

# SAINT MARY of the Assumption



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

## What good would it be?

– Fr. Bosco Padamattummal –

**T**HE DOCTRINE OF HELL IS NOT THAT OFTEN PREACHED FROM THE PULPIT. No one really wants to think about it or talk about it because it's unpleasant. We love to talk about heaven and going to heaven, and we look forward to the day when we go there, but the thought that there is a place called "hell" "where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched" is so repulsive that we either try to deny that it exists or deny that anyone will actually "be thrown into" it. But when we neglect this vital doctrine, we're actually doing irreparable harm and damage in understanding God's love and grace.

In other words, in order to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, we also have to preach the hard truth of God's justice, holiness, righteousness, and of course the place of hell.

Clearly Jesus does believe that there is such a thing as "hell." Speaking of the fiery horror of hell, Jesus said it would be better to go through this life maimed than to go into the fires of hell. That is how horrific hell is going to be. In today's gospel (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48), Jesus uses an awful scene to describe hell. It is as if Jesus is saying, "You want to know what hell is going to be like? Look at the Valley of Gehenna – that will give you some idea."

The Valley of Gehenna sat outside the city of Jerusalem. It was where all the trash along with the bodies of dead animals were thrown. To consume it all, fires would continually burn. In a way, hell may be described as God's garbage dump, that is, all that is unfit for heaven will be thrown into the fires of hell. And it is neither safe nor wise to believe differently than Jesus.

As long as we are in this world, we live

between the two realities of heaven and hell. Our time in this world is temporary; it may continue on for a few days or years, or we may live to be 100. But after our life in this world, we all will live forever either in heaven or in hell. The idea here is not that Jesus wants to scare us out of hell and into heaven. Through his Word and the Promise given to you in your baptism, Jesus already has opened the kingdom of heaven to you. He has already marked you as one who belongs to Him.

And this is not because you are so good and faithful and never sin. But because Jesus is so good and faithful was ready to shed his blood for us for the forgiveness of sins.

But there are forces at work in this world that would like to see you forsake your baptism and the Word and Promise that God put on you, and to forfeit your place in heaven for a

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**St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ❖ Sept 25-Oct. 3, 2021**  
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

<b>SAT. SEPT. 25</b>	<b>Weekday</b> (opt. mem. <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i> )
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45	3:30-4:30pm Confession ➤ <b>5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: For the People</b>
<b>SUN. SEPT. 26</b>	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Nm 11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession ➤ <b>8:30am MASS:</b> † Don Christian [Karen Christian] ➤ <b>10:30am MASS:</b> † Tom Burch [The Selecki Family]
<b>MON. SEPT. 27</b>	<b>Memorial: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</b>
Zec 8:1-8 Lk 9:46-50	➤ <b>8:30am MASS</b> (note time): INT: John & MaryAnn Doyle [John and Tina Doyle] 12:45pm "The Real Presence of Jesus" session 3 / FFH
<b>TUES. SEPT. 28</b>	<b>Weekday</b> (opt. mem. <i>St. Wenceslaus, Martyr</i> ) (opt. mem. <i>St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs</i> )
Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56	➤ <b>No Mass today in Manchester</b>
<b>WED. SEPT. 29</b>	<b>Feast: Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</b>
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 (or Rv 12:7-12a) Jn 1:47-51	➤ <b>No Mass today in Manchester</b>
<b>THUR. SEPT. 30</b>	<b>Memorial: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b>
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Lk 10:1-12	➤ <b>No Mass today in Manchester</b> 6:30pm "The Real Presence of Jesus" session 3 / FFH
<b>FRI. OCT. 1</b>	<b>Memorial: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b>
Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16	➤ <b>8:30am FIRST FRIDAY MASS:</b> † Leon Ball [Nicholas Krzyżaniak] <b>Exposition &amp; Adoration</b> , beginning after morning Mass, then continuing all day & evening, closing with Benediction at 10:00pm <b>8:00-9:00pm Confession</b>
<b>SAT. OCT. 2</b>	<b>Memorial: The Holy Guardian Angels</b>
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Mt 18:1-5, 10	➤ <b>8:30am FIRST SATURDAY MASS:</b> † Ann Becktel [Ruth Burch] 3:30-4:30pm Confession ☞ <i>Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass</i> ➤ <b>5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: For the People</b>
<b>SUN. OCT. 3</b>	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Gn 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16 (or 10:2-12)	8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession ☞ <i>Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before both Masses</i> ➤ <b>8:30am MASS:</b> INT. Cathy & Jim McMonagle [Ruth Burch] ➤ <b>10:30am MASS:</b> † Harriet Van Riper [Alice Kidd] 12 noon: Blessing of Pets (in front of church) ■

**FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:**  
*What good would it be?*

place in hell. Actually, the way Jesus puts it here, those forces are not only at "work in this world," they're at work in you. He is talking about your hand, and your feet, and your eyes in today's gospel.

**It's your sinful heart that tells your hands to do what they shouldn't do** and not do what they should. It's your sinful nature that tells your feet to go where they shouldn't go and not go where they should. It's your sinful mind that tells your eyes to look at what they should not look at and to not look at what they should see. The forces of the evil that are in the world and in our own bodies want to "cut us off" from heaven.

**Adam and Eve let their feet walk them to that one tree in the garden** that God said, "You shall not eat." Their eyes saw that the fruit was good for food and desirable for making one wise. Their hands reached out and grabbed hold of it and plucked it from the tree and brought it to their mouth, and they ate.

**Jesus is issuing some serious warning here;** the consequences of sin are real. Jesus is taking your sin this seriously and therefore, so should we. Because it is neither safe nor wise to take lightly what Jesus takes seriously. Obviously, our Lord is not calling for physical mutilation. In Mark 7:14-15, he called together the crowd and said, "Nothing outside the man that can defile him if it goes into him, but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man." So, he is not talking about mutilation of hands and your feet – it is about the custody of your heart.

**We cannot continue to live in sin and live in Christ.** Sin will take you to hell "where the worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched." And Christ will take you to heaven, where the joy does not die. And the one is so bad and the other is so good that "it is better for you to enter life with one hand and one foot and one eye" than to be thrown into hell.

**And besides, what we lose, what we cut off here in this life will be restored to us in heaven.** Bodies will be raised from the ground and united to pure and sinless souls, and hands will take hold of eternal life and never let it go. And feet will walk in paths of righteousness and never go astray. And eyes will behold the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ forever.

**This is a good gospel for us to hear and take to heart,** because we tend to take sin lightly and minimize the danger that confronts us both from without and within. This is certainly not something that Jesus took lightly or minimized. He gave his hands and his feet over to the nails and closed his eyes in death for you.

**Dear brothers and sisters, what good would it be** for Jesus to enter into heaven with two un-pierced hands but without you, his little ones, at his side? What good would it be for Jesus to enter into heaven with two un-pierced feet but without you, his beloved child? And what good would it be for Jesus to enter into heaven with two good eyes and not see you at his banquet table with all the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven? †

**Birthday Blessings!**

SEPTEMBER 26  
Mike Bossory

SEPTEMBER 27  
Laurie Sanders

SEPTEMBER 28  
David Bonkowski

OCTOBER 2  
Ronald Fielder  
Samantha Stace

**Altar Flowers**

SEPT. 26, 2021

In loving memory of  
+ Michael Scully

[Marge Scully & Family]

**BLESSING OF PETS**  
Next SUN., OCT. 3 at noon  
in front of the church

**LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Jeff Eineder from the Manchester Funeral Home sent this email:**  
 "Seeking part time administrative assistant, preferred a minimum of 5 years of administration experience. Must have professional oral and written communication skills. Proficient knowledge with office equipment and Microsoft applications is needed. Flexibility, Compassion, and Confidentiality is a must. This position at our two funeral homes is rewarding and can have some physical and emotional demands while serving families. Email resume to jeff@einederfuneralhomes.com or mail to PO Box 396, Brooklyn, MI 49230. No phone calls, please. E.O.E."

**FIRST FRIDAY ❖ OCT. 1**  
**COME SPEND TIME**  
**WITH JESUS!**



**Exposition & Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Following morning Mass until Benediction at 10:00pm  
 Also: First Saturday Mass Oct. 2 at 8:30 am

**Special Collection for our Brothers & Sisters in Need**

Prompted by Hurricane Ida and the tornados and flooding that followed, Archbishop José H. Gomez, President of the United States Bishops Conference, is asking us to give generously to a special collection to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from this and any future disasters. Collected funds will be used where they are most needed. A similar request was sent in August more specific to Haiti, but as Ida continued on its destructive path, the needs are even greater. Please consider supporting this emergency appeal which will take place here at St. Mary, Manchester, on the weekend of Oct. 3.

**The "Real Presence" - It's Never Too Late!**

If you missed the first sessions – no problem. You can come in-person for any of the sessions. And you always have the option to view the session videos online through the parish website [www.stmarymanchester.org](http://www.stmarymanchester.org) In addition to the six session videos, there are many more bonus videos, handouts available for download, viewing and printing. If Holy Communion has become routine, you will discover that the Eucharist has infinite power to change your life – perhaps even your eternal destiny. Do not pass this up.

**"To help Grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer in the heart of family life"**

"Grandparents have no agenda; they simply want the best for their grandchildren." This summarizes the roots of the "Catholic Grandparents Association." Recently EWTN featured the founder of this organization whose purpose is to help grandparents suffering because their children have stopped going to Church and grandchildren are not being baptized. To learn more, visit their website (*scroll down for their welcome statement*): [catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/](http://catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/)

**October is "The Month of the Rosary" & "Respect Life Month"**

This coming Friday, we begin a month of blessings *and* responsibilities. There will be many opportunities to participate in activities and events connected to these two important observances – both in our parish and nearby. The first is **next Sun., Oct. 3**, with the annual "LIFE CHAIN." We can take part either in Jackson or Ann Arbor. All are encouraged to stand in quiet and prayerful solidarity, witnessing to the precious lives of little ones still in the womb.

- **"LIFE CHAIN" in JACKSON: Sun., Oct 3** from 2:30–3:30pm
  - Various parishes and churches are encouraged to gather at particular points. We (along with nearby Catholic parishes) are to stand across from the First Presbyterian Church (743 W Michigan Ave – about 1/10 mile east of West Avenue on the north side of the street).
  - Signs will be provided
  - More info at 517-784-1300 or [info@jacksonforlife.com](mailto:info@jacksonforlife.com)
- **"LIFE CHAIN" in ANN ARBOR: Sun., Oct 3** from 2:00–3:30pm
  - At the corner of Washtenaw & Huron Pkwy (*please do not park in lots of open businesses*)
  - Positive pro-life signs will be available (e.g. "We will help you" "Pregnant? Need help? Call 1-800-57WOMAN")
  - More info at [Plan2pray.org](http://Plan2pray.org) or 734-973-2422 or [mgeyer@provide.net](mailto:mgeyer@provide.net)

**"Will you stand for one hour to pray for an end to abortion?"**  
**Be a public witness for the invisible victims.**

**Are you or someone you know grieving the loss of a loved one?**

From "Sorrow to Serenity" is a 5-week program that explores various aspects of the of the grief journey. Participants will have the opportunity to share their grief experiences with others and receive support, resources, and tools to empower their healing process. The program, offered by the St. Andrew, Saline, Bereavement Ministry, will be held on **Thursdays, Sept 30–Oct 28**, from 7-8:30pm in the St. Andrew Faith Formation Center, Room A. For more info contact Mary at [momjolale@gmail.com](mailto:momjolale@gmail.com) or the St. Andrew parish office at 734-429-5210

**The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:**  
**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...**

- 1) + Leon Ball  
*(Nicholas Krzyzaniak)*
- 2) For the repose of the souls of +Delmar Fraley, +Edward Kantzler, & +Michael Pauli  
*(Mike & Julie DeLucia)*



*© Sacrament, most holy,  
 © Sacrament, divine,  
 All praise and all thanksgiving  
 Be every moment thine!*

**Please Pray for...**

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| • Robin Schmidt           | • Bruce Sommers                      |
| • Mike Stem               | • Luise Kienzle                      |
| • Dawn Gaylord            | • Christy Woody                      |
| • Emilienne Ramdé         | • Jerry Kripas                       |
| • Sr. Ann Mahany          | • Joe Kirk                           |
| • Michelle Henderson      | • Joyce Stein                        |
| • Delores Oakley          | • Loretta Widmayer                   |
| • George Oakley           | • Connie Stancato                    |
| • Diane DuRussel          | • Duane Beuerle                      |
| • Michelle & Jon Hagopian | • Annie (sister of Lynn Waldecker)   |
| • Paul Marion             | • Paul Whelan (imprisoned in Russia) |
| • Sean Sangster           | • Pam Wils                           |
| • Mike Gibbons            | • Larry Lehmann                      |

*...and for the repose of the soul of*  
**† Angela Carrier**  
*and for her grieving loved ones.*  
 Please contact the Parish Office to add or remove a name from this prayer list.

**St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

*Sunday Env (51) ..... \$ 3,568.00*  
*Welcome & Loose ..... 110.05*  
*E-Giving (4) ..... 227.67*

*Combined toward budget: ... \$ 3,905.72*  
*Budget goal: ..... 5,300.00*  
*Amt BELOW goal: ..... - 1,394.28*

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**  
*Bldg. & Maint (1) ..... \$ 10.00*  
*E-Giving Bldg. & Maint..... \$ 331.00*  
*Poor Box ..... 13.24*  
*Votive candles ..... 37.00*

**THINK YOU MIGHT BE PREGNANT? NEED HELP? ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION**  
 Call (800) 712-HELP (4357)  
 24-hr emergency pregnancy help

**Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL**  
 (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email [nlc@resurrectionlansing.org](mailto:nlc@resurrectionlansing.org)

**NEED HELP? "COURAGE"** is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email [caverart@comcast.net](mailto:caverart@comcast.net)

**NEED HELP? An "AA" group meets Fridays at 7:00pm at Emanuel Church, 324 W Main St. (next door to St Mary's)**