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Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am  
Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ AUGUST 29, 2021

## He is Faithful and Just... and Will Forgive Us

— Fr. Bosco Padamattummal —

**T**HERE ARE ALL SORTS OF TRADITIONS IN LIFE. We have family traditions, holiday traditions, community traditions. And by and large traditions are a good thing. Traditions serve a useful function. They give us a sense of connection with others and continuity with our past. And that's a good thing. Today's gospel is talking specifically about religious traditions. But when it comes to religious traditions, there are some things you need to watch out for. And that's what Jesus warns us about in today's passage.

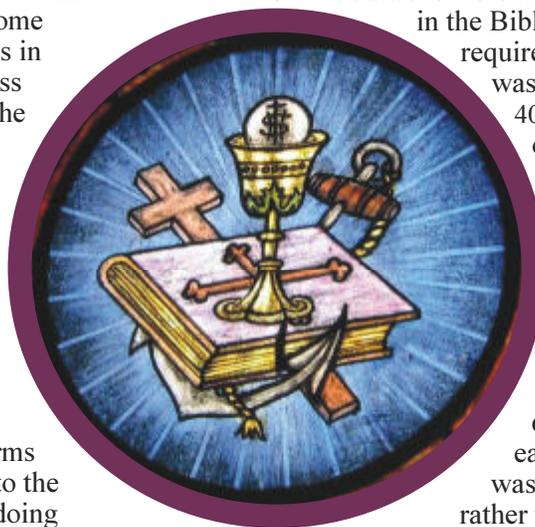
**In this passage the Pharisees approach Jesus because his disciples are breaking one of their traditions** about washing their hands before eating. And Jesus uses this opportunity first to give some instruction about traditions in general, and then to address the particular concern of the Pharisees about spiritual uncleanness.

**For the Jews in Jesus time**, this was not so much a matter of personal hygiene as of ceremony. They performed a ceremonial washing before eating, which may have involved dipping their hands and arms into water all the way up to the elbow. Mark says that in doing these things, they were holding to the tradition of the elders. Who were these elders? They were the leaders, respected men in the community, including such people as the scribes and Pharisees and synagogue rulers. And the tradition of the elders was a set of oral

interpretations of the law that was passed down from one generation to the next.

**It is important to understand** that these traditions were not Scriptural. For example, in the Bible only the priests were required to perform ceremonial washings (Exodus 30:17-21, 40:12; 2 Chronicles 4:6), but over time the elders began to apply these rules to the people as well. And so by the time of Jesus, Mark says that this was the common practice for all the Jews.

**The Jewish leaders were judging the disciples** when they were eating without ceremonial washing according to tradition rather than Scripture. And although there is nothing wrong with having certain traditions, you should not judge other people by your traditions. There are some traditions or practices that are causing a lot of stir in churches today. Some of the hot-button issues include worship style, dress code, the use of media. In our state — *continued on p. 2*



**St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ❖ August 28-Sept 5, 2021**  
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities
**SAT. AUGUST 28***Memorial: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*1 Thes 4:9-11  
Mt 25:14-303:30-4:30pm Confession  
➤ **5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:** † Gerald Damian [Claudia Damian]**SUN. AUGUST 29***22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*Dt 4:1-2, 6-8  
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-238-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession  
➤ **8:30am MASS:** † Don Christian [Karen Christian]  
➤ **10:30am MASS: For the People**6:30-8:30pm **DIOCESAN REGIONAL MEETING** regarding realignment of parishes ("Realign Resources for Mission") / at Fr. Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor OR Lumen Christi High School, Jackson OR virtual/online**MON. AUGUST 30***Weekday*1 Thes 4:13-18  
Lk 4:16-30➤ **No Monday Masses in Manchester during the summer months****TUES. AUGUST 31***Weekday*1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11  
Lk 4:31-37➤ **8:30am MASS:** † Tom Burch [Jim & Dolores Bauer]**WED. SEPT. 1***Weekday*Col 1:1-8  
Lk 4:38-44➤ **8:30am MASS:** † Don Christian [Karen Christian]4:00pm Staff meeting / FFH  
7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council mtg / FFH**THUR. SEPT. 2***Weekday*Col 1:9-14  
Lk 5:1-11➤ **8:30am MASS:** † Natalie Walkowe Daubner [St. Mary's Altar Society]**FRI. SEPT. 3***Memorial: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*Col 1:15-20  
Lk 5:33-39➤ **8:30am FIRST FRIDAY MASS:**  
† Don Christian [Karen Christian]

No Exposition &amp; Adoration due to holiday weekend

**SAT. SEPT. 4***Weekday (opt. mem. Blessed Virgin Mary)*Col 1:21-23  
Lk 6:1-5➤ **8:30am FIRST SATURDAY MASS:**  
† Don Christian [Karen Christian]  
3:30-4:30pm Confession  
➤ **5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: For the People****SUN. SEPT. 5***23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*Is 35:4-7a  
Jas 2:1-5  
Mk 7:31-378-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession  
➤ **8:30am MASS:** † Bishop Kenneth J. Povich, 3rd Bishop of the Diocese of Lansing  
➤ **10:30am MASS:** † Joseph & † Helen Germek [Kathy & Martin Brogley] ■
**FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:**  
*He is Faithful and Just... and Will Forgive Us*

in India, we have to remove our shoes before we enter into church, but in the western culture we need to wear them. One of the wonderful things about the gospel is that it is for all people in all cultures.

**What we all need to do is allow the gospel to penetrate and shape our culture accordingly.** Then we will learn to praise God in our own language and write our own songs and adopt our own worship traditions that are appropriate to our culture. So, there was nothing wrong with the Pharisees washing their hands before eating. There is nothing wrong with a ceremonial cleansing. But the Pharisees were wrong to judge the disciples for not keeping a tradition. That's our first lesson today from this gospel: "Do not judge other people by your traditions."

**In response to them, Jesus quotes Isaiah 29:13** and tells the Pharisees that Isaiah was talking about them. Jesus uses some strong words for the Pharisees here. He calls them hypocrites. Here they were busy washing their hands before eating and observing all sorts of rituals and traditions, but they weren't right with God in their hearts. Everything looked good on the outside, but there were deep spiritual problems within. So the second lesson this gospel tells us is that when you neglect your heart relationship with God and rely on the outward traditions and forms instead, you put yourself in spiritual danger.

**Jesus gave them an example:** The Bible says, "Honor your father and mother" in Exodus 20:12, and "Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death" in Exodus 21:17. Those are some pretty clear commands of Scripture. The first one comes from the Ten Commandments, and the second one was one of the national laws of Israel that demonstrated the seriousness of obeying the first law.

**But the Pharisees had a tradition or practice** known as "Corban." They would designate certain of their financial resources as "corban" that is, dedicated to God by an irrevocable vow. It was put under a "ban" so that it could not be used for any other purpose. Practically speaking, it was a way of "tagging" them, suggesting, "this belongs to God" and thus was not to be used for personal interests, even to take care of the parents. Here was an example where a tradition was in direct contradiction to the Scriptures, but the Pharisees were going with the tradition rather than God's word. So the third lesson is that God's commands always come before man-made rules and regulations.

**Dear brothers and sisters, how do you stay spiritually clean before God?** I want to share two things in closing here. 1) Spiritual cleansing begins with the washing in the baptismal waters. We are washed clean of our original sin. 2) Then, after this initial cleansing, we need continued cleansing. And this cleansing takes place as we confess our sins to God, as we approach the confessional with a contrite heart. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." †

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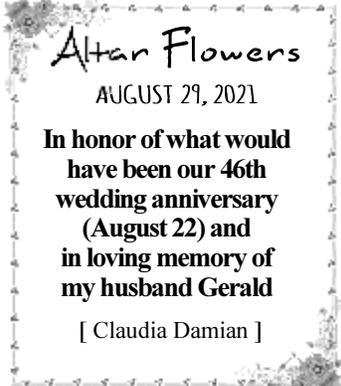
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**Birthday Blessings!**
**AUGUST 30**Lincoln Brothers  
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Kathleen Sangster**SEPTEMBER 2**Priscilla Hale  
Jim Ritz**SEPTEMBER 3**

Dominic Bargardi

**SEPTEMBER 4**

Timothy Miller


**Altar Flowers**

AUGUST 29, 2021

**In honor of what would have been our 46th wedding anniversary (August 22) and in loving memory of my husband Gerald**

[ Claudia Damian ]

### Science Verifies the Eucharist is Really Jesus

In the sixth and final “Real Presence” episode, you will see a double Eucharistic miracle. Not only was a bleeding host analyzed by the World Health Organization, proving that the blood came from inside the host and was Type AB+ matching other Eucharistic miracles – it contained tissue from a living heart. But there’s more... Seven years after the blood stained host was verified, it was filmed glowing and pulsing with a heartbeat during adoration, only to return to normal.

The six ‘Real Presence’ sessions, begin **Mon., Sept 13 at 12:45pm – AND – Thurs., Sept 16 at 6:30pm**. The same course will be offered on both days within a given week. You can schedule either Mondays in the early afternoon – OR – Thursdays in the early evening. Snacks will be available at all of the sessions. The videos, handouts and bonus videos for self study will also be posted for online viewing with a link provided to the parish at large. You can explore more scientific evidence for Eucharistic miracles. A printed study guide will be available for \$5. Join with your fellow parishioners, and sign up using the card in the pews.

### Rummage Sale Thank You

Many hands make work light, and the St. Mary Rummage Sale Team is very grateful for all of the helping hands that stepped forward to make this year’s rummage sale a success. Whether you provided donations, helped with preparations, sales, clean up, or delivery, your gifts of time, talent, and treasures were the secret to our success. An extra big thank you goes out to the core team of six helpers who were there almost daily for two weeks, and to Linda McGee for her leadership during that time. Thanks to the support of the parish and Manchester community, this year we raised \$3,500 for our parish family!

—Melissa Yekulis

### Re: First Friday and First Saturday

This coming weekend begins with First Friday, Sept. 3. However, because it is a holiday weekend (Labor Day is the following Monday), we will not be having our usual and blessed day of Exposition and Adoration. As you know, someone must be in attendance at all times with Jesus when he is on the altar, in the monstrance. And on holiday weekends, especially this one at the end of the summer, many people are out of town, and so scheduling becomes a problem.

However, Jesus is still here!!!! In the tabernacle! Waiting for you and me to visit him! Honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus on this day dedicated to Him through this devotion. Come to Mass at 8:30am or simply stop by our humble – and holy – church sometime during the day. Spend some time with Jesus as He waits for you behind the tabernacle veil.

Also, Sat., Sept. 4 is First Saturday. This is a devotion that encourages us to enter into a deeper relationship with the Mother of God, Mary most holy. We will have a morning Mass at 8:30am on First Saturday, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. Come, be blessed!

### The First Annual Michigan Catholic Women’s Conference

**“GOD’S LOVE HAS BEEN POURED INTO OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN US.” - ROMANS 5:5**

*Save the Date:* Women from five Dioceses – Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Saginaw – come together to focus on their faith and to experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, women will be encouraged and inspired to focus and grow their faith by hearing from Catholic speakers, engaging in praise and worship music, and celebrating holy Mass with our bishops. The conference will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing on **Sat., Oct. 16, 2021**. Registration NOW OPEN! (Visit [mcwc.ticketspice.com/cwc](http://mcwc.ticketspice.com/cwc))

*Also, Parish Captains are needed:* We are in need of parish captains to help coordinate the promotion of this event within parishes. If you’d like to serve as a parish captain, or know someone who would, please contact Deanna McCrate at [MichiganCWC@sbcglobal.net](mailto:MichiganCWC@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at 810-287-7272.

### Please let Fr Bosco know...

If you or anyone in your family or friends group is sick or in anyway in need of a priest, please let Fr. Bosco know! We are blessed with a priest who so generously gives of himself to help those in need. What a sadness if someone is struggling with health or approaching death, and no one lets the priest know. You may be helping someone more than you realize.



**The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:**  
PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...

- 1) In loving memory of +Victor Kanta (His Family)
- 2) +Leon Ball (Amy Ahrens)



**Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your kingdom come.**

**Please Pray for...**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardinal Raymond Burke</li> <li>• David Bonkowski (sr)</li> <li>• Sean Sangster</li> <li>• Maggie Adlhock</li> <li>• Paul Marion</li> <li>• Mike Gibbons</li> <li>• Sylvie’s mother</li> <li>• Bruce Sommers</li> <li>• Luise Kienzle</li> <li>• Adamo Venditti</li> <li>• Mikaylah Duffield</li> <li>• Dallas Bradbury</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susie (from the Flower Garden)</li> <li>• Larry Lehmann</li> <li>• Pam Wils</li> <li>• Colleen Whitten</li> <li>• Kristy Raab</li> <li>• Bill Schaffer</li> <li>• Kay Lantis</li> <li>• Christy Woody and family</li> <li>• Barbara (Kemner) Haas</li> <li>• Jerry Kripas</li> <li>• Delores Oakley</li> <li>• Joe Kirk</li> <li>• Joyce Stein</li> <li>• Loretta Widmayer</li> </ul>
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*If the prayers you requested are no longer needed and you want your name/prayer intention removed from this prayer list, please let the Parish Office know: 734-428-8811*

**St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION Sunday, August 15, 2021**

Sunday Env (39)	\$ 2,510.00
Welcome & Loose	378.00
E-Giving (3)	338.18
Assumption BVM	1,040.00
<b>Combined toward budget:</b>	<b>... \$ 4,266.18</b>
Budget goal:	5,300.00
Amt BELOW goal:	- 1,033.82

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Bldg. & Maint (2)	\$ 50.00
Poor Box	99.91
Votive candles	30.00

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**Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL** (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email [nlc@resurrectionlansing.org](mailto:nlc@resurrectionlansing.org)

**NEED HELP? “COURAGE”** is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. “ENCOURAGE” is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email [caverart@comcast.net](mailto:caverart@comcast.net)

**NEED HELP? An “AA” group meets Fridays at 7:00pm at Emanuel Church, 324 W Main St. (next door to St Mary’s)**

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