

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES OF THE WEEK

† - For the repose of the soul / in memory of the person(s) indicated

Sunday, September 6

10:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

Monday, September 7

(Private Mass) † Barbara by her brother Don Mitchell.

Tuesday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. † Pearle by her brother Don Mitchell.

Wednesday, September 9

(Private Mass) † Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, September 10

9:00 a.m. For Lynn's return to health.

Saturday, September 12

4:30 p.m. † Gerry Menchini by Epe Roca.

READINGS (Year A):

Saturday, September 6

First Reading: Ezekiel 33.7-9

*If you do not speak to warn the wicked,
I will require their blood at your hand.*

Second Reading: Romans 13.8-10

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20

If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

Tuesday, September 8

First Reading: Romans 8.28-30

God predestined those whom he knew beforehand.

Gospel: Matthew 1.1-16, 18.23

Joseph, it is the Holy Spirit who has given Mary a child.

Thursday, September 10

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 8.1b-7, 11-13

*When you sin against believers who are weak,
you sin against Christ.*

Gospel: Luke 6.27-38

Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.

Saturday, September 12

First Reading: Sirach 27.30-28.7

*Forgive your neighbour the wrong that is done, and then your
sins will be pardoned when you pray.*

Second Reading: Romans 14.7-9

Whether we live or we whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

*I tell you, you should forgive not seven times,
but twenty-seven times.*

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

Universal: *Respect for the Planet's Resources* ~ We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Patricia McNamara, Norbert and Fernande Dacquay, Baby Raechal McIntyre, Catherine Bedard, Monique Beaudry, Erin Burnett, Marcelo Pimentel, Franco Azua Arias, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

A reminder that the date for the Good Friday collection was changed to next Sunday by our Holy Father Pope Francis. Please indicate Holy Land on your envelope.

For those who have already donated to the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land, your offering will be sent to the Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada together with next Sunday's collection.

MANY THANKS

Many thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who allowed us to re-open the church in a safe way back in June and continue to help us keep the church open, in compliance with public health guidelines.

THANK YOU

Fr. Vincent thanks you for your generosity and continued support during this difficult time. Mass intentions are always welcome, even more so these days especially for missionary priests who are in great need of support.

BULLETIN

Bulletins are available after Mass at the back of the church as you go home. **Do not leave the bulletin inside the church. You have to take it home with you.**

**THE CHURCH IS SAFE
WHEN GUIDELINES ARE FOLLOWED**

Evidence suggests that church services following public health guidelines do not present a greater risk of spreading COVID-19 than other similar activities, doctors said last week. Washing hands, social distancing, and mask requirements have helped prevent the spread of COVID-19, even in cases when contagious, pre-symptomatic parishioners took part in church events, three members of the Thomistic Institute Working Group on Infectious Disease Protocols for Sacraments & Pastoral Care concluded.

"For Catholic churches following [the] guidelines, no outbreaks of COVID-19 have been linked to church attendance, even though we have examples ... of asymptomatic, unknowingly infected individuals attending mass and other parish functions," they wrote. "Their attendance could have led to an outbreak if appropriate precautions were not followed, yet in each case, we found no evidence of viral transmission."

"This encouraging news should inspire confidence that the guidelines in place - based on CDC recommendations - are working to decrease COVID-19 transmission," the doctors continued. "While nothing during a pandemic is risk-free, these guidelines mean that Catholics (and public officials) may be confident that it's reasonably safe to come to Church for Mass and the sacraments."

To date, the evidence does not suggest that Church attendance - following the current guidelines - is any more risky than shopping for groceries. And the spiritual good for believers in coming to Church is immeasurably important for their well-being," they said.

"Indeed, for Catholics, the Mass and above all the Eucharist are central to the Christian life. In a time like this, it is even more important that the faithful be able to come to Church and receive Holy Communion."

Excerpts from: Catholic News Agency Staff, Aug 25, 2020

INTO THE BREACH

St. Theresa Parish Knights of Columbus invites all men in the parish to a series of on-line (zoom) discussions beginning on **September 23**, based on twelve short videos. More information to follow.

ALPHA

ALPHA will be offered on-line on **Tuesday evenings** starting **September 29**. More information to follow.

EVENTS

Due to COVID-19 the following events are **cancelled this fall**: First Friday Holy Hour, parish BBQ & AGM, Senior Lunches, Sunday Socials, Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfasts, Anointing of the Sick and the Annual Christmas Bazaar.

**A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION
IN TIME OF PANDEMIC**

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident that you will provide for us
as at Cana of Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.*

*In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

*Let us pray for each other that we stay healthy
and safe as we continue to navigate during this
challenging time.*