

ST. MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
STAR CITY

3346 University Ave. Morgantown, WV 26505 • 304-599-3747

September 12, 2021 • 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 11:00am, en español a la 1:00pm

Daily Mass*: Mon. 6:30pm, Tue.-Thur. 9:00am *please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations.

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24TH 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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Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case

of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at stmarystarcity.com
For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

Sacraments

Baptism: (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please contact the parish office for information.

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

Order of Christian Initiation: Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA, please contact Cynthia Friesen at 304-225-1163 or stmarystarcityfaithformation@gmail.com

Marriage: Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound: When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request and communally as scheduled

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday@Noon, email or written copy please,
no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

Email: stmaryschurch@comcast.net

Subject line: attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

Spirituality of the Readings – **Suffer? Be Killed?**



The simple Gospel story this Sunday is actually one of the great ones in the New Testament.

Why? Let's look.

First, Jesus was much more than just one of the great heroes from the past—John the Baptist, Elijah, the prophets, etc. Naturally, people were treating him as if he were one of these, so he asks the disciples what they think.

Peter responds. "You are the Christ."

So, Jesus, gave the name "Peter," or "Rock," to Simon.

This showed why Jesus had given him his new first name. Under this designation, Peter had proclaimed a turning point for believers, a crucial depth that underlies all Christianity. Jesus was not just a buddy or a healer, he was the long awaited Messiah.

Jesus could now tell them more about what Peter's answer (Christ) actually meant. He said: "The Son of Man must suffer greatly ... and be killed, and rise after three days." (Gospel)

What?

WHAT?

This was the last thought the apostles could have had about the Messiah. "Suffer? Be killed"? No, no!"

Second, look at the intense drama that followed. The same apostle who had just recognized and detailed Jesus as the Christ we see now in complete rebellion.

"This will never happen to you, master, we will never allow it!"

Now Jesus calls him "Satan"! What a contradiction! He flares out with anguish and frustration. "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Why so harsh a response?

For an answer, check out the temptations in the desert (Mt 4:1-11). There the devil's enticements had the same point that Peter's does now. Something like this:

Save yourself. Do not give up your life for others. Since you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread. Show your power. Be the Christ. You keep talking about your heavenly Father: doesn't he want you to carry out your mission instead of suffering and being killed?

Do you and I ever listen to such a temptation? [When do we not?]

The apostles hear it. When Christ finally comes to "suffer greatly and be killed," they actually run away! It will take time for them to understand, just as it does for you and me.

Terrible suffering had been in the scriptural tradition for a long time. Read about the "Suffering Servant" in the First Reading:

I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard. ... See, the Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isa 50:6)

Whatever name he used for Simon, Rock or Satan, Jesus was not being careless or intemperate. The Satan-like Simon was blindly rejecting just what Jesus must have been struggling with most: that he had to

suffer greatly

and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,

and be killed,

and rise after three days.

Who wouldn't object to such a plan? But this was Jesus' his true mission, and Simon Peter was both naming it and sweeping it aside.

Which do you or I choose?

John Foley, SJ

Giving Summary

Sunday Offering

\$6,391.00

Online Giving

\$1,876.35

Attendance: 295

Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

9/12— Diocesan Scholarship Association

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!



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GIVE ONLINE!

by clicking on the image on our website
www.stmarystarcity.com.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

September 12, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm David Bertaux
 Sunday, 8:30am For the People
 Sunday, 11:00am Ellen Kourtsis
 Domingo, 1pm Janet & Bob Tuttle

Monday 9/13 St. John Chrysostom
 6:30pm Amelia (Barill) Marasco

Tuesday 9/14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 9:00am Janet Tuttle

Wednesday 9/15 Our Lady of Sorrows
 9:00am Rudolph & Erna Wiesen

Thursday 9/16 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
 9:00am Angelina DeProspero

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled

September 19, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm Denis Blais
 Sunday, 8:30am For the People
 Sunday, 11:00am The Koloff Family
 Domingo, 1pm Eloise Herrick



The Bread and Tabernacle Candle the week of September 12th are in memory of **Ted & Mary Paul** from son & daughter, Doug and Gloria.



Mass intentions are still being accepted for 2021. We have weekday and weekend Masses still to

fill. The suggested donation is \$20 for a week-end, \$10 for a weekday. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747.

Please note that any Masses cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a global pandemic, inclement weather, or a funeral, will be moved to the next available 'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tuesday moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.



Memorial Donations for Bread and the Tabernacle candle are being accepted for the year 2021. The requested donation is \$40. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested, 304-599-3747.

Al-Anon (for those affected by someone else's drinking) meets every Thursday at noon at St. Mary Church. Information: call 1-888-425-2666 or WSO@al-anon.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

Sunday, September 12

1:00pm NA Meeting

Monday, September 13

7:00pm Retreat & Spirituality Committee Meeting—L/L

Tuesday, September 14

6:30pm NA Meeting

7:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 15

6:30pm Bible Study-Jonah, Session 4—L/L

7:00pm Catholic Homeschoolers Bible Study

Thursday, September 16

12:00pm Al-Anon

5:00pm Catholic Daughters Meeting—P/H

5:30pm Spanish Mass Music Rehearsal—L/L

Saturday, September 18

5:00-5:40pm Reconciliation

Sunday, September 19

9:30am Religious Ed.

11:00am @ Mass—Blessing of Catechists

1:00pm NA Meeting

6-8:00pm Middle School Youth—Youth Room



Eternal rest for Kenneth Junior 'Kenny' Leach, and condolences to his family and friends.



Due to the updated mask guidance from Bishop Brennan, **we will not be having coffee and doughnut fellowship hour in September.**



Ministry Meetings!

If you have signed up for a ministry, or you are just interested, please attend the appropriate meeting. All are welcome!

Retreat & Spirituality Committee

Monday, September 13, 7:00pm—L/L

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass
 Saturdays from 5-5:40pm as scheduled
 (Mon: 6:00pm, Tue.-Thur: 8:30am)

*times may change based on any changes to the weekly Mass schedule



We have Hearing Assistance Devices available for use during Mass. If you would like one, please ask an Usher.



Remember to support our advertisers!

Angels in the Bible Adult Faith Formation

Angels in the Bible (Little Rock Scripture Study) will be offered this fall on Tuesdays, Oct. 5, 19, 26 and Nov. 9, 16, 23 at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sign up for one time.

Angels in the Bible Sign Up

Adult Faith Formation-6 weeks

Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Cost will be less than \$20 for the book depending on the number of people participating.

The booklet has all Scripture and information needed to answer and then discuss the questions. A Wrap-Up Lecture concludes each 90 minute session.



You can sign up via flocknote by texting "starcity" to 84576. Choose "Angels in the Bible" from the the bottom of the sign up list, and choose your class time to register.

You may also register by emailing Nancy at nickliz@aol.com, or by calling the Parish Office.

Right now, the course is scheduled to be held in person in the Library Lounge wearing masks, but we will remain responsive to the current situation.

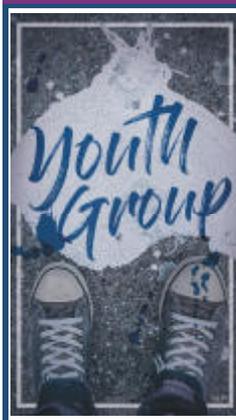
Walk for Life, September 25, 2021

The 35th Annual Walk-for-Life will take place in Morgantown on Saturday, September 25, 2021, with registration from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. at the outdoor pavilion of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Star City. The 3.4-mile walk will begin at 10:00 a.m. Walkers are invited to obtain sponsors for the event. Top three prizes are awarded to those with the most financial support. The rain or shine family event is sponsored by the Mon County Chapter of West Virginians for Life. Free food is provided at the rally following the walk at the outdoor pavilion where the walk started. Free t-shirts will go to walkers with at least \$100 in pledges. If unable to walk, just come to the rally at the pavilion at 11:45. For pledge sheets or more information, call 304-599-0768.



Parish clean-up and clean-out
September 25
9am-12pm

Everyone is welcome to come help!



Middle School Youth

First Meeting:
Sunday, 19
September
@ 6:00 pm

In the Formation Center Youth Room MS Youth will meet every other Sunday evening unless otherwise arranged.

High School Youth

First Meeting:
Sunday, 26 September
@ 6:00 pm

In the Formation Center Youth Room

HS Youth will meet on the opposite weeks that the middle school students meet.

Please contact Cynthia Friesen, DRE, if you have any questions or you have not received your letter and registration form yet



Faith Formation Classes

will begin on **Sunday, 19**

September at 9:30am.

You will receive a letter and your registration form in the mail very soon. **Please return your form by 13 September.**

If you have any questions about religious education classes, please contact Cynthia Friesen 304-225-1163.

R.C.I.A./R.C.I.C.

Are you someone, or do you know someone who...

- *Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- *Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- *Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith and prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information please contact:

Cynthia Friesen: 304-225-1163

StMaryStarCityFaithFormation@gmail.com

Or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex

Classes will be held on Sundays at 9:45am beginning on September 26 and every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7pm after daily Mass

NA Meetings St. Mary Church, Star City
Tuesdays-6:30pm, Sundays-1pm

To find other meetings near you, visit
<https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>



Volunteers are needed to clean and wipe down pews after the 8:30am Mass each weekend. Please stay after Mass if you are able to help sanitize or clean!



Catholic Charities

WV is looking for dual Spanish/English speakers who could volunteer to help with

occasional translation for our Spanish-only speaking clients. We expect that most of the volunteer work would be remote – via conference call and would only rarely involve coming to our office. If you are interested, please contact Renee Corbett (Refugee Outreach Worker), email rcorbett@ccwva.org, cell 304-650-7320.



St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:

- *Toilet Paper
- *Liquid Laundry Detergent
(please no pods or powder)

Baby & Toddler Program needs:

- *Baby Wash & Shampoo

Donations for St. Ursula Food Pantry and Outreach may be **placed in** the labeled bins in **the church**, or **dropped off in the baskets in the CFC entry.**



Important Message for All Parishioners

Bishop Brennan is inviting your input on an upcoming diocesan-wide survey regarding a broad range of topics relating to the way we live and experience our faith across the entire diocese. As our shepherd, the Bishop desires to listen to God's people. This will assist him in developing a deeper understanding of the hearts, minds, and needs of the faithful. **ALL are highly encouraged to participate!** Parishioners will have the option of completing the survey via emailed link, digital platforms (social media and websites), or manually via a paper survey. Completing the survey should take 7-10 minutes. Survey distribution will begin the first weekend in September and will run for two full weeks until September 19. Look for more details soon, and don't miss this unique opportunity to help shape the future of the Catholic Church here in West Virginia!

Please Follow these links to the survey, which will open this weekend!

English:

<https://dwc.org/pastoral-needs-survey/>

Spanish:

<https://dwc.org/encuesta-de-necesidades-pastorale/>



Please **TTJ** (text-to-join) our Flocknote network. **Text the**

word "starcity" to 84576

or connect with us online at:

StMaryStarCity.flocknote.com



St. Mary Church Ruby Read Box,
Take a Book, Leave a Book.
Leisure reading materials only, please.

Diocesan Pilgrimage in Honor of St. Joseph Second Sundays in September-November

Celebrate the Year of St. Joseph with faithful from across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston by making a pilgrimage to significant churches in the state named for the Guardian of the Redeemer and Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Consider embarking on your St. Joseph pilgrimage at one of three notable churches under his patronage with Mass and special tours of the churches on the second Sunday of each month from September to November (Sept. 12, Oct. 10, and Nov. 14. See Sunday Pilgrimage Mass times below).

- St. Joseph Church, 225 S. Queen Street, Martinsburg. Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 am
- The Cathedral of St. Joseph, 13th and Eoff Streets, Wheeling. Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 am
- St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 229 California Avenue, Weirton. Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 am

Bishop Mark Brennan encourages Catholics in West Virginia to visit the churches, chapels, and missions in the diocese named in honor of St. Joseph. This act of faith and spiritual renewal will gain a plenary indulgency (under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the pope, and total detachment from all sin, including venial sin) for all the faithful who visit a pilgrimage site.

The faithful are also invited to join fellow Catholics in the Parkersburg Vicariate for a special pilgrimage to St. Joseph Chapel at 101 W. Penn Avenue, Pennsboro from 3-5 pm on Sunday Sept. 12. Volunteers will lead a rosary at 3:45 pm followed by the Litany to St. Joseph, and silent prayer. A tour of the church and reception will follow.

Additional pilgrimages to missions and chapels under the patronage of St. Joseph will be announced in the weeks and months ahead.

Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph for the whole Church, which began Dec. 8, 2020, and will conclude on Dec. 8, 2021. Bishop Brennan has extended the Year of St. Joseph in our diocese to conclude on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, beloved father, guardian of the Holy Family, and humble servant of God, through the solemnity on March 19, 2022.

The culmination of the Year of St. Joseph will be celebrated with Mass and other special events at the Co-cathedral of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Charleston.

"May our faith in God and our devotion to His great servant, St. Joseph, bring us closer to Jesus Christ and one another," Bishop Brennan said.



Until further notice,
Bishop Brennan asks
that all those in
attendance at Mass
wear a mask, other than
young children under the
age of 2.

Thank you for your
cooperation in this act of
Christian Charity.

We are not implementing any additional physical distancing measures at this time. We will have disposable masks for those who have forgotten to bring one, and hand sanitizer will be widely available.

Saving Grace Support Group for Grandparents/Kinship/Foster/ Adopted Families

meets at **Avery United Methodist Church**
(1152 Cheat Rd. Morgantown, WV)
**the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each
month from 6-8pm.**

This support group offers:

- support from others in the same situation
- guest speakers from different agencies around the area
- training on many different topics from self-care to childhood trauma
- a safe place to express yourself and your concerns
- advice from other people dealing with the same things as you

Feel free to contact us at:

SavingGraceWV@gmail.com,

or join the facebook group:

"Saving Grace:Grandparents/relative
With Custody Support Group"



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
1:00 PM ON SUNDAYS AT
ST. JOHN UNIVERSITY PARISH
1481 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
MORGANTOWN, WV 26505

Sunday, Sep 12, 2021

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From generation to generation

Loving grandparenting is a special gift to those children who receive it. Some of us were raised by generous elders. Others recognize our grandparents as the folks who cherished us just for showing up—something our parents couldn't always manage to do! Nine-year-old Russell Capper first wrote President Nixon in 1969 with the idea of honoring grandparents with their own day. It would take another decade and another president, Jimmy Carter, to make Grandparents Day official on the Sunday after Labor Day. Reach across the generations today and close the gap of understanding by listening to each other's stories, dreams, and hopes.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35 (131). *"See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?"*

Monday, Sep 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Preach often—use words when necessary

Glossophobia—fear of public speaking—is one of the most common forms of anxiety, affecting a sizeable portion of the population. Saint John Chrysostom was not a sufferer. His name means "golden-mouthed"—and was he ever. Renowned as a preacher, his sermons could last up to two hours. (Think about that the next time your pastor runs a bit long!) Few of us are that eloquent as speakers, but all of us are called to be witnesses to our faith in words *and* deeds. There's no need to impress—let your actions speak for you. Never fear living your discipleship humbly and sharing what's in your heart. The truth always speaks volumes.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10 (443). *"Say the word and let my servant be healed."*

Tuesday, Sep 14, 2021

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Lift high the cross

After ending Christian persecutions in 313, Constantine sent his mother, Helena, to the Holy Land where her team is said to have unearthed Christ's tomb. Here, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built. Excavations also reportedly unearthed the three crosses of Mount Calvary, the wood of the "True Cross" being the instrument of Jesus' Crucifixion and associated with miraculous healings. Whether it's the crucifix, the Jerusalem cross, Maltese cross, Celtic cross—or countless others—no other symbol represents Christian faith better. And so we pray: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638). *"He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross."*

Wednesday, Sep 15, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

She's with him

Being a strong companion or having great compassion is essential for discipleship. Mary had both. Notice the "com-" prefix of those qualities, which means "with." Under the title Our Lady of Sorrows, Mary is the first witness of the church and stood with Jesus through his pain and glory—his life, death, and Resurrection. The

church uses "sorrows" here not so that we would be sad and weighed down but to lift up what it means to really be "with" another person and to share deeply their joy and sorrow. Mary continues to stand alongside us. How do you experience Mary's companionship and compassion in your own life?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 3:14-16 (445); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639). *"Woman, behold, your son."*

Thursday, Sep 16, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

The cost of discipleship can be high

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian were friends during the 200s, a period when Christians were persecuted by the Roman Empire. Today a number of countries continue to oppress, harass, and even kill Christians. There is pressure today, as there was in the era of the early martyrs, to deny the faith in order to survive. With Cornelius and Cyprian in mind, stand in solidarity with courageous Christians everywhere. Learn what their needs are and how the worldwide church can help.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50 (446). *"[Jesus] said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'"*

Friday, Sep 17, 2021

MEMORIALS OF ROBERT BELLARMINI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH AND HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Listen to your doctors

Jesus' ministry was simple: He went from town to town telling people that they were loved. The mantle, picked up by the doctors of the church, including those we honor today, was to interpret Jesus' message for subsequent generations. Saint Robert Bellarmine's *Catechism* clarified the Catholic understanding of faith and reason, and Saint Hildegard of Bingen's songs, such as "O *virtus sapientie*," helped unlock the mysteries of Divine Love and the Trinity. The Good News is meant for you. Find a way to hear it.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3 (447). *"Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God."*

Saturday, Sep 18, 2021**Take the lesson to heart**

On the eve of Catechetical Sunday, it's good to reflect on our task of teaching the next generation matters of the Spirit. One comment heard too often when bad things happen is that "God must have a reason for doing this." Or, "It must be God's will." Looking at the biblical testimony, however, leads to the realization that most of the bad things that happen are not God's will at all but the work of sinful people. God says, "Feed the hungry" and children starve. God says, "Do not kill" and people murder. Let's teach our kids what's on God, and what's on us.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15 (448). *"[T]he Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

*Salve, Guardián del Redentor
Esposo de la Bendita Virgen María.
A ti Dios te confió su único Hijo;
en ti Maria depositó su confianza;
contigo Cristo se hizo hombre.*

*Bendito José, para nosotros también
muéstrate padre
y guíanos en el camino de la vida.
Obten para nosotros gracia, misericordia y coraje
y defiéndenos de todo mal. Amén.*

Safe Environment Reporting

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Will or Estate Planning

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to:

"The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk
2:33-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk
9:30-37

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 131

Reading I Is 50:5-9a

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.
I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked
my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to
shame.
He is near who upholds my right;
if anyone wishes to oppose me,
let us appear together.
Who disputes my right?
Let that man confront me.
See, the Lord GOD is my help;
who will prove me wrong?

Reading II Jas 2:14-18

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

Indeed someone might say,
"You have faith and I have works."
Demonstrate your faith to me without
works,

and I will demonstrate my faith to you
from my works.

Gospel Mk 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out
for the villages of Caesarea Philippi.
Along the way he asked his disciples,
"Who do people say that I am?"
They said in reply,
"John the Baptist, others Elijah,
still others one of the prophets."
And he asked them,
"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter said to him in reply,
"You are the Christ."
Then he warned them not to tell any-
one about him.

He began to teach them
that the Son of Man must suffer great-
ly
and be rejected by the elders, the
chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed, and rise after three
days.

He spoke this openly.
Then Peter took him aside and began
to rebuke him.
At this he turned around and, looking
at his disciples,
rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind
me, Satan.
You are thinking not as God does, but
as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his dis-
ciples 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."



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