



# St. Peter's Church

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

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## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sundays

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Mondays through Fridays

11:40 am and 1:15 pm

## CONFESSIONS

*Lower Level of the Church*

Mondays through Fridays

10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 4:30 pm

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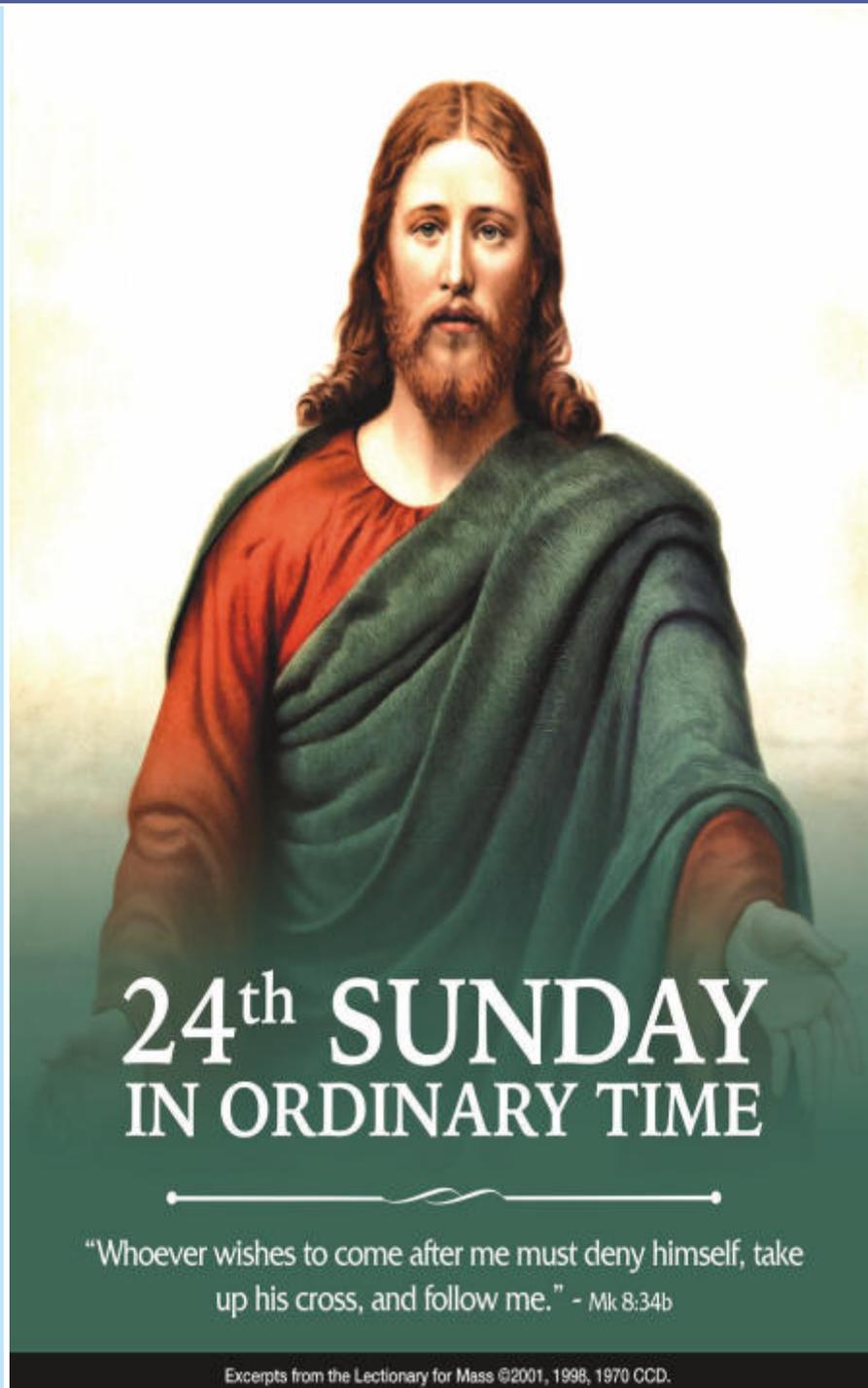
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Sundays

8:30 am until 12:30 pm



# 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take  
up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

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**Saints' Days and Observances**

- Sun., September 12:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., September 13:** St. John Chrysostom
- Tues., September 14:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Wed., September 15:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Thurs., September 16:** Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
- Fri., September 17:** The Stigmata of Our Holy Father Francis
- Sat., September 18:** St. Joseph of Cupertino

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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

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<b>Weekly Goal</b> .....	\$ 12,000
<b>August 22-28 Total</b> .....	\$ 4,226
<b>Difference</b> .....	\$ - 7,774

## THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



On Monday, September 10, 2001 Fr. Mychal Judge, a Franciscan priest and NYFD Chaplain celebrated Mass for a group of firefighters. In his homily he preached, “*You do what God has called you to do. You get on that rig,*

*you go out and do the job. No matter how big the call, no matter how small, you have no idea of what God is calling you to do, but God needs you. He needs me. He needs all of us. God needs us to keep supporting each other, to be kind to each other, to love each other...*

*We love this job, we all do. What a blessing it is! It’s a difficult, difficult job, but God calls you to do it, and indeed, He gives you a love for it so that a difficult job will be well done.*

*Isn’t God wonderful?! Isn’t He good to you, to each one of you, and to me? Turn to God each day -- put your faith, your trust, your hope and your life in His hands. He’ll take care of you, and you’ll have a good life. And this firehouse will be a great blessing to this neighborhood and to this city. Amen.”*



The next day, Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at 9:59 am while responding to the attack on the Twin Towers in New York and anointing fallen firefighters and civilians, Fr. Mychal Judge was killed by falling debris from the collapse of the South Tower. He is listed as the 1<sup>st</sup> official casualty of 911.

Twenty years ago the lives of all of us were changed. For some it was the heart wrenching loss of someone close, or a friend or co-worker. For some it was the beginning of living in fear and distrust, especially of those who are different than us. For some it was being thrust into war and violence. For some it has been a time of growth in faith and reaching out to others who may hold beliefs different than ours.

No matter who we are, no matter where we live, no matter what our belief... the tragic and violent behavior of a small group of people has forever altered our lives. Over these past twenty years politicians, commentators, religious leaders, families who lost loved ones and countless others have tried to find some meaning, some explanation for such a swift and tragic loss of life... not only on September 11th ....but in the years since that tragic September morning.

So we continue to pray as people of faith.....to pray for those who have died and their loved ones, to ask God’s blessings upon our own First Responders (firefighters, EMT’s, police, military and others) and to

plead with God for an end to war and violence in the world.

In the face of the senseless, overwhelming tragedy of twenty years ago our first reaction as human beings was shock, anger and retaliation. How could other humans perpetuate such violence upon others....especially the innocent and defenseless?



When Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI visited Ground Zero in New York in 2008 he prayed, “*God of understanding,*

*overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strength us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among the nations and in the hearts of all.”*

So what does this anniversary mean to you... to me today? In the Book of Sirach we read, “*Forgive your neighbor’s injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.*”... “*Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High’s covenant, and overlook faults.*” (Sirach 28:2, 7) In the Gospel of St. Matthew Peter asks Jesus, “*Lord if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?...As many as 7 times?*” (Peter thinks he is being generous!!!) Jesus tells him, “*I say to you not seven times but seventy-seven times!*”.... In other words forever!

God is unbelievable in giving forgiveness.... but demands that we do to the same to others. But what is important and crucial to remember is that forgiveness does not mean forgetfulness.... of ignoring the hurt and pain that others may have inflicted... of the justice that is demanded and given by God to those who do harm to others and commit sin. For those who do evil there are consequences even as forgiveness is given.

The two criminals who hung next to Christ on the Cross had been convicted and were suffering because of their deeds and yet Christ offered forgiveness to the thief who repented.... Recall he did not take him down from the cross....he did not say I’ll forget your evil deed.... but Christ did offer him forgiveness.

On this weekend, when we recall how utterly violent we humans can be to one another and also the unbelievable courage and sacrifice that we can show to one another ...let us resolve to do our part... in our



section of this world to carry out God's true will.... NOT as some would believe in a God of violence against those who don't believe like us... Not a false belief that would cause the deaths of thousands of innocent working people because they don't believe like us.....

But as difficult and as challenging as it might be.... let us show the world that our God is a God of love but also Justice. A God of forgiveness but not forgetfulness. As Fr. Mychal preached in his last homily, "Turn to God each day.... put your faith, your trust, your hope and your life in God's hands. God will take care of you..."

In the midst of our troubled world I encourage you each day to pray....

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that  
I may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

As we recall the terrible events of September 11, 2001, may each of us who profess our faith in Jesus resolve to do all we can to promote peace and understanding in our part of the world. May each of us pray that we may radiate faith and not doubt, hope and not despair, light and not darkness and even when tears fill our eyes may we be instruments of God's peace to our hurting world.

And if we accomplish only a small portion of this prayer in our lifetime, then the "bad guys" of the world will not have triumphed and into darkness a ray of light will shine.

Fr. Michael



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**Lower Level Auditorium**

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## The Seasons with Emily Dickinson

Wednesday, September 22, 12:15 pm

St. Clare Auditorium

Michael Novak, tenor

Robert M. Hutmacher, ofm, piano



Born in New Jersey, Mike has been a performing artist and church musician for almost as long as he can remember, singing in venues as varied as the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and a pub in the village of Moate,

Ireland. He has been a cantor for over forty years, and has directed children's choirs and parish choirs, most recently the Men's Choir at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee. In the past few years Mike has most enjoyed singing with his young grandchildren Teddy and Daphne.



Fr. Bob has been a Franciscan friar since 1968. His compositions have been published and recorded in the U.S. and Italy. He founded Chiesa Nuova, a ministry for the arts in Chicago and concertized in the U.S., Canada, Asia, Germany and Italy, including concerts in all the major Basilicas and churches of Assisi. His largest works are the oratorio *Dialogue of Francis and Clare*, *The Nature Suite* for chamber orchestra and *Prayer for Peace* that was commissioned by Orchestra da Camera di Perugia for the 2007 UN Festival of Peace in Assisi. Fr. Bob serves at Ascension and St. Peter's in the Loop.

These two talented men premiere Fr. Bob's song cycle of eleven poems by one of the most revered of U.S. poets, Emily Dickinson. The cycle was begun in 1999 and finally completed in 2020. They capture the four seasons through the quirky and whimsical vocabulary of Dickinson plus her unique view of God and religion.

The program also includes two works for piano.

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

*Jas. 2:14-18*



It has been said that when we keep something we don't need or use we are stealing it from the poor. Over the past few months I have been faced with the daunting task of downsizing as I moved from my home of 20 years into a small duplex. I soon discovered that I had clothes that I hadn't worn in months, if not years! I tried to make it a priority to concentrate on winter clothes, since even the poor have little use for cotton t-shirts and shorts in December. After going through a few boxes and checking shelves I found that I probably have almost as many pairs of gloves and knit caps as I did when my kids were little. Admit it, even here in mid-Wisconsin the only extra knit cap one really needs is an orange one, in case you decide to take your dog for a walk during hunting season!

There was a cartoon in the New York Times a few years ago. A group of street people were huddled together, warming their hands over a small fire in a garbage can. The caption under the cartoon read: "It's winter – time for the rich ladies to go through their closets and give us their old summer clothes."

*"If a brother or sister has nothing to wear ...but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?" (Jas. 2:15-16)* The message is clear. It's one thing to say I have faith, but quite another to act on it. Do I believe that Christ is truly present in each and every human being and that each is my brother or my sister? I say I do – but do my works reflect that? Do I believe that I am created in the image of a loving God? I say I do – but do I love unconditionally as God loves? Do I love those people gathered around that small fire in a slum in New York City? Do I love enough to give back to the poor what is properly theirs? What do my works say about my faith?

*By Vinal Van Benthem ofs*

## **UNITY: The Spirituality for Today's World**



**Presented by Fr. Tom Ess, O.F.M.**

**Fridays, 12:15-1 pm**

**Sept. 17, 24 and Oct. 1**

**Lower Level Auditorium**

Old ways are crumbling and passing away—and for many Catholics, so is their faith. But the Holy Spirit has given us the way to go forward. It is by way of the spirituality of unity, the spirituality of communion. Pope St. John Paul II told us: "To make the Church the home and school of communion [unity]: that is the great challenge facing us in the third millennium...Let us have no illusions: unless we follow this spiritual path, external structures of communion will serve very little purpose."

Fr. Tom Ess, who has lived the spirituality of unity-communion for more than forty years, will conduct the four sessions which will include presentation and participation.

## **CATHOLIC FILM SERIES**

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## **Contemporary Issues in Catholicism**

### ***The Pursuit of Truth in Our Time***

**Tues., Sept. 21 - 12:15 pm**

**St. Clare Auditorium**

**Presented by Fr. Dennis Kolinski, S.J.C.**



Fr. Koliński will speak about truth and why it is important to once again seek the primacy of the truth, the fullness of which we find in Christ, who is "the Truth, the Way, and the Life."

This lecture series surfaces issues and concerns facing today's Catholic. Topics related to individual faith, family life, the political arena, environmental responsibility, and morality in postmodernity are just some of the areas that contemporary Catholics are wrestling with today.

The presenters in this series will attempt to answer burning questions that will assist Catholics and other Christians in the struggle to understand and cope with these new and challenging realities.



## **Psychology At Lunch**

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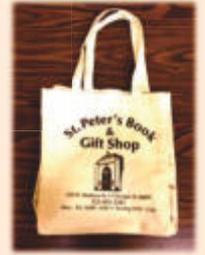


Psychologist Dr. Jerry Hiller and Marilyn Rochon MA, LCPC guide participants in the pursuit of stress relief, self-acceptance, self-efficacy, and developing a sense of purpose. Participants learn to increase self-confidence, navigate through loss and depression, and improve relationships with themselves, others and God. The sessions combine practical psychology with the life-giving ways of St. Francis of Assisi.



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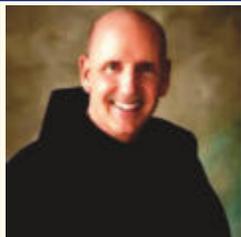
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To access the **ZOOM** Mass, use the following **Code and Password**:

**<https://zoom.us/j/7738924134>**

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### Memorial Votive Candles



St. Peter's is currently accepting reservations for the memorial votive candles within the Church. Once lit, the candles burn 24 hours a day for one year. A plaque in front of your candle notes who it is lit in honor of. Applications are available at the front office of St. Peter's. The cost is \$150. Please call 312-372-5111 for further information.



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**Spiritual Direction** is a way of listening for God's wisdom and understanding in our daily life by talking about our relationship with God and others.

**Sr. Fran Sulzer FSPA, D. Min.** and **Br. Guillermo Morales OFM** will work with persons who contact them for an appointment. Sr. Fran is also a counselor for people who choose or need a more clinical approach. Appointments can be made for times between **10:30 am and 3 pm**.

To contact Sr. Fran email:

**[fmsulzer@gmail.com](mailto:fmsulzer@gmail.com)**

To contact Br. Guillermo email:

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