

ST. MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
STAR CITY

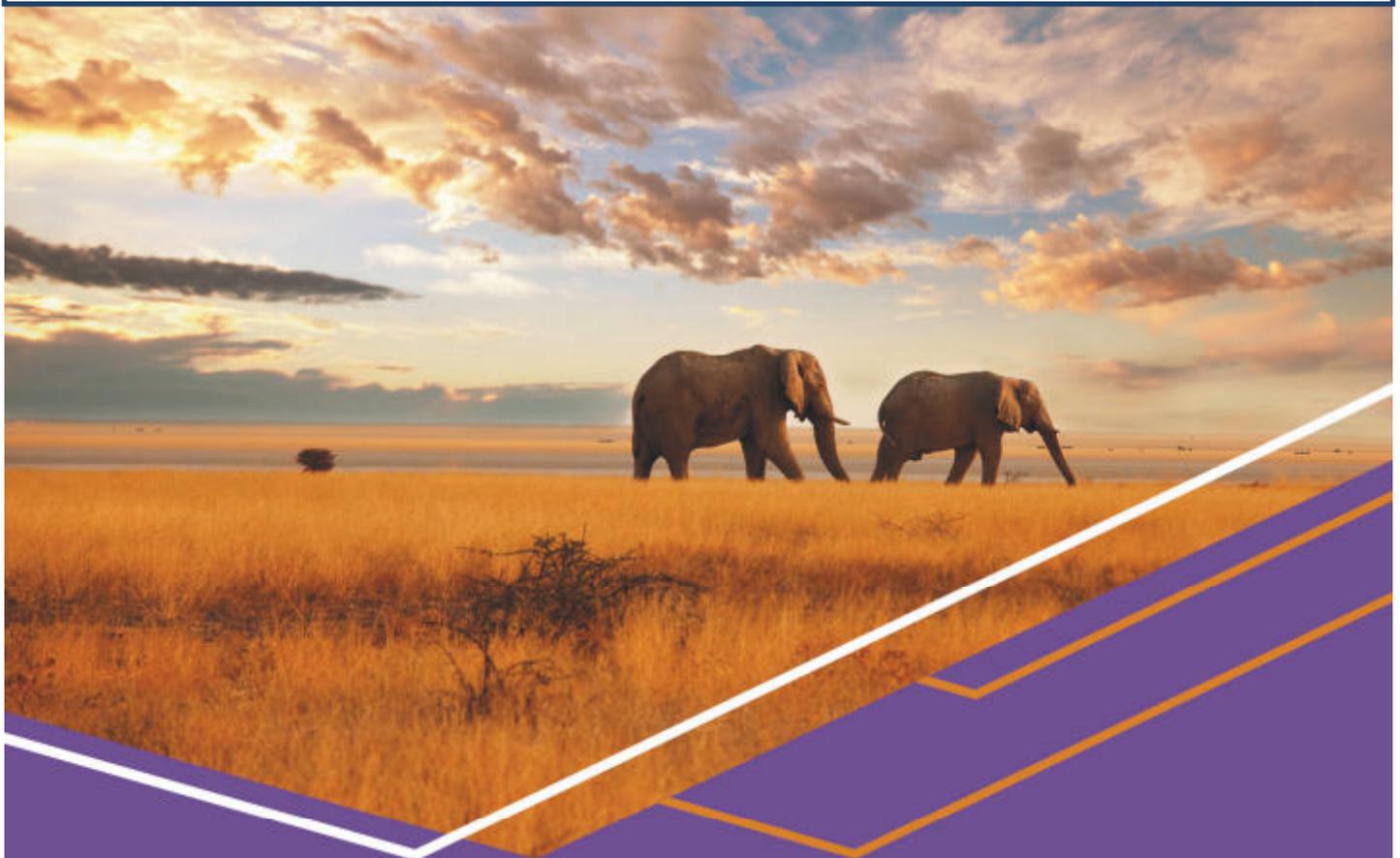
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September 19, 2021 • 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Radio broadcast at 8:30am on 1300AM WCLG & 92.1FM, and TuneIn channel Morgan 92.1



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“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.” - Mk 9:35b-37a



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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 – **Childish Behavior**



-For the past Sundays Jesus has been shocking the disciples by showing himself as the "The Just One" from today's First Reading:

He was telling them the most intimate fact of his life. Let us trace it.

In the First Reading, people known as "the wicked" practiced what we could call a version of childish self-interest. They say,

Look at this "righteous one." He thinks he is so wonderful. Let's take his high opinion of himself and "test it." Let us

see how revilement and torture will affect him. Let us see what a slow death will do to someone supposedly so patient and gentle.

The Reading quotes these "evil ones" as saying, sarcastically, doesn't this Just One claim that "God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes"? We'll fix him.

They practice mockery and cruelty, all based on self-deception.

Mockery: "If he says he is so wonderful, if he has God on his side, surely he will pass our little test. We are just conducting an 'interesting experiment'."

Translation: he's on the wrong side, kill him.

Cruelty: "He thinks he is so holy. We will give him torture, revilement, and a shameful death. This is just reasonable research, to see how he will react."

Translation: holiness is all a sham, a way for people to get what they want. Well, we want him dead.

Self-deception: we do not need this God stuff. We base our lives in what is real.

Translation: we are more important than God and this Jesus H. Christ. Self-interest will always win.

All these are seductively false. No human being can become truly and freely human without putting God in first place, valuing everything else in relation to God's love—even power, even wealth, and especially pride.

The disciples, out of confusion, engaged in a long argument, about which of them was the greatest! It was as if they had started fighting for the best toys, just like children.

Instead of this, Jesus says in the Gospel that, in fact, the Son of God was going to be condemned to a shaming torture that the wicked had planned, and would be killed. It would look exactly as if God did not care.

"This is what I am going to do," he says. I will be saying "I love you," to my Father. But I will do it by not resisting insults and humiliating death because I love God above these things.

And I love the world, everything that is in it.

And I love you, with the fullness and warmth and generosity of God's everlasting love.

Even if it is hard for us to believe, God's promise is that, out of suffering and death good can emerge. Ultimately it seems that good can come only out of these.

In the end, God does defend us and deliver us from the hand of our foes.

John Foley, SJ

Giving Summary

Sunday Offering

\$3,039.00

Online Giving

\$2,421.35

Attendance: 319

Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

9/12— Diocesan Scholarship Association

9/26— The Catholic University of America

10/3— USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund, Hurricane Ida Relief

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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www.stmarystarcity.com.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Monday 9/20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-geon &
 Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

6:30pm Marshall & Bonnie Brooks

Tuesday 9/21 St. Matthew
 9:00am Lora Chico Crow

Wednesday 9/22 Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9:00am Ann Marie Mancini

Thursday 9/23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina
 9:00am Louis Finley

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 26, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm For the People
 Sunday, 8:30am Virginia Mary Meador
 Sunday, 11:00am Eloise Herrick
 Domingo, 1pm Eileen Josephine Klug



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

fill. The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend, \$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

NA Meetings St. Mary Church, Star City
 Tuesdays-6:30pm, Sundays-1pm
To find other meetings near you, visit
<https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

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

Monday, September 20

7:00pm 5 Year Planning Committee—L/L

Tuesday, September 21

6:30pm NA Meeting
 7:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 22

6:30pm Bible Study-Jonah, Session 5—L/L

Thursday, September 23

12:00pm Al-Anon
 6:00pm Spanish Mass Music Rehearsal—L/L
 6:30pm St. Ursula Board Mtg—@ St. Ursula

Saturday, September 25

9:00am-12:00pm Parish Clean-up & Clean-out
 5:00-5:40pm Reconciliation

Sunday, September 26

9:30am Religious Ed.
 9:45am RCIA
 1:00pm NA Meeting
 6-8:00pm High School Youth—Youth Room



Eternal rest for Jacqueline

Williams, and condolences to her family and friends.



Eternal rest for Peter John Rosati, Sr., and condolences to his family and friends.

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.



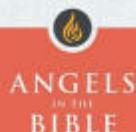
Volunteers are needed to clean and wipe down pews after the 8:30am Mass each weekend. Please stay after Mass if you are able to help sanitize or clean!



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St. Mary Church Ruby Read Box, Take a Book, Leave a Book.



Angels in the Bible

Adult Faith Formation

Angels in the bible is a 6 week program that will be offered on Tuesdays, October 12, 19, & 26, and November 9, 16, & 23 at 10:00am and 6:30pm, in the Library Lounge for 90 minute sessions. Please sign up for **one class time**, morning or evening.

The cost for the book will be under \$20, depending on the number of participants. The booklet has all scripture and information needed to answer and discuss the questions.

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 wearing masks, but we will remain responsive to the current situation.

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.

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



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
I'm looking forward to a great year!



Faith Formation Classes

will begin on

Sunday, 19 September at 9:30am.

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



Please TTJ (text-to-join) our Flocknote network. **Text the word "starcity" to 84576** or connect with us online at:
StMaryStarCity.flocknote.com



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

Special Collection Set for October 2-3 for Hurricane Ida Recovery

Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan joins Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and bishops across the country asking the faithful to support a special collection to help with the recovery of Hurricane Ida. The collection in parishes and missions in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be held at Masses the weekend of October 2-3.

Donations will go to the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to assist with the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and significant needs stemming from Hurricane Ida which devastated several states, specifically the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church, as well as the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services.



**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

Diocesan Rosary Congress

On Wednesday, October 6th St. John University Parish (Morgantown) will be in participation with the **Diocesan Rosary Congress** in praying a Rosary each hour of the day.

St. John's will honor this with Mass at 7:00am, Adoration from 8:00am - 5:00pm, and hosting the Rosary at the beginning of each hour from 8:00 am to 5:00pm. You're invited to join in praying with us!



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 la-
beled 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!

English:

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

Spanish:

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



Catholic
Charities
West Virginia

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.



Aim your camera at the flowcode

Support our parish by
making a gift to the
Catholic Sharing Appeal
dwc.org/CSA

Did you know...?

Everything above 50% of our goal comes back to St. Mary Parish! With 53% of our goal already achieved, every penny given from now on will be given back to us.

St. Mary Parish, Star City

Raised \$22,200 of \$41,675 with 70 gifts

53%

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.

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.

Sunday, Sep 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Let the Good News resound

Religion is often reduced to its most visible aspect: Sunday worship. But the church's ministry includes service, evangelization, healing, and teaching. On Catechetical Sunday we celebrate our mutual call to educate and instruct. "Catechize" means to echo or resound. Saint Paul once modeled for the Corinthians this task of "re-sounding" the Good News when he wrote: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." Does your Catholic faith steer you when making decisions and weighing values? Does it bring consolation? Does it challenge you to sacrifice? Echo these riches to those you love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37 (134). *"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."*

Monday, Sep 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Sound the depths of your faith

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, the first native-born Korean priest and patron saint of Korea. He was one of an estimated 10,000 who were martyred for their Christian faith in Korea in the 19th century. The theme of the bicentenary celebration is "Are you Catholic?" because Andrew's "yes" to that question during interrogation cost him his life. The bishop of the Korean city of Daejeon said the theme "calls us to reflect seriously on our identity and our consistency as Catholics." Take this opportunity to consider what your Catholic identity means to you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed."*

Tuesday, Sep 21, 2021

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

Let peace begin with me

The United Nations designates today as the International Day of Peace. It's also the feast of Saint Matthew—the evangelist whose list of Beatitudes includes the words "blessed are the peacemakers." According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the "Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching." They "shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life" and are the "paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations." Matthew must have experienced such tribulations when he, as a hated tax collector, joined the other apostles. Be a peacemaker today, especially among people you're nearest to.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). *"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."*

Wednesday, Sep 22, 2021**Share the wealth**

Power sharing and collaborative ministry are thorny questions within church circles and many faith communities. Jesus can be our model and our guide, in this as in all questions. When he sent the apostles out he did so in pairs and "gave them power and authority." Add it up and it equals shared, collaborative ministry. Those who are sure of their own authority are able to share it freely and without fear. More ministries and leadership positions

will open up in the church when those with power learn to trust the faith community the way Jesus did.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). *"He sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick."*

Thursday, Sep 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

Be an everyday mystic

In a secular world that prizes material possessions, the mystical aspect of the church can captivate. Saint Padre Pio (1887-1968) certainly drew attention for his mystical attributes. A relatively obscure Italian Capuchin priest, he gained fame for reportedly displaying the wounds of Christ, called stigmata, and for his insightful (some called it psychic) abilities as a confessor. He spent up to 10 hours a day with people who sought guidance and forgiveness in Confession. Only a few of us become mystics, but all can seek holiness and insight. Today meditate and act on the path to holiness that God has placed before you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"Herod said, 'John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?'"*

Friday, Sep 24, 2021**Grounded in a sense of belonging**

In our Western mindset, we often think of land as "property," owned and available for human use. But if we hope to stem climate change, we need to realize it's really the other way around. The land doesn't belong to us; we belong to the land. Writes Pope Francis in his encyclical on caring for creation, *Laudato Si'*: "Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone." How will you commit to the care of this land that sustains us in so many ways?

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22 (453). *"In this place I will give you peace."*

Saturday, Sep 25, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ripe with possibilities

Jesus was born to Mary "in the fullness of time," as one scripture passage puts it. This rich metaphor of time ripening rings true to human experience. Think of the blessings in your own life, and how they have developed often from small beginnings or mere glimmers of hope: deep and lasting relationships, hard-earned insights, lifelong achievements and legacies. Good things take time, patience, perseverance, courage, and perhaps most of all, trust. Think of Mary's journey of trust in response to God's call, and make it your own. And may the blessings in your own life ripen in the fullness of time!

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the LORD."*

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 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-4

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 134

Reading I—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.

Reading II—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.

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."



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