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Roman Catholic Churches of St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Joseph



**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 21, 2022**

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**Mass Schedule**  
at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:  
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

**Confession**  
Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

**St. Marianne Cope Outreach Ministry**  
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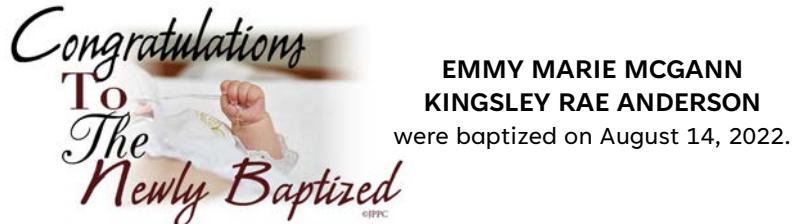
**The Psalms: The prayers Jesus prayed.** Deacon Joe Lieby will lead a four-session study of the Psalms beginning on Tuesday, September 13th at 7 pm in the St. Thomas old school building. Learn to hear the voice of Christ as you read the Psalms. Grow in appreciation of the place of the Psalms in the life of the Church. To join the study, send an email to [aff@stmariannecope.com](mailto:aff@stmariannecope.com).

**St. Marianne Cope Outreach Ministry** and the Knights of Columbus are restocking the shelves of the food pantry and need your help. A Food Drive will be held on Saturday, September 10th, 10 am-noon in the parking lot outside the St. Thomas old school building. They will be collecting: individually wrapped snacks (apple sauce, pudding, soft bars, etc.), soups, canned tuna and chicken, cereal, oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauce, canned vegetables and fruit, spaghetti o's, pop tarts, mac and cheese, ramen noodles, mashed potatoes and rice, creamy peanut butter, jelly, coffee and tea, hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, detergents, hand soaps, dish soap), paper products (toilet paper and paper towels), and bottled water (desperately needed). Monetary donations are welcome for perishable items. Questions? Email John at [outreach@stmariannecope.com](mailto:outreach@stmariannecope.com).

**Spiritual Adoption Program: Save a life!** The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Rita #264 invites the parish to participate in their Spiritual Adoption Program. Last year, our second, we prayed for 172 babies. Consider "adopting" through prayer, as an individual or a family, an unborn child whose mother may be pondering an abortion. All it takes is a short prayer, said daily! We begin on the Feast of Our Lady's Birth, September 8th. On September 11th at 11 am, join us for a Rosary as we kickoff our new year for a Culture of Life. Look for details in future bulletins and on the parish website or contact Fran Clifford at [75fclifford@gmail.com](mailto:75fclifford@gmail.com).

The CDA's annual Tricky Tray event will be held on Saturday, October 29th. In September, there will be a pre-sale on a variety of the **Specialty Baskets**. A photo board of the baskets will be available in September and tickets can be purchased after Masses. Winners will be announced at Tricky Tray. More information will be available in a flyer in a future bulletin.

**Inquiry and the Rite of Christian Initiation** for Adults (RCIA) and Teens (RCIT): Formal classes begin in the fall, but this is a time for "inquiry". For information, email [metiernan@stmariannecope.com](mailto:metiernan@stmariannecope.com).



**Bulletin Cover Image:** "Saint Augustine and his mother, Saint Monica", Ary Scheffer. Source: Wikimedia Commons.

**St. Therese Classical Academy and Chesterton Academy** are holding Open Houses every Thursday in August, 4-6 pm at their new location: 3348 State Route 208, Campbell Hall. For information, email [headmistress@stcacademy.org](mailto:headmistress@stcacademy.org) or visit [stcacademy.org](http://stcacademy.org).

# THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## "THE WORLD SEEMED A PALTRY PLACE"

This week, August 27th, the Church celebrates the Memorial of St. Monica; the next day is usually for her son, Saint Augustine (this year his feast day falls on Sunday). In the passage below from his *Confessions*, St. Augustine writes of his mother to whom he gives much credit for winning his salvation by her prayer.

**N**OT LONG BEFORE THE DAY on which she was to leave this life – you knew which day it was to be, O Lord, thought we did not – my mother and I were alone, leaning from a window which overlooked the garden in the courtyard of the house where we were staying at Ostia. We were waiting there after our long and tiring journey, away from the crowd, to refresh ourselves before our sea-voyage. I believe that what I am going to tell happened through the secret working of your providence. For we were talking alone together and our conversation was serene and joyful. 'We had forgotten what we had left behind and were intent on what lay before us.' In the presence of Truth, which is yourself, we were wondering what the eternal life of saints would be like, that which 'no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart conceived.' But we laid the lips of our hearts to the heavenly stream that flows from your fountain, 'the source of all life which in you', so that as far as it was in our power to do so we might be sprinkled with its waters and in some sense reach an understanding of this great mystery.

Our conversation led us to the conclusion that no bodily pleasure, however it great it might be and whatever earthly light might shed luster upon it, was worthy of comparison, or even of mention, beside the happiness of the life of the saints. As the flame of love burned stronger in us and raised us higher towards the eternal God, our thoughts ranged over the whole compass of material things in their various degrees, up to the heavens themselves, from which the sun and the moon and the stars shine

down upon the earth. Higher still we climbed, thinking and speaking all the while in wonder at all that you have made. At length we came to our souls and passed beyond them to that place of everlasting plenty, where you feed Israel forever with the food of truth. There life is that Wisdom by which all these things that we know are made, all things that ever have been and all that are yet to be.... And while we spoke of the eternal Wisdom, longing for it and straining for it with all the strength of our hearts, for one fleeting instant we reached out and touched it. Then with a sigh, leaving 'our spiritual harvest' bound to it, we returned to the sound of our own speech, in which each word has a beginning and an ending – far, far different from your Word, our Lord, who abides in things forever, yet never grows old and gives new life to things....

You know, O Lord, that as we talked that day, the world, for all its pleasures, seemed a paltry place compared with the life that we spoke of. And then my mother said, 'My son, for my part I find no further pleasure in this life. What I am still to do or why I am here in the world, I do not know, for I have no more to hope for on this earth. There was one reason, and one alone, why I wished to remain a little longer in this life, and that was to see you a Catholic Christian before I died. God has granted me my wish and more besides, for I know see you as his servant, spurning such happiness as the world can give. What is left for me to do in this world?'

- *From Book IX, para. 10, The Confessions, St. Augustine, translated by R. S. Pine-Coffin (Penguin Books, London, England, 1961, pages 196-199)*

# PARENTS PRAYER TO ST. MONICA

**St. Monica,**

patron of Christian mothers,  
we entrust to your protection  
the children whose names  
you can read in our hearts.

Pray for them that they may be granted  
strength to combat weakness,  
victory over temptation,  
guidance to resolve their doubts,  
and success in all their undertakings.

May they enjoy good health of  
mind and body,  
see beauty and worth  
in all created things,  
and serve the Lord with firm faith,

joyful hope, and enduring love.  
We have confidence that  
your prayers will gain  
a favorable hearing in heaven.

Mother of a sinner-turned-saint,  
obtain for us patience,  
perseverance,  
and a total trust  
in God's perfect timing.  
In His appointed hour,  
in His merciful way,  
may He respond  
to your prayers and ours  
which we offer through you.  
Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon, Aug 22:** *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
8:30 Ints. of Deacon John Pelella by Kathy Kissel

**Tues, Aug 23:** *St. Rose of Lima*  
8:30 +William Hughes by Steve and Hannah Accilli

**Wed, Aug 24:** *St. Bartholomew*  
8:30 +Gil Cirenza by Bea Cirenza

**Thurs, Aug 25:** *St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz*  
8:30 +Poor Souls in Purgatory by Linda Siner

**Fri, Aug 26**  
8:30 +Thomas Campbell by Crispo family

**Sat, Aug 27:** *St. Monica*  
8:30 +Barbara Taylor by Thomas Kingman  
4:30 +Bridget Regan and Ralph Valentino by Kathy and Jerry Sarubbe

**Sun, Aug 28:** *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00 +Barbara Garity by Kathy Kissel  
10:00 +Vito Dispigna by Denis O'Keefe  
12:00 For the People of the Parish

*The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only  
for the People of the Parish. The offering for an  
unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass—\$15.*

## READINGS FOR THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reading I – Isaiah 66:18-21

All nations are to be at home in God's house, so that no one group has exclusive rights to the kingdom.

### Reading II – Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The reader is urged to persevere in view of what he/she will win at the end of life's race. Suffering, however, is a part of the human condition.

### The Gospel – Luke 13:22-30

Luke stresses that the Christian way of life demands one's total allegiance to Jesus. No one is to be excluded as travel companions along the way, especially from among the poor and lowly.



Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday Mass.

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