

## WEEKEND MASS

### **Saturday**

4:00 PM Sacred Heart

### **Sunday**

7:30 AM Sacred Heart

9:15 AM St. Philip

11:00 AM Sacred Heart

## WEEKDAY MASS

### **Monday—Thursday**

7:45 AM

Sacred Heart

## CONFESSION

### **Saturday**

3:00 PM

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 5, 2021

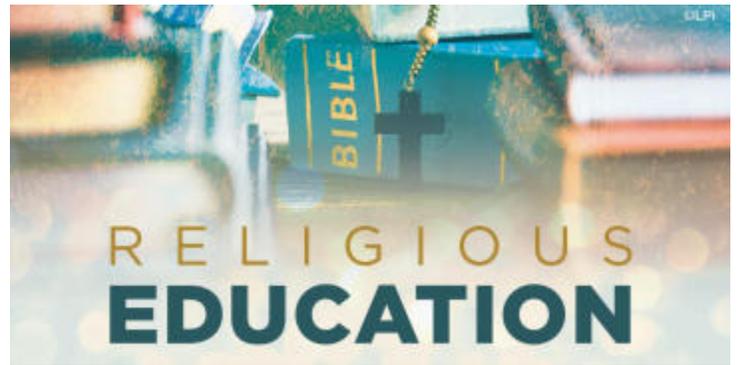
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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### The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Ages 3-6

**Starts Tuesday, September 7, from 9am to 12pm** at Sacred Heart Parish Center in the atrium classroom. Helping your children learn about Jesus and their faith in a Montessori style setting. Call the office at 782-8096 for more information. *Sessions observe diocesan guidelines for safety and social distancing.*



Faith Formation will resume **Sunday, October 3rd**. The full schedule is available online at the parish website. *Registration forms are available in the narthex and online.*

### INVITING YOUNG PARISHIONERS TO

### Go ask your father!

Fr. Lariviere, with the assistance of Mark and Jonnie Clark, would like to invite all students **GRADES 6-12** to a new faith formation series called Go ask your father! The get-togethers will be held at St. Philip in Auburn from 6:00pm to 7:30pm on the first Sunday of each month beginning October 3rd. We will be serving pizza, salad, and snacks. There will be games, activities and most importantly a simple way of reading the Bible called “Lectio.” Lectio is interactive, however students can choose to be silent and just observe. The program gives teenagers time to open their bible, spend time with their priest and ask questions! Registration forms can be found in the narthex of each church and on our web page: [ihm-auburn.org/family-faith-formation](http://ihm-auburn.org/family-faith-formation)

## Stewardship Offering

August 29

\$ 6,500 (Basket)  
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### Catholic University of America

Next weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. Please give generously. Learn more at: [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu).



### Catholic Teaching on Labor

#### Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

#### Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

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Partner with *Catholic Relief Services* or the *Pontifical Mission Societies* to provide emergency assistance to the Haitian people.

### Catholic Relief Services Helping Victims of Haitian Earthquake

A 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on August 14 killing more than 1,400 people and injuring an estimated 6,000 others. Thousands more have had their homes destroyed and have no food or shelter. The Diocese of Portland has created a special website with information about support efforts for the Haitian people and how you can lend a helping hand through donations to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States, and MISSIO, a division of the Pontifical Mission Societies, the official missionary arm of the universal Catholic Church. CRS has served in Haiti for 60 years, and with more than 200 partner organizations, including many in the Catholic Church, it is well-positioned to provide immediate aid to the people, as well as long-term assistance as they seek to rebuild their lives. To view the special section, visit [www.portlanddiocese.org/crs-help-people-haiti](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/crs-help-people-haiti).



The parish office will be closed

**Monday, September 6th,**

for the Labor Day Holliday

# CALENDAR

## Parish Facilities

**September 7:** KC Meeting 7:00 pm SH Hall  
**11:** Confirmation/First Holy Communion  
Retreat, 9:00 am, SP Hall



**The Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be recited on **September 12th**, following the 11:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart. The Icon of Divine Mercy, blessed by Saint John Paul II will be adorning the front of the church.

### **IHM Golden Age Club Meeting:**

**September 14, 2021 (11:30 AM to 2:00 PM)**

At Chick-A-Dee Lewiston. Order from the menu, and pay your own check. Please call Paula B. (207-576-4082) to make reservations by September 12<sup>th</sup>. We need to let the restaurant know how many are attending, Thanks!  
Looking forward to seeing everyone.

### **St. Philip**

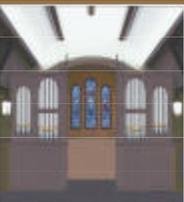
#### **Coffee and Donuts are back!**

We will resume coffee and donuts on **Sunday September 12th** after the 9:15 Mass. Looking for volunteers to rotate set up and clean up! Please reach out to Corinna Soucie 232-9746 or Denise Timberlake 576-8517 to be on the volunteer schedule.



### **Blessing of Pipe Organ October 9th**

Following the 4:00 PM Mass  
*Stay tuned for more details.*



If you attend Mass at our church, we would love to have you register as a parishioner. The benefits include being part of our mailings for notifications in the case of closure or changes in Masses. With COVID still active, we want to be certain you are aware of what is happening here at the parish. The office number and hours are on the front of this bulletin.

### **Contemplative Prayer Meetings**

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at ST. Philip from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Leaders are Suzanne Roy and Ruth Oakley. For information about joining, please email: [ruth.h.oakley@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.h.oakley@gmail.com)



**Saturday 9/4** 4:00 pm Sacred Heart  
*Ashley O'Brien by Deacon Denis & Jeanne Mailhot*

**Sunday 9/5** 7:30 am Sacred Heart  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners*  
9:15 am St. Philip  
*St. Joseph in honor of favor obtained by Parishioner*  
11:00 am Sacred Heart  
*Margaret Roy by Bob & Kristine Chaisson*

**Monday 9/6** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Maria Bang by Tam Ha Family*

**Tuesday 9/7** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Wally Doucette, Sr. by Sabattus Seniors*

**Wednesday 9/8** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Armand Morin by Wife & Family*

**Thursday 9/9** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Roland Hamel by Norris Morrison*

**Friday 9/10**  
NO MASS

**Saturday 9/11** 4:00 pm Sacred Heart  
*Family of Laurent & Helen Dennis by Diane Dennis*

**Sunday 9/12** 7:30 am Sacred Heart  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners*  
9:15 am St. Philip  
*Robert W. Raymond by Patti, Lisa Raymond & The Shannon Family*  
11:00 am Sacred Heart  
*Rolande Dube by Richard & Ellen Dube*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Maurice Bilodeau, Jeremey Gagne,  
Cheryl MacDonald, Normand Roy



Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
*Doris Biron*

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace.

### Readings for the Week of September 5, 2021

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
**Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/  
Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/  
Lk 6:43-49  
**Next Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/  
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-3

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