



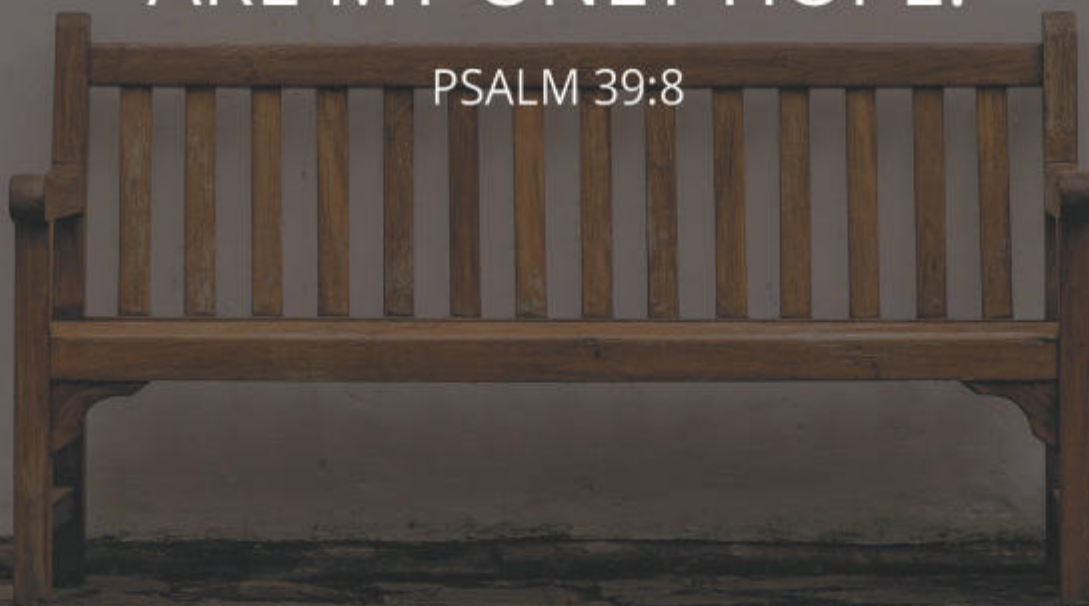
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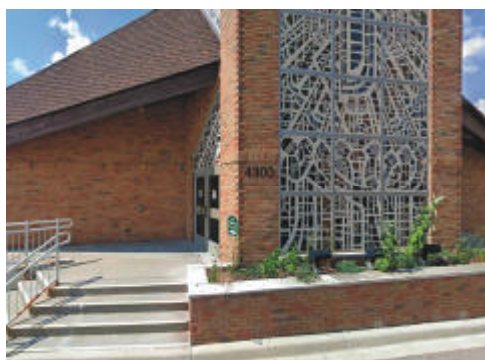
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ARE MY ONLY HOPE.

PSALM 39:8



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## WEEKLY READINGS

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

#### SUNDAY 9/5

##### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

#### MONDAY 9/6

Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

#### TUESDAY 9/7

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

#### WEDNESDAY 9/8

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

#### THURSDAY 9/9

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

#### FRIDAY 9/10

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

#### SATURDAY 9/11

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

#### NEXT SUNDAY 9/12

##### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

### LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

There are more than a few that view this day not only as holiday but also as the unofficial end of summer. It is around this time that schools begin again and we go from the lazy days of summer back into steady stream of work and community activities. This year, as last year, it is a little different. With Covid-19 still wreaking havoc on the lives of so many we must remember all those who care for the ill and infirmed during this continuing crisis. These workers have risked their own health and wellbeing in order to grant people the space and resources to recover from this devastating virus. Almost all of us know of someone who died from the virus and its effects, nary a family has not been touched by the knowledge of someone's illness or even death. On this Labor Day we affirm the work of so many health workers who teach us the right way to conquer this virus and we praise those who have tirelessly worked among the sick. We all look forward to the day when the virus will no longer impact our lives, but until that point, we support our men and women on the front line of health and services and we ask that the Spirit of God give them continued strength, knowledge and resources in order to keep up the good fight. Blessings to all those who hands, hearts, skill and compassion treat so many, in so many different ways. May they be strengthened in body and spirit, may they be beacons of hope in this time of need and may they

always be honored for their service to their fellow human being in need. Without a doubt, they live out the Two Great Commandments of God by the work they do. They are "doers of the Word" and not just hearers of the word.

### A TRADITIONAL BLESSING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you commanded your apostles to pray that peace might come to whatever house they entered. Sanctify, we implore you, by our ministry this school building meant for the education of youth. Pour into it the richness of your blessing and of your peace. May peace come to this school as it came to the house of Zaccheus when you entered it. Command your angels to guard it and to drive away from it all the power of the enemy. Fill the teachers with the spirit of knowledge, wisdom and reverence for all under their care. Strengthen the students with heavenly grace, so that they may grasp with their minds, treasure in their hearts, and carry out in their deeds all the teachings that lead to salvation and the good of society. And may all here please you by practicing every virtue, so that they may one day be welcomed into your eternal home in heaven. Through you, Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, who live and reign, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Our beautiful reading from Isaiah coupled with James' epistle and the Gospel message, reflect the constant thread of grace that God has bestowed upon his people for many a millennium. God speaks of peace. God speaks of goodness. God continues to speak words of hope and words of mercy to each of us. As our Jewish brothers and sisters, the first people to hear God's word, celebrate 5782 years this week, so too, we celebrate the continuing presence of God in our world and in our lives. We do look forward to Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled when the Lord comes and tells us "Fear not". We do look forward to the day when all people, not just those who have "gold rings and fine clothes" to be welcomed, loved and receive a fair share in the goods of the earth and a place at every table. And we look forward to the touch of Christ on one and all, when all be healed, made whole and welcomed to the table of the Lord.

**REV. RON JOZWIAK**  
Pastor

**PRINCE OF PEACE  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
LABOR DAY**

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

4:00 pm Martha Shaw

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 am Families of Prince of Peace

10:00 am Families of Prince of Peace

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

## REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

Ekhilas Awro

Genevieve Davey

Gerald Lewis



## LOVING MEMORY

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(September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am)

## GOSPEL MEDITATION 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness.

Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

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

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## LIVE THE LITURGY

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP CHOOSING DEAFNESS

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your

toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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Sunday - 9 and 11 am

Monday - Friday - 12:15 pm

[stbencc.org](http://stbencc.org)

September 14th @ 6 pm - Holy Hour

Monday evenings September 20 -

October 19th @ 7 pm - The Our  
Father, a reflection on the book by  
Gerard Lohfink

October 4th @ 6 pm - Blessing of the  
Pets

October 19th @ 6 pm - Holy Hour

October 25th @ 7 pm - A brief  
introduction to Brother Lawrence  
Spiritual Maxims

Monday evenings August - October  
25th @ 6:30 pm- Pray the Rosary at  
OLR Marian garden, bring a chair or  
blanket

September 14th - December 7th @  
9:30 am - Bible Study: The Bible &  
The Church Fathers \$20. book fee,  
contact: [annejane15@yahoo.com](mailto:annejane15@yahoo.com)

September 15 @ 7 pm Awaken your  
Faith w/ Fr. Juan Sabadell -  
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October 18th 1- 7 pm - American Red  
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September 11th @ 8 am - St.  
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Outing contact Rick 248-789-5412

Wednesday mornings October 6th -  
December 1st @ 8 am - Women's  
Bible Study, Jesus: The Way, The  
Truth & The Life. \$25. book fee

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## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The Scripture passage from the Prophet Isaiah prefigures the mighty works Christ will achieve, the most significant: His sacrifice on the Cross for our salvation. The Gospel evangelist St. Mark cites a powerful healing made by Jesus in pagan, Gentile territory. Together with the warning against discrimination in the Letter of St. James, this healing shows that God does not discriminate about who is welcome in the Christian community. Our Lord Jesus desires all to walk in His Truth and Light — to gain His eternal Kingdom. Welcoming parishes evangelize through stewardship with greeters serving as Ministers of Hospitality. Consider how you can be welcoming daily.

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