministry for Junior High (grades 7 and 8) resumes on Wednesday, October 1st, with a series titled, **"THE INVITATION."** Contact Pam Bevington to register.

OCIA

Beginning September 22nd, our **OCIA team** will begin regular Monday evening meetings for adults who want to know more about our Catholic faith, and how it can lead them closer to God. If you or someone you know would like to join this group, please call 513-353-4207, ext. 5; email: yoder@stbernardtc.org or just show up on Monday evening, September 22nd at 6:00 p.m. We meet at St. James in the conference room near the gym.

MQH SPEAKER SERIES

The Mary, Queen of Heaven **Speaker Series** at St. Ann was a great success. They invited representatives from many of our love-in-action partners to speak and share about the good work our parishes are doing, and also to offer love and help in differing areas of service to others. This winter, we will present a speaker series on **end-of-life issues and the funeral liturgy**. Stay tuned to learn more!

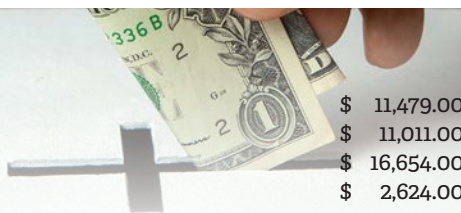
It is the mission of the **EVANGELIZATION TEAM** to work with and for the community of Mary, Queen of Heaven to offer studies, speakers, classes and more, to assist the people of God in growing closer to our Lord. We welcome your ideas and participation; contact Barbara Yoder, Director of Evangelization.



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

SUNDAY OFFERING AUGUST 31, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 11,479.00
St. Bernard	\$ 11,011.00
St. James	\$ 16,654.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 2,624.00



AUGUST 31ST SVDP 2ND COLLECTION

St. Ann	\$ 5,481.00
St. Bernard	\$ 2,702.00
St. James	\$ 5,555.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 505.00

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

ONLINE GIVING

Contributions to St. James are **NOW ALSO available** through our secure **"We Share Link."** You have the ability to make donations online through the use of a credit card or an electronic fund transfer (EFT) from your checking or savings account. You may set up a one-time or recurring donation to St. James Church by clicking the "Online Giving" Tab on your website at www.stjameswhiteoak.com. It's an easy, convenient and safe way to make your Sunday offerings. When you have completed your donation, you will be emailed a receipt for your records. Your donation will be recorded and be part of your year-end donation letter. If you have questions, contact the Parish Office at 513-741-5300. We appreciate your support!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

LIVE GENEROUSLY – VOLUNTEER WITH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

It's tough to watch people suffer and not know how to help. Especially when your faith urges you to do something. See the face of Christ in the people around you. Be the face of Christ through your acts of service.

SVDP INFO SESSION

Learn more about the SVDP Ministry. There are three conferences within Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes.

There will be an Information Session at St. Bernard Parish on Tuesday, September 16 or 23 from 7:00-8:30 p.m., Marian Hall (undercroft of church).

Attendance is not a commitment to join.

Interested, but cannot attend?

Contact one of our conference presidents:

St. Ann: Julie Bearcroft at jabearcroft@gmail.com

St. Bernard: Mary Bradford at maryebradford3@gmail.com

St. James: John Herrmann at jph5513@gmail.com

Join a group of wonderful people like you, working together to serve our neighbors in need. See the people you help face to face. Make a direct impact on their lives.

Serve your neighbors.

You don't need to travel on a mission trip. We're local.

Make new friends

Work with some of the nicest people you'll ever meet.

Grow in your faith

Become like Jesus through your works of charity.

*"When anxiety was great within me,
your consolation brought joy to my soul."*

– Psalm 94:19



STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

DIVE INTO THE TRUE MEANING OF STEWARDSHIP – PART 2: TALENT

Each of us has been given unique talents, abilities, and interests. Some are gifted teachers, others are natural leaders, and many are more comfortable working quietly behind the scenes. Every one of these talents is valuable in the life of the Church. Stewardship of talent means discovering these God-given gifts and using them to serve others in our parish, our community, and beyond. St. Paul reminds us, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:4). By offering our talents in service to others, we help build up the Body of Christ and become active participants in the life of the Church.

*Your Talent is God's
gift to You.
What You do with it is
Your gift back to
God.*



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, September 15

8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
12:00 p.m. Mass	St. Bernard
5:00 p.m. Confessions	St. Ann
6:30 p.m. 1st Reconciliation PSR Class	St. Ann
6:30 p.m. MQH Confirmation Prep	St. James
6:45 p.m. Mass	St. Ann
7:00 p.m. Music Ensemble Rehearsal	St. James
7:30 p.m. Patriotic Rosary	St. Ann

Tuesday, September 16

8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
9:30 a.m. Bible Study	St. James
10:30 a.m. Legion of Mary	St. Ann
12:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch & Prayer (BMH)	K of C
12:00 Noon Mass	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass	St. Ann
7:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry (BMH)	St. Ann
7:00 p.m. St. Ann Men's Group	St. Ann
3:15 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal	St. James
6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass for Souls in Purgatory	St. Ann
7:00 p.m. Growing Faith	St. James
7:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry (Gym)	St. Ann
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (BMH)	St. Ann

Wednesday, September 17

8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
6:30 p.m. MQH Family Pastoral Council Meeting	St. Ann

Thursday, September 18

8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
9:00 a.m. Exposition	St. Ann
11:00 a.m. Moms' Women's Ministry	St. James
12:00 Noon Mass	St. Margaret Mary
6:45 p.m. Benediction	St. Ann

Friday, September 19

6:00 a.m. Fathers' Ministry	St. James
8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
12:00 Noon Mass	St. Bernard
7:00 p.m. Rosary Guild (BMH)	St. Ann

Saturday, September 20

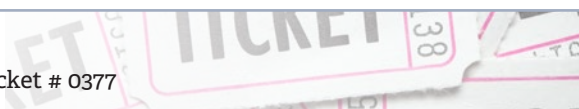
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary	St. Bernard
3:00 p.m. Mass	St. Ann
4:00 p.m. Mass	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m. Mass	St. James

Sunday, September 21

8:00 a.m. Mass	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
10:00 a.m. Mass	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m. Mass	St. James
10:00 a.m. Sunday Preschool	St. James
10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word	St. James
after Masses Coffee & Donuts (Church Hall)	St. James
10:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
11:30 a.m. Babysitting (Room 4)	St. Ann

ST. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

2025 Weekly \$100.00 Raffle Winner for September 7, 2025: Kathy Blanchard – Ticket # 0377



FROM THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

As we head into fall, we would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the *Decree on Child Protection*. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed **The Archdiocese of Cincinnati: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse – Archdiocese Of Cincinnati Edition**.

In addition, employees are required to complete an online background check, manual fingerprinting, and B4 form once prior to beginning employment. Ohio Department of Education licensees may have additional requirements, and school offices or athletic departments should be consulted if there are any questions. Volunteers are required to complete an online background check prior to volunteering with youth. Employees and volunteers are required to stay current in completing SafeParish quarterly bulletins.

Please make sure you are up to date on completing the quarterly bulletins or you will not be able to work/volunteer with youth until your SafeParish account is approved. Please direct questions regarding bulletin completion to your parish/school safe environment coordinator at csajnog@saintannparish.org at St. Ann; sandling@stbernardtc.org at St. Bernard; gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com at St. James; jpetrey@stmargaretmaryparish.org at St. Margaret Mary.





TMIY

Men – there's still time to join *That Man Is You!*

That Man Is You! combines Scripture, solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society.



THE 27TH ANNUAL RED MASS

Parishioners involved in the legal profession and their families are encouraged to attend the Mass and following reception on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, KY. Visit CincinnatiRedMass.org for more information!

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we learn how the Apostles evangelized to all the nations, and how the early Church grew so quickly. We begin this Bible Study on September 16 at 9:30 a.m. in St. James' Seniors Room in the Parish Center. Bring a Catholic Bible. We will cover two chapters each week. A Catholic commentary of your choice is optional. Please call, text or email Elaine Rasp with questions at 513-604-5091 or ELAINELRASP@gmail.com.

DINE TO DONATE AT SKYLINE

SAVE THE DATE! Please join us anytime on **Sunday, September 21** for a Dine to Donate at Skyline, 8635 Colerain Avenue. They will **donate 10% of sales** back to our St. James School PTO! **You must show the flyer**, which you can find at <https://d2dskyline25.cheddarup.com> or by scanning the framed QR code. Thank you for your support!



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

If you shop at Kroger, you can earn dollars for St. James PTO! Join the Kroger Community Rewards program and each time you use your Kroger Plus card, a percentage will be donated to us. Link your account by scanning the QR code or going to <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>.



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Box Top\$ for Education gives families an easy way to earn cash for schools, with products they already buy. Simply scan your receipt with the Box Top\$ mobile app to identify participating products and instantly add cash to our earnings online. To get started, download the Box Top\$ app and add St. James White Oak School (ID# 161771). Encourage family members to do the same! Buy participating products with the Box Top\$ logo and scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase. For electronic receipts, forward them to RECEIPTS@BOXTOPS4EDUCATION.COM. Look for special bonus offers that occur often!



CANA

Calling all Women:

Discover Purpose, Find Connection, and Live Faith! CANA Groups are forming for all four program years at St. James. We currently have a Year One and Year Three group. For more information, check out the CANA website at www.canafamilyinstitute.com. Questions? Contact Christina Sillies at silly7@fuse.net or Molly Sillies at molly.sillies@gmail.com.

ST. JAMES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Are you interested in learning more about your faith? Join us as we discover the Joys of Our Catholic Faith. Our next gathering will be Thursday, September 18th in the Marian Room in the basement of St. James Church Office from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Thiemann at thiemannfamily@fuse.net or 513-385-7553.

ST. BERNARD TURTLE FEST



SEPT 21 2025

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OF FAITH, FAMILIES, & FUN!

featuring:

CHICKEN DINNER, SECRET RECIPE MOCK TURTLE SOUP,
BEER, POP, PIZZA, KIDS ACTIVITIES, GAMES, RAFFLE
BASKETS, GRAND RAFFLE

11:30 AM

6:00 PM

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church

7130 Harrison Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45247
STBERNARDTF@GMAIL.COM



THE HOLY CROSS

Reflection on John 3:13-17

For Christians, the cross represents a paradox: that which had been an instrument of destruction has become the means of salvation. It is given to us on this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross as a key for understanding and probing our reality, our relationship with Christ, and as a pattern for our lives.

Our Christian sensibility it this: for us, death is but one more moment in a process of becoming. This truth invites us into living the mystery of the cross, in seeing the cross as the pattern for our lives. When we open ourselves to the power of God in our lives, we will die, and be reborn, over and over again. And our dying will often take the form of the letting go of that in us which keeps us from truly living and loving. We let go of the peripheral in order to draw near to the essential.

– Father Jay

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9

Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

Monday, September 15, 2025

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9

John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and

Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Timothy 3:1-13

Psalm 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6

Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Weekday

1 Timothy 3:14-16

Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Weekday

1 Timothy 4:12-16

Psalm 111:7-8, 9, 10

Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 19, 2025

Weekday

1 Timothy 6:2c-12

Psalm 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20

Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest,

and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and

Companions, Martyrs

1 Timothy 6:13-16

Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Luke 8:4-15

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SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS

Saint of the Day: September 20

Patron Saints of Korea

Following his Baptism at the age of 15, the first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded. Andrew Kim Taegon's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45.

Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. The two were beheaded. Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized. Around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Besides Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.

Read the full article: "Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
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