

ST. MARIANNE COPE PARISH

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



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 4, 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

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Faith Formation registration for 2022/23 classes is closed as of
Monday, September 5th.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters of the
Americas, and the Trainor/Raia family for their generous donations
toward the purchase of new chasubles, dalmatics, and a funeral pall
to enhance our liturgies!

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will next meet on Monday, September
12th at 10 am in the St. Thomas old school building. New members
welcome! For information, contact Regina at rlieby411@gmail.com.

The **Parish Office will be closed** on Monday, September 5th in
observance of Labor Day.

The **St. Marianne Cope Outreach Ministry** and the Knights of
Columbus Food Drive is on Saturday, September 10th, 10 am-noon
in the parking lot outside the St. Thomas old school building. They
will be collecting: food, hygiene products, paper products, and
bottled water. See the complete list on the parish website. Monetary
donations are welcome for perishable items. Questions? Email John
at outreach@stmariannecope.com.

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.

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. Consider "adopting" through prayer, as
a individual or a family, an unborn child whose mother may be
pondering an abortion. 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. For
information, contact Fran at 75fclifford@gmail.

CDA Ten-Month Raffle tickets are available for purchase every
weekend in September. Each ticket purchase has ten opportunities
to win. The total monetary award over ten months is \$2,550.
Proceeds support the National Catholic Daughters of the Americas
projects/charities, parish ministries, and the local community.

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.

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also be found at archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy
regarding sexual abuse of minors, this notice is provided to ensure
that our children remain safe and secure.

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

LABOR DAY THOUGHTS

From the Encyclical by St. John Paul II, Laborem Exercens, Sept. 14, 1981: "Throughout the course of the centuries, men have labored to better the circumstances of their lives through a monumental amount of individual and collective effort.... Such human activity accords with God's will. For man, created to God's image, received a mandate to subject to himself the earth and all that it contains, and to govern the world with justice and holiness; a mandate to relate himself and the totality of things to him who was to be acknowledged as the Lord and Creator of all. Thus, by the subjection of all things to man, the name of God would be wonderful in all the earth." (Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World Gaudium et Spes, 34: AAS 58 (1966), pp. 1052-1053)

THE WORD OF GOD'S REVELATION is profoundly marked by the fundamental truth that *man*, created in the image of God, *shares by his work in the activity of the Creator* and that, within the limits of his own human capabilities, man in a sense continues to develop that activity, and perfects it as he advances further and further in the discovery of the resources and values contained in the whole of creation. We find this truth at the very beginning of Sacred Scripture, in the Book of Genesis, where the creation activity itself is presented in the form of "work" done by God during "six days", "resting" on the seventh day.

This description of creation, which we find in the very first chapter of the Book of Genesis, is also *in a sense the first "gospel of work"*. For it shows what the dignity of work consists of: it teaches that man ought to imitate God, his Creator, in working, because man alone has the unique characteristic of likeness to God. Man ought to imitate God both in working and also in resting, since God himself wished to present his own creative activity under the form of *work and rest*. This activity by God in the world always continues, as the words of Christ attest: "My Father is working still ..." (John 5:17); he works with creative power by sustaining in existence the world that he called into being from nothing, and he works with salvific power in the hearts of those whom from the beginning he has destined for "rest" in union with himself in his "Father's house". Therefore, man's work too not only requires a rest every "seventh day"), but also cannot consist in the mere exercise of human strength in external action; it must leave room for man to prepare himself, by becoming more and more what in the will of God he ought to be, for the "rest" that the Lord reserves for his servants and friends.

Awareness that man's work is a participation in God's activity ought to permeate, as the Council teaches, even "the most ordinary everyday activities. For, while providing the substance of life for themselves and their families,

men and women are performing their activities in a way which appropriately benefits society. They can justly consider that by their labour they are unfolding the Creator's work, consulting the advantages of their brothers and sisters, and contributing by their personal industry to the realization in history of the divine plan".

This Christian spirituality of work should be a heritage shared by all. Especially in the modern age, the *spirituality* of work should show the *maturity* called for by the tensions and restlessness of mind and heart. "Far from thinking that works produced by man's own talent and energy are in opposition to God's power, and that the rational creature exists as a kind of rival to the Creator, Christians are convinced that the triumphs of the human race are a sign of God's greatness and the flowering of his own mysterious design. For the greater man's power becomes, the farther his individual and community responsibility extends. ... People are not deterred by the *Christian message* from building up the world or impelled to neglect the welfare of their fellows. They are, rather, more stringently bound to do these very things".

The knowledge that by means of work man shares in the work of creation constitutes the most profound *motive* for undertaking it in various sectors. "The faithful, therefore", we read in the Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, "must learn the deepest meaning and the value of all creation, and its orientation to the praise of God. Even by their secular activity they must assist one another to live holier lives. In this way the world will be permeated by the spirit of Christ and more effectively achieve its purpose in justice, charity and peace... Therefore, by their competence in secular fields and by their personal activity, elevated from within by the grace of Christ, let them work vigorously so that by human labour, technical skill, and civil culture created goods may be perfected according to the design of the Creator and the light of his Word".

Serving the Homebound

“I was ill and you cared for me...” (Mt 25:36).

Around the middle of the second century A.D., St. Justin Martyr wrote about the practice of bringing the Eucharist to those who could not join the community in worship because of infirmity. Communion for the homebound is an important ministry that brings Christ in His Body and Blood to the homebound and reminds the sick they are part of the community. Since the Second Vatican Council, laity have been allowed to participate in this important ministry as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

Extraordinary Ministers must be Catholic and must have received all the sacraments of initiation. If married, they must have received the sacrament in the Catholic Church. They should be receiving the Eucharist every Sunday themselves, and frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They must demonstrate a knowledge of and reverence for the mysteries of the Eucharist. They will be expected to complete an on-line seminar and complete Safe Environment Training.

If you believe you have a calling to bring Holy Communion to the homebound, please contact Father Doughty at pastor@stmariannecope.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Sept 5

8:30 +Holy Souls in Purgatory by a donor

Tues, Sept 6

8:30 +Theresa Foley by Grabe family

Wed, Sept 7

8:30 +Siner family by Linda Siner

Thurs, Sept 8: *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 +Antoinette Mansour by Ireifej family

Fri, Sept 9: *St. Peter Claver*

8:30 +Grace Monahan by Theresa and Frank Doogan

Sat, Sept 10: *BVM*

8:30 +Grace Monahan by Kathy Kissel

4:30 +Angela and Luigi Amoretti by Mr. and Mrs. Sal Gallo

Sun, Sept 11: *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 +Ann Marie Johnson by George Whittaker & fam.

10:00 +John Schoenberger by family

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 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I – Wisdom 9:13-18b

This is part of Solomon’s prayer, in which he acknowledges that all of our deliberations are weak because of our bodily concerns. Therefore, who of us can really know the Lord’s ways?

Reading II – Philemon:9-10, 12-17

Paul asserts that Philemon’s slave Onesimus has become like a son to him. Now that he is a Christian, he will be coming back to his owner a better person, a true disciple of the Lord and one who forgives injuries.

The Gospel – Luke 14:25-33

This section embraces Luke’s conditions for being a disciple. A person must necessarily consider those before taking any action. Above all, a true disciple must follow through on his/her resolve to the end.



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

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