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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



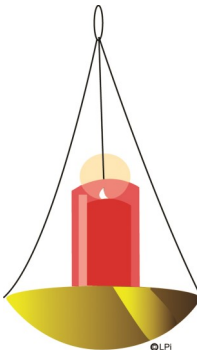
"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15



# PARISH LIFE



<b>Monday</b>	<b>9-7-20</b>
8:00am	<b>Emmy Moore</b> rq by Loving Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9-8-20</b>
8:00am	<b>Patrick Byrne</b> rq by Loving Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9-9-20</b>
8:00am	<b>Maura Taylor</b> rq by Loving Family <b>Robert Petty</b> rq by cousin of Thomas Sawickie
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9-10-20</b>
8:00am	<b>Joe &amp; Margaret McNulty</b> rq by Loving Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9-11-20</b>
8:00am	<b>Genia McCue Sr.</b> rq by Loving Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9-12-20</b>
5:00pm	<b>Sandra Minnella</b> rq by Loving Sister <b>Anabel Osta</b> rq by Loving Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9-13-20</b>
8:00am	<b>Richie Tringali</b> rq by Degan Family
10:30am	<b>Michael Suckow</b> rq by Loving Family
6:00pm	<b>St. Ann Purgatorial Society</b>



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

The Sanctuary Lamp is available for special intentions. The Lamp burns weekly for deceased members of a family or requests for a special intention. The donation is \$20. Please call the Rectory for further information.. This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for **James Trevean**  
rq by Loving Family

## FALL SCHEDULE



Masses Mon - Fri 8A, Sat 5P, Sun 9A.

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

<b>SUN 9/6</b>	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
<b>MON 9/7</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
<b>TUE 9/8</b>	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
<b>WED 9/9</b>	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
<b>THR 9/10</b>	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
<b>FRI 9/11</b>	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
<b>SAT 9/12</b>	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
<b>SUN 9/13</b>	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

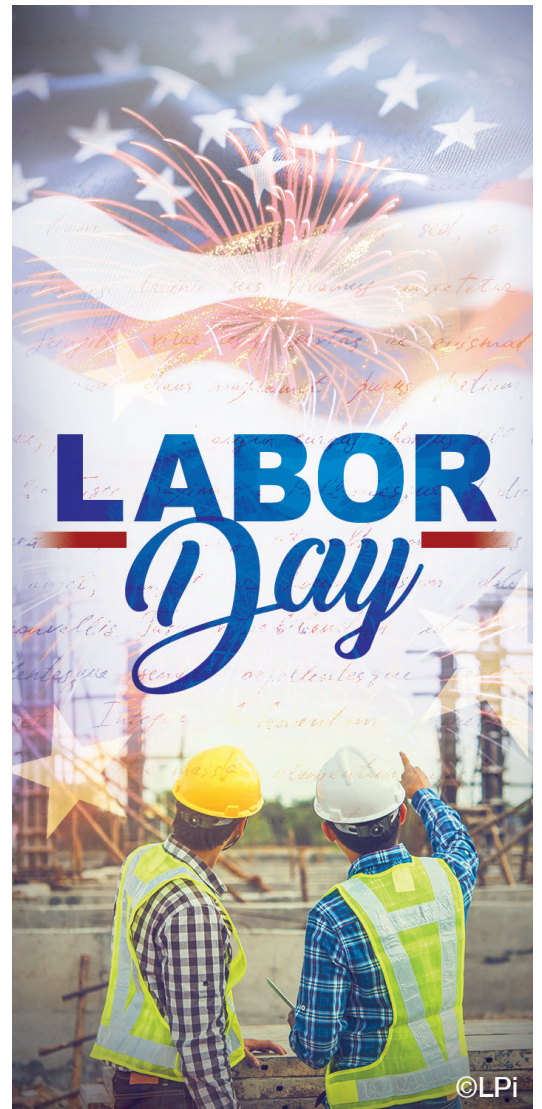
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	Labor Day
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Peter Claver, Priest
<b>Friday:</b>	Patriot Day
<b>Saturday:</b>	The Most Holy Name of Mary
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

It is not easy to confront someone who has wronged or hurt us. But it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for reconciliation to occur. We are taught to mind our own business and keep our thoughts to ourselves. When we have been hurt or wronged and we do not acknowledge and give voice to it, those feelings of hurt remain in our hearts and can eventually turn into anger. Verbalizing our feelings can diffuse them, and communicating how we actually feel brings honesty to our relationships. This is the only way that the path of love can remain open and that integrity and mutual respect can be maintained. It is no wonder that Jesus absolutely insisted upon healthy and compassionate confrontation. People don't always realize that they are doing harm. Bringing this to light is not only good for the one who is hurt but for the one who caused the pain. The new insight and revelation may prevent the action from being repeated again.



*Harden  
not your  
hearts.*

— PSALM 95 —



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

If you warn the wicked,  
trying to turn him from his way,  
and he refuses to turn from his way,  
he shall die for his guilt,  
but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)



## PSALM

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)



## SECOND READING

Whatever other commandment there may be,  
are summed up in this saying, namely,  
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."  
(Rom 13:9a)



## GOSPEL

"If two of you agree on earth  
about anything for which they are to pray,  
it shall be granted to them by my  
heavenly Father." (Mt 18:19)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.



# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### *The Blessing of the Community*

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### *Choosing Organ Donation*

#### Question:

Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

#### Answer:

Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, “Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity” (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not “sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor” (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when “performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (no. 86).



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**“Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”**

**– Mt 18:19-20**

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# **LITURGICAL LIFE**

## **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### **First Reading**

The prophet Ezekiel is presented as the Lord's "sentinel," announcing both God's salvation and judgment. How would you react to such a divine command?

### **Second Reading**

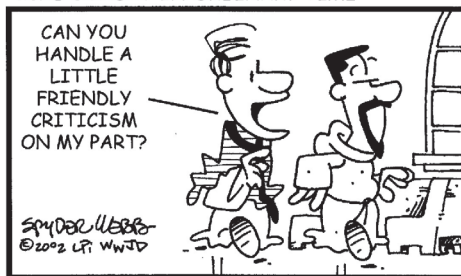
Paul argues that "love is the fulfillment of the Law." What does this mean to you as a Christian?

### **Gospel Reading**

Jesus challenges his disciples to confront sin directly, even when it occurs with those closest to you. Why do you think Jesus encouraged this approach?



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# LITURGICAL LIFE

## 3 EASY STEPS

### To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



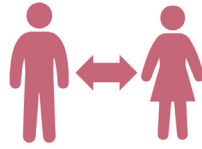
#### Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



#### Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



#### Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

"HOLD YOUR EYES ON  
GOD AND LEAVE THE  
DOING TO HIM."

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

*"If your brother  
sins against you,  
go and tell him his  
fault between you  
and him alone. If he  
listens to you, you  
have won over your  
brother. If he does  
not listen, take one  
or two others along  
with you, so that  
'every fact may be  
established on the  
testimony of two or  
three witnesses.'"*

- Mt 18:15-16

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