



# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

#### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

#### Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
in the Sister Carol Center

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open:**  
**Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 5:00pm**  
**Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**OCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

#### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

#### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am  
Wednesday @ 6pm

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm





**It's ALL about the Hair:** One thing I've learned from having all sisters is that you have to be VERY careful about how or when you say ANYTHING about their hair.

Those basic lessons have helped me through life!

But let's cut to the chase: if you're a guy and saying anything, you're in trouble; if you say nothing, you're in trouble. I have learned that keeping your mouth shut is far easier than saying anything. Being silent is the easier option!

I've also learned the hard way lately that I have to keep my facial expressions under control, too. Unfortunately, however, there are those times when I may have remained silent, but my facial expression or look got me in trouble. I've just accepted that it's always a no-win situation for us men!

But why can women say whatever they want to other women about their hair, and they NEVER get in trouble? It's just one of those mysteries of life! I can't tell you how many times at larger family gatherings or even functions around the Parish Center or Parish, where I might overhear some ladies talking to each other about the hair or latest clothes they are wearing and thought to myself, "If I ever said that I would be dead and buried on the spot."

At the end of the school year last June (and I have permission to write about this one), one of our more extremely introverted (NOT) school parents and Door Keeper Ministers at the Sunday 10 AM Mass, whose name "might" happen to be Patty, went a few weeks with different color hair streaks. Even as I type, I know I will get in trouble because I'm sure I'm not using the proper hair terminology here. What do I know?

My sister Jackie was very observant and got into a conversation with Patty one day about her ever-changing hair color those few weeks. Jackie started the discussion by asking, "I thought your hair was purple last week." Patty responded, "It was." With a tilt of her eyebrow and head in confusion, Jackie asked, "Now it's blue?" Patty replied, "YES! And next week, it will be yellow." To which Jackie replied, "WOW. That's cool. I didn't know they made mood-changing hair coloring. That's pretty cool." Of course, Patty burst out laughing

and just shook her head. "NO, Jackie, they don't make mood-changing hair coloring. I just keep changing it."

Then Patty said to Jackie, "I've been waiting for your brother to say something about it." Believe me, I was tempted MANY times to ask or say something, but my Guardian Angels were all SHOUTING in my ear each time, "SAY. NOTHING. And control those facial expressions." Thankfully, I listened and did pretty well... THIS time!

**Holy Hours on Thursdays:** Not too long ago, I was conversing with one of our parishioners who recently started working for the Archdiocese. He was telling me about a prayer experience he recently had at the Seminary Chapel where they were singing all kinds of songs while the Blessed Sacrament was in a Monstrance on the Altar. He was somewhat overwhelmed by the experience and couldn't wait to tell me about it. He was then amazed to learn that we do something similar at SJA EVERY Thursday night.

I'm always amazed at how many people share the same sentiments. They may be young adults, middle-aged or seniors who came across a Holy Hour or time for adoration at a parish event or retreat and are overwhelmed by the whole experience, only to find out that Holy Hours and time for adoration are very common in the life of the Church and a parish!

Our Holy Hours happen on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Our new structure for Holy Hours is that the first 40 minutes are filled with Praise and Worship music. The last 20 minutes are silent, allowing people time to pray a rosary or read a few pages of whatever spiritual book they might be reading. The quiet and reflective prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, whether in song or silence, offers an intimate encounter with Jesus, fostering spiritual growth and transformation.

For many, Eucharistic Adoration is a life-changing experience. The quiet time spent in adoration allows people to disconnect from the busyness of daily life and connect deeply with God. This sacred time can lead to profound personal insights, spiritual healing, and renewed peace. Many who regularly attend adoration often speak about feeling a stronger connection to their faith and a greater sense of purpose in their lives.

In my Sunday email (both last weekend and this weekend), directly below the invitation to attend our Thursday Holy Hours, I posted a video by Father Mike Schmitz titled, "What Really Happens When we Adore Jesus" (if you don't receive my Sunday Email Updates, you can get a web version of the email by clicking the link in the NEWS section on the home page of our Parish Website: [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church)). The video includes a quick clip from a formation program he helped with for children preparing for confession and first Eucharist. The clip Fr. Mike included in his video talked about Eucharistic Adoration and what happens during this sacred time. While it was meant for children, everyone can learn something from it! The clip is VERY moving and one that I plan to show at Mass soon to encourage more people to take the time to participate in Eucharist Adoration whether here at SJA on Thursdays at 7 PM or elsewhere. I encourage you to watch the video!

Eucharistic Adoration offers a unique opportunity for personal transformation and spiritual growth. By developing a habit of attending adoration, individuals can deepen their relationship with Jesus and experience the profound graces that flow from His Eucharistic presence. If you haven't yet experienced Eucharistic Adoration, consider stopping by sometime on a Thursday at 7 PM. You don't have to stay the whole hour. Just come for a few minutes and give it a try. You might find that it changes your life in ways you never imagined!

**Traveling with Ms. Daisy:** Well, folks, by the time you read this, I'll be off on another adventure with my mom ... a.k.a., Ms. Daisy. But this time, it's not traveling with Daisy Lou; it's on another cruise. We left on Thursday and flew to Montreal, where we boarded our ship. We spent the first two days touring Montreal and Quebec. From there, we will journey to Seguenay, Canada, and experience Canada's famous fjord, traverse the St. Lawrence Seaway to the Gaspé Peninsula, then to Halifax, the Nova Scotia Coastline, and finally Boston and New York. We return on the 24th! It should be an incredible experience ... and one filled with a "few" stories to tell!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 15, 2024



## Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they begin studying the Gospel of Matthew by introducing St. Matthew and looking at chapter 1 of this incredible gospel.



## Peter bar Jonah: How Peter Came to Rome

In this session, Dr. Tim Gray shows how the life of a man named Cornelius intersects with Peter's and redirects the New Covenant in a remarkable way. Peter points the Church to an all-encompassing love—and sets the stage for the work of the Apostle Paul.



## LOTR and Catholicism w/Joseph Pearce | Chris Stefanick Show

You've almost definitely heard of Lord of the Rings, but do you know about its Catholic influence? Joseph Pearce, a leading Tolkien scholar, joins Chris to talk about the famed trilogy.

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At one time or another, we have all had a song stuck in our head. No matter what we do, we just can't shake it. It might be a song that we like, or it might be a song that we absolutely detest, but it won't go away. It is not unheard of to wake from sleep with a line or phrase from a song playing in our mind. This phenomenon can be pleasant, exhausting, or seriously irritating. It can last for hours or drag on for days. For the most part, it is something in life that we just deal with.

What concerns me about this quirky aspect of being human is that it indicates a certain vulnerability in how our minds work. There is a lot going on inside us of which we are not aware. It's as if we could have our minds hacked without knowing it. We are constantly thinking and doing, judging and making decisions, reacting or ignoring – often on autopilot. We are not truly zoned-in to what we are doing. A song playing in our heads demonstrates this. The tune has been playing inconspicuously in the background until we suddenly realize it is there: “Ahhhh! That song won't go away! My gosh, let's move on!” Our mind seems to be working along, doing its own thing, until we finally “wake up” and realize what we have been up to.

So, “Who cares? What's the big deal?” If this is just a random observation about the complexity of human behavior, why should it matter? Well, it matters because the song came from *somewhere* in order for us to recall it. We didn't create it out of thin air. We *heard* the tune and it stuck. So, it should make us think, what else do we hear and see that also sticks with us?

We see and hear things every day that sink in and make an impression upon us. Maybe more often than not, we are completely unaware of how visual and audible stimuli affect us. Going back to the song-in-our-head issue, music strongly affects our

emotions. A song can make us happy or sad, peaceful or agitated, joyous or angry, aroused or sedate, aggressive or laid back. If a tune keeps looping in our head that agitates us, we will be continually agitated. If we desire to stay free of negative emotions, there is something to be said for avoiding the things that stimulate those emotions. In other words, it might be a good idea to stay clear of “thrash metal” rock concerts if you want to stay mellow.

Be it going to a concert, or gazing upon the lake at sunset, our activities affect us. In a sense, we consume things in many ways besides eating and drinking. We essentially “drink in” our surroundings. Conversations we have, driving in traffic, sitting in the classroom, assisting at Mass, putting in a day's work, even sleeping through the night, are all experiences that form us as human beings. We are virtually marinating in our daily experiences – and these experiences can't help but soak in.

Being profoundly affected as we are by our social environment, it benefits us to be careful about our exposure to it. In the same way that many of us are concerned about eating healthy foods, we should be committed to keeping our hearts and souls fed well, too. We do this by monitoring and controlling what enters through our eyes and ears. It's not an easy task.

Visual and audible noise crashes in on us constantly. From the time we get up in the morning until we collapse in bed at night, the sights and sounds keep coming. Family members move and talk around us. TV screens light up. Phones ding, ring, and ping. Websites flash and jabber. Traffic snarls. Schoolrooms bustle. Workplaces hum. Sporting events erupt. Radios rock. And we are in the midst of it all, sorting out the good from the bad.

Many of these things to which we are exposed come at us

involuntarily. Yet, we also have choices to make along the way. Often, we have the option to tune things out. We have the freedom to turn away from images that negatively affect us. We can walk away from toxic conversations. We have an ability to protect ourselves from the world's assaults on our moral sensibilities.

But, beyond that, we make personal, conscious decisions about what we will listen to or watch. This is where the challenge to “stay clean” gets tough. There is plenty of music, imagery, and talk available that might be *attractive* to us, but *not good* for us. It is the kind of stuff that we don't need playing in our heads – over, and over, and over again. These sights and sounds that tickle our eyes and ears are “guilty pleasures” that are rightfully called *guilty*. They are not good for us. They even change us – because they have the potential to stick with us long-term – like a song in our head that just won't go away.

What we *do* want cycling through our minds are positive vibes. We need to reinforce in ourselves what is truly good – so that we can actually *be* good. This calls for some proactive attentiveness. If we work at fending off offensive sights and sounds, we will be setting ourselves up for lasting success. On the other hand, if we let profane images, conversation, and music into our headspace, we are aiming for trouble down the road. It's easy to go with our culture's decadent flow. But, sadly, the *flow* has become more like a *tidal wave* of moral oppression that can suck the life out of us.

Better to morally shield ourselves with wise decision-making early in the game, rather than do damage control after sliding in worldliness. Better to have Handel's '*Hallelujah Chorus*' playing in our heads, than the soundtrack from a bad B-movie!

Blessings!  
Fr. Bob

# CHILDREN'S CHOIR STARTS SEPT. 11

**Join our children's liturgical  
choir *Grace Notes* for  
students from our parish  
and school in grades 1-5**

Weekly practices begin Wednesday,  
September 11, from 6:15-7 pm in the  
Church Music Room (off the parking lot  
between the church and school).

**For details and to register go to  
[sjascs.org/childrens-choir](https://sjascs.org/childrens-choir)**

Contact Mrs. Catherine Trudell with  
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call the Parish Center at 586-777-3670.



# Readings for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 22 B

### Reading One – Wis 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

### Responsorial – Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause. O God, hear my prayer; hearken to the words of my mouth.

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

For the haughty men have risen up against me, the ruthless seek my life; they set not God before their eyes.

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life. Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

### Reading Two – Jas 3:16–4:3

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

### Alleluia – Cf. 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel – Mk 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."



September 15, 2024

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a | Jas 2:14-18 | Mk 8:27-35

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Jesus' words in today's Gospel don't leave much room for "secondary interpretation." Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus. At first glance this may sound intimidating, but let's think about it in the light of today's readings. By denying ourselves, we are able to turn more fully toward God and toward others. Isn't that what James is asking of us in his letter? He says this of faith: "if it does not have works, [it] is dead." He even uses an example that might sound like something we would hear in a homily today: he asks, if you see someone who doesn't have proper food or clothing and you simply wish them well without offering assistance, what good are you doing?

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Certainly, when we help and serve others, we are working concretely to build the kingdom of God on earth. We are, quite literally, being Christ's hands and feet in the world and following in our Lord's footsteps. By thinking and acting with this mindset, we are turning toward God; we are seeking to lighten the loads of others – helping them to carry their crosses. In today's Gospel passage, although Peter's words, "You are the Christ" were faith-filled and seemed to imply understanding, he was not able to embrace the fullness of Christ's mission. He rebukes Jesus for "setting himself up" to suffer greatly and be killed. In response, Jesus rebukes Peter and says he is not thinking as God does. As human beings, we know we are not able to think as God does. But we are made in God's image, and the more we love one another, the more we reflect him in what we do.

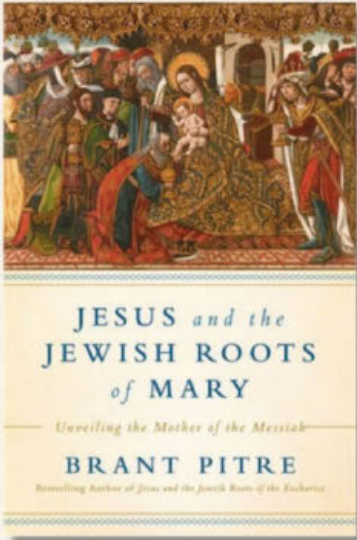
**WITNESS** Peter's mistake was thinking he knew better than God how to do what needed to be done. Is there anything in your life that makes you think you might be like Peter? Choose a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, and spend some time listening to God in prayer as to how he might desire you to perform it.



**NEW!**

## STUDY AND PRAYER MINISTRY

Thursdays from 1-2:30



**Beginning on September 19**, this newly formed learning and intercessory prayer ministry, *Hearts Afire*, will begin the first in a series of studies of interest regarding our Catholic teachings.

The first nine-week study will look at Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary. (*Ignatius Press*)

There will be an optional outing and day of prayer at the Solanus Casey Center in November. *There is no book fee for this first study.*

***All are welcome!!***

Contact Susan Hughes at 313-410-9504 or Sandy Walters at 586-241-8677 with questions. Sign up at [sjascs.org/hearts-afire](https://sjascs.org/hearts-afire)



# SAVE THE DATE

18th Annual Gala for St. Joan of Arc School

## SPARK<sup>the</sup> NIGHT RED and WHITE

November 2, 2024

Our annual Gala is the largest fundraiser to benefit St. Joan of Arc School!  
We **ENCOURAGE** everyone to wear a SPARK of red and white!!

### Here are ways you can support this great event!

- ✦ **Attend the event!** Tickets are \$125/person and will go on sale in late September.
  - Your ticket includes a plated dinner, open bar, DJ & dancing, and a front row seat to our silent and live auctions...and a chance to win from our Charger Corner raffle!
- ✦ **Buy raffle tickets!** \$5000 in prizes to four lucky winners!
  - Raffle tickets will be on sale after all masses beginning the weekend of October 5th/6th
  - Tickets are \$20/each or 6 for \$100. Cash or check accepted. Payable to: St. Joan of Arc
- ✦ **Auction Donations!** Contact the School or Parish Center offices to donate auction items.
  - Give Back Boards will be available beginning the weekend of Sept 7th/8th.
  - PLEASE NOTE: We are only able to accept new and wrapped items.
- ✦ **Be a Sponsor or Advertise!** Promote your business thru our various sponsorship & advertising opportunities. Contact Emily Radatz for further information.

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or Emily Radatz (emilyaradatz@gmail.com)

Mark your calendar for a great time...

**NOVEMBER 2, 2024 | GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB**



### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, September 16th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
10:00 AM Walking with Purpose - EH

5:30 PM Baptism of Isla G. Kaczay

7:00 PM Walking with Purpose  
7:00 PM Confirmation Classes

#### **Tuesday, September 17th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Wednesday, September 18th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
  
5:00 PM Reconciliation  
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed  
6:30 PM Catholic Biblical School - EH  
7:00 PM Youth Group - St. Peregrine Room

#### **Thursday, September 19th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
  
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

#### **Friday, September 20th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Saturday, September 21st**

11:00 AM Reconciliation  
  
4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed  
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, September 22nd**

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed  
  
10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed  
  
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

### Words on the Word

#### *September 15, 2024 – Faith in Action*

If all we as Christians needed to do was bow to God with an occasional prayer, it would be relatively easy. But we know that's not enough.

Simply put, our faith asks us not only to talk the talk, but to walk the walk, as well.

We're asked to reach out to our family, friends, and neighbors. We're asked to love others as we love ourselves.

*The Detroit News* reported a few weeks ago on a situation in Center Line in which a resident was facing legal proceedings for hoarding; the city manager called it "a pretty grave hoarding situation" in the story.

And while there were the usual, and understandable, complaints from neighbors about the situation, there also was an outpouring of love from members of the woman's church and from the community. Volunteers helped clean up the situation, bagging trash and sorting items to be donated.

"Multitudes from our church showed up and just surrounded her with love and help and assistance," the church's pastor was quoted in the story as saying, "because that's what we're called to do – to be a blessing."

Indeed, we are. We're called to put our faith into action. Not just to say with our words that we love our neighbors, but to show it with our actions.

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?" St. James asks in today's second reading. "Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?"

"So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

Our call to action, then, is to get to work!

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 16, 2024 Saint Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr (Red)</b>
7:00 am	Special Intention for Kevin & Barb Hendrick
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 17, 2024 Weekday, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church, Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin &amp; doctor of the Church (Green/White/White)</b>
7:00 am	Deceased members of the Calisi Family who died in the month of September
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 18, 2024 Weekday (Green)</b>
7:00 am	Mario & Ann Catalanotte
6:00 pm	Ken Darby
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 19, 2024 Weekday, Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr (Green/Red)</b>
7:00 am	Philip D'Agostino
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 20, 2024 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest &amp; Paul Chong Ha-sand &amp; Companions, Martyrs (Red)</b>
7:00 am	Pat Boehm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 21, 2024 Vigil for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>
4:00 pm	Thomas Lucchese, Herbert Thelen, Martin Krall, Edward, Helen & Henry Blind, Bonnie Batche, Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Belloli, Roseann Coules, Joan Weber, Dr. Lori Karol, the deceased members of the VandenBoom Family, Thomas Benoit, Karen Rygiel, Mary Ann Easley, Nicholas Nehro, Mary Steele, Edward Rowady, Nancy Barkley and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family and Alison Reslow
6:00 pm	Mario & Ann Catalanotte
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 22, 2024 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	Joseph Paluzzi Jr.
12:00 pm	Gerard Rogier, Leonard Mastay, Dennis Ackley, Mary & Frank Sesto, Madonna Calbone, Antoinette Calbone, Emily Kloenhamer, and Special Intentions for Ray Dinser and Alison Reslow

### Daily Readings

<b>Monday, September 16</b>	<b>Friday, September 20</b>
1 Corinthians 11:17-33 Luke 7:1-10	1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 8:1-3
<b>Tuesday, September 17</b>	<b>Saturday, September 21</b>
1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a Luke 7:11-17	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Matthew 9:9-13
<b>Wednesday, September 18</b>	<b>Sunday, September 22</b>
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Luke 7:31-35	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37
<b>Thursday, September 19</b>	
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 7:36-50	



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# Crossroads

For close to twenty years, our parish has helped serve meals at Crossroads. We will follow the same process as we have in the past few years. Rather than asking for food donations, we will ask for cash donations so that we can purchase all the food that is needed.

We will be cooking and serving food at Crossroads on September 22nd. Our menu will include chili, hot dogs, condiments, cornbread, cookies, fruit, and beverages.

If we have additional funds, we would also like to purchase toiletries for all the guests, as we did last year; they were pleased to receive this gift from us.

## WAYS TO GIVE:

- Online: [sjascs.org/crossroads](https://sjascs.org/crossroads)
- Cash / Check:
  - Drop off in the Sunday Collection Box
  - Drop off at the Parish Center



Please note the donation is for Crossroads!

Envelopes are available in Gathering Place Bookcase and at the Parish Center.



Crossroads of Michigan was founded by Father James McLaren in 1971 in response to a growing number of people in the community who did not have access to the same resources and were not being treated the same as others. 52 years later this continues to be important and influences Crossroads' approach to finding better and sustainable solutions to people living in poverty than has been available to us.



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**September 21, 2024**

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Free lunch provided! Register before September 1 for a free T-shirt.

For more information and to register visit [ssvpusa.org/fop-walk](https://ssvpusa.org/fop-walk)





## Prayers Needed

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Edna Burton	Jeanne Gainer	Patricia LaCombe	Paulette Russia	James Thompson
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Ed Cole	Peter Grantz	David Lott	Lily Saith	Elaine Walters
Toni Glaeser-Collins	Chris Gretchen	Dave Lucas	Barbara R. Scharneck	Tom Ward
Joan Combellack	Geoffrey Greve	Dominik Mackowski	Dianne Schelosky	Larry Weber
Maura Corrigan	Helen Waltz-Gutowski	Patrick Maher	Thomas Sloan	Adrienne Weidenbach
John Crawford	Pam Haisenleder	Ilene Manning	Terri Smigels	Joan Weitz, O.P.
Olivia Crimando	Judith Hasten	Joan Mannino	Kathleen Smith	Robert Werthman
David Damm	Leland Helzer	Dennis McCarthy	Cathy Spindler	Joseph Whalen
Jerry Dedene	Ilona Higgins	Cyndy McMahon	Frances Stafford	Marilyn Wicker
Joan DeDene	Joan Ireland	Heather A. Miller	Wendy Stevens	Timothy Wilt Jr.
Anita Dembeck	Chris Janutol	Mark Moffitt	Patty Stevenson	Joyce Wiekrykas
Debra Dembeck	Lorraine Jonas	Nina Mondalek	Palma Strussione	Loretta Williams
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Jane Doucet	Lorraine Kilroy	Michelle Pierson	Cathy Sullens	
Kainoa Dunn	Catherine Konen	Vicky Pranger	Mary Surmont	
Jean Edwards	Delaney Kraemer	Carol S. Provencal	Deacon Edward Swartz	

**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at [info@sjascs.org](mailto:info@sjascs.org).

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# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

September 15, 2024

## Faith or Works?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today

we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law.

Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa. It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of "faith alone" to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God. †

## A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" ... [The disciples] had to take that decisive step, from *admiring Jesus* to *imitating Jesus*. Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks... *Who am I for you?* This question calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism; it requires a vital, personal response.

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## Sunday Readings

**Isaiah 50:4c-9a**

The Lord GOD opened my ear;  
I did not refuse, did not turn away.

**James 2:14-18**

What good is it, my brothers,  
if someone says he has faith  
but does not have works?

**Mark 8:27-35**

[Jesus] asked [his disciples],  
"But who do you say that I am?"

***Faith without works  
or works without faith  
does not result in  
full Christian living.***



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- How are your actions inspired by your faith?
- Is there something you feel called to do that you've been putting off?



# Healing the Wound of Unforgiveness

Excerpts from *Seven Steps to Peace with Saint Alphonsus Liguori* by Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

When we are wounded in a physical way, the first question the doctor always asks is how it happened. Part of the healing journey is acknowledging and explaining the event itself.

When we embrace the wound of unforgiveness, we take the time to look at the history of the wound. How did this happen? What are the events that surround the initial hurt? It might be necessary to feel again the grief, shock, or sorrow that connect you to this wound of unforgiveness. The wound is like a huge magnet that attracts to itself a history of darkness. There is criticism of the self and the other, there is blame, there is casting of people as villains and victims, there is anger—maybe hatred—and most often feelings of revenge.

As painful as this road is to review and to walk, it is a necessary step in the



process of healing. Look at the stepping stones that led to the event and that followed. Try not to allow the feelings trap you into a downward cycle of darkness. Do not blame yourself or the other.

How do you heal the unforgiveness and bring yourself to a sense of

wholeness? Place the matter into God's healing hands. If you find that anger and hurt still surround the images of unforgiveness, then you must replace that anger and hurt with images of love. When the event or person of your darkness comes into your mind, purposely surround them with a loving presence.

The second aspect of becoming a whole, healed person is to act with compassion toward others, especially those who have injured you in some way. Acting with compassion is one spiritual practice that all major religions promote. Outward compassion brings inner healing. At first this might feel very strange and difficult. The more you challenge yourself to take action, the easier the action will become, and you will be amazed at how quickly you will heal. †

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From *"Laughing With the Saints"* by James Martin, SJ

The most joyful people are those closest to God. As the Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin said, "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." Joy has a somewhat disreputable reputation in the Church, though. And that's a tragedy not only because joy is necessary, but also because it has a distinguished history among the saints and spiritual masters as an essential element for spiritual health. When you meet someone truly in touch with God, isn't that person joyful? Think of the holy people in your life. Are they not full of the spirit of the Resurrection? Full of joy? †

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*Holy God, help us to hear the teachings of Jesus, to believe the truth of the Gospel, and to live what we believe in our everyday lives. Amen.*

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

September 16–21

**Monday,** Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian:  
1 Cor 11:17–26, 33 / Lk 7:1–10


**Tuesday,** Weekday:  
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a / Lk 7:11–17

**Wednesday,** Weekday:  
1 Cor 12:31–13:13 / Lk 7:31–35

**Thursday,** Weekday:  
1 Cor 15:1–11 / Lk 7:36–50

**Friday,** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,  
Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and companions:  
1 Cor 15:12–20 / Lk 8:1–3

**Saturday,** St. Matthew:  
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13 / Mt 9:9–13

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