22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited.” - Lk 14:8bc
Saturday, August 31 — *Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners  
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 / Matthew 25:14-30  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm**  
4:00pm †Jennie Kubeck by the Tropeano Family  

Sunday, September 1 — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00am †Robert Fortin by his Mother  
10:30am Diane Grego (*living*) by Debbie Besaw  
3:00pm Eric Henault (*living*)  

Monday, September 2 — Weekday (Labor Day)  
7:30am †John Suo, Sr. by John & Barbara Suo  

Tuesday, September 3 — St. Gregory the Great  
7:30am †Fr. Michael Wood by John & Barbara Suo  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 / Luke 4:31-37  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00am—9:00am**  

Wednesday, September 4 — Weekday  
7:30am Living & Deceased members of the Suo, Sutera, Lewanduski & Hind Families by John & Barbara Suo  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm—7:30pm**  

Thursday, September 5 — St. Teresa of Calcutta  
7:30am †Teresa Bingham by Jeff & Debbie Bingham  
Colossians 1:9-14 / Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 6 — Weekday  
7:30am The Children & Grandchildren of John & Barbara Suo  
12:05pm In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary by John & Barbara Suo  
Colossians 1:15-20 / Luke 5:33-39

First Saturday, September 7 — Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm**  
4:00pm †Regina Abria by Jasmin Waas  

Sunday, September 8 — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00am Brid Burke (*living*) by the Kelly Family  
10:30am Fr. Kevin Forsyth (*living*) by Verlie Harrison  
4:30pm †Jose Azevedo by Maria Azevedo  

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- $1,988.00 Envelope Offertory for August 18, 2019  
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**Rest in Peace**

Joao Sousa  
To their families & friends, we offer our prayers & sympathy.
We continue our look at the importance of music in the Mass.

**Participating in the Mystery of Christ**

What are the concrete attributes of sacred music? The Catechism teaches that sacred music fulfills its task according to three criteria: 1) the beauty expressive of prayer, 2) the unanimous participation of the assembly at the designated moments, and 3) the solemn character of the celebration. All three criteria link sacred music intimately to the work of Christ in the liturgy and in our hearts.

*The beauty expressive of prayer.* As we have seen, sacred music is the Church’s liturgical prayer in sung form. When we hear sacred music, we hear prayer. We hear the liturgy itself. In the Mass, we hear that most beautiful of prayers: Christ’s prayer of self-offering to the Father. Music can express any number of things; but sacred music expresses something utterly unique: the saving and sacrificial prayer of Christ and the Church in the liturgy.

*Unanimous participation.* As has been previously addressed in the new English translation of the Mass, liturgical participation is primarily participation with and in Christ Himself, rooted by the deep, interior participation of each person. Sacred music powerfully aids us in this union of the heart and mind with whatever liturgical action is taking place exteriorly. “Unanimous” means “of one mind/soul”; thus sacred music aims to unite us all to the soul of Christ in perfect love for the Father at every step of the Mass.

*Solemn character.* In the sacred liturgy, Christ our Lord performs the work of our redemption through sacramental signs. The liturgy then is a solemn experience, and therefore sacred music bears this character. Far from meaning cold, unfeeling, or aloof, the solemn character of sacred music refers to its earnest, intense, and festive focus on the great Mystery which it serves: Christ’s redemptive and transformative love for His Church.

**Why don't we sing more?**

The importance of singing in ritual is long-established. Can we have a ball game in this country without a rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner? It’s amazing that the same people who belt out a song in the shower, croon along in the car, and know all the words and moves to the most popular of songs, hesitate to open the hymnal and sing along.

Saint Augustine, whose feast day we just celebrated on August 28th, and who said many things well, insisted: “Singing is for one who loves.” That is the same Bishop Augustine who considered banning music from his church altogether. Augustine loved music so much he found it far too fetching and distracting to enjoy at liturgies. In the end he adhered to the older proverb: “Whoever sings well prays twice over.”

Saint Paul was an earlier proponent of church music, back when church was held in somebody’s house. He advocated that believers sing “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.” While Augustine got it right that singing is for lovers, happy people in general whistle while they work, and grateful people feel as if they have something to sing about.

In the Bible a lot of joy and gratitude gets expressed in random acts of music. “Sing to the Lord a new song!” the psalmists say—in the Bible’s own songbook, the Psalms. Many of the big players have a song to sing, especially the women: Miriam at the Red Sea rescue; Hannah at the birth of her child; Deborah after her battleground victory achieved with the help of another woman, Jael; Judith after defeating Holofernes; and Mary when she visits Elizabeth and shares her annunciation.

The Scriptures are filled with music, most especially in the Book of Psalms—which we sing or recite at every Mass we celebrate!

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Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (John 6:35)

Parents (who are registered here) and godparents are prepared at a class next held September 3rd at 6:30pm. Please call the Office to sign up. If you missed a class you previously signed up for, you must sign up again for the new class; nothing is assumed.

Godparents must be confirmed and obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their own Catholic parish.

Baptisms normally take place here on the 2nd or 3rd Sundays of the month after the 10:30am Mass, but other weekends are possible depending on other events.

Faith Formation
saintvincentferrerdre@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed!
If you currently volunteer for Religious Education, or think you might want to join the Ministry, (We need you!) please contact us. You can email saintvincentferrerdre@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for your time and talent!

Registration for Religious Education GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) program. Registration for the 2019-20 year is beginning this week. Registration forms and schedules are available on the bulletin board outside the Religious Ed Office. Completed forms and payments can be mailed in or left in the Religious Ed mailbox in the Parish Office. *It is important to fill out the entire form, back and front, even if you have done so in the past. Thank you.*

Our first GIFT meeting is Sunday, September 15th for all families in the Vern Maxwell Family Center. There will be an ice cream social and orientation/short class for children. Please register your family to reserve a place in the program.

10th Grade Confirmation Class Parents: There will be an informational meeting for parents/guardians of our Confirmation 2019 class on September 4, 2019. The meeting will be in the Religious Ed office at 7 PM. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

The Ecumenical Food Bank relies on our parish each year in September to provide volunteers to help on Tuesdays from 2—4pm and on Fridays from 10am—12noon. Sometimes there is a bit of lifting involved, so we ask that some of the men assist with this. There is a signup sheet on the glass table. THANK YOU!

WELCOME BACK, LADIES
OUR LADY’S GUILD will meet on Monday, September 9th at 6:30pm in the Vern Maxwell Family Center. Members are encouraged to bring a guest. New members are always welcome!

Parishioners in active ministries (lectors, catechists, aides, ministers, etc) need to attend a training session in child protection. The Virtus Training session entitled “Protecting God’s Children” is being offered at various locations throughout the Archdiocese.

Important: Register online only at: www.virtusonline.org

St. Paul—Kensington
Tuesday, September 3—5:45pm
St. John the Evangelist—Watertown
Saturday, September 7—9:00am

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SAVE THE DATE!
JUST 2 WEEKS AWAY!
St. Vincent Ferrer Car Show
Sunday, September 15, 2019
12—4 pm in the upper parking lot

Rain Date: Sunday, September 22, 2019
There will be Food, Music, Great vintage and new Cars!

MONEY COUNTERS
September 1 Joe & Ellen Zalewski / Janice Howard
September 8 Frank DiBiase / Andy Hanson

*Attention We now offer Infant and Toddler Care*
State-licensed facility offering Year-round Full and Part time care for children aged 6 weeks to 12 years of age, including Before and After care during the School Year.

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Pope Francis

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Tuesday
8:00am to 9:00am

Eucharistic

Wednesday
6:30pm to 7:30pm

Adoration

EVENT SUMMARY THIS WEEK AT ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sunday 9/1/19 Masses @ 8am and 10:30am and 4:30pm
Monday 9/2/19 Mass @ 7:30am
Tuesday 9/3/19 Mass @ 7:30am // Adoration 8:00am—9:00am
Wednesday 9/4/19 Mass @ 7:30am // Adoration 6:30pm—7:30pm
Thursday 9/5/19 Mass @ 7:30am
First Friday 9/6/19 Masses @ 7:30am and 12:05pm
First Saturday 9/7/19 Mass @ 8:00am // Confessions @ 3:00pm // Mass @ 4:00pm

REFLECTION ON THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today’s First Reading, and the message of today’s Gospel.

Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all.

This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages—filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud.

We again call to mind the Exodus in today’s Psalm—how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a “Father of orphans.”

We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table. We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood.

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favor with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, today’s Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher.

Scott Hahn

OUR LADY OF CALVARY CELEBRATES OPENING OF THE SEASON

Mariachi Mexico Antiguo will celebrate the opening of the 2019-2020 retreat season at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Sunday September 8. Mexico Antigua, established in 2010, is noted for its vibrant sound, traditional core, and restored focus on the antique traditions of the genre. The dedicated and talented musicians of Mexico Antiguo have performed by invitation throughout the western United States as well as in the New England area. They have worked with such renowned artists as Beatriz Ariana, Graciela Beltran, Gildardo Alvarez, Jesus “Chuy” Guzman, and Juan Valentin. In 2005 they even performed with Placido Domingo! Free will offering. Sign up by visiting www.OurLadyofCalvary.net or calling 860-677-8519.

September 1st—Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. Humble yourself and you will find favor with God. Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother, or sister? Humbly ask the LORD. If He answers, “Yes,” call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations Pastoral Center Telephone: 860-761-7456 Email: vocations@aohct.org or Visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.