



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 10, 2017



Dear Friends in Christ,

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” This is our responsorial psalm for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, year A.

Do we hear God’s voice every day? Yes, we do. God’s voice or God’s words come to us in many ways. We hear His words in the liturgy of the word at Mass. We hear His voice whisper in our minds helping us to make the right decisions. We hear God’s words comforting us in our sorrow for others. We hear God’s encouraging words lifting us up when we fall. We hear God’s words of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and so forth.

God always finds a way or has a way to communicate with us and He never stops talking to us. He wants a response from us. But, do we hear His voice, His words? This is the problem. We are so busy and our minds are always occupied with many things. God’s word is hard to accept! God’s plan does not make sense! God’s wisdom does not get along with our wisdom! God’s word is “out-of-date!” Do these sound familiar to us?

When everything goes smoothly, we often do not want to listen to God’s voice because we take credit for all good things; we are in control (who else?). When we do something wrong, we do not want to be corrected. Yes, we close our ears to God’s voice through the teaching of the Church or those with authority. If we continue to reject the correction from the Church, then we will be treated just like the “Gentile and tax collector” as we hear in today’s Gospel.

Friends in Christ, God’s voice is now the voice of love, mercy, and forgiveness, but when the day comes, God’s voice will be the voice of justice.

God wants us to hear His voice and do what He says. Not only do we just listen to Him, but we also practice it, carry it out through our good deeds and in the way we act.

God’s voice guides us back to Him. God’s voice asks us to listen to the voice of those in need, particularly of our brothers and sisters in our Community here and throughout the diocese. God’s voice encourages us to listen to their cries, to help them to live with full human dignity as God’s children. with our contribution to The DSA; (thank you to all who donated and helped us exceed our goal). God’s voice also asks us to show our appreciation or our gratitude to our retired priests as we will have a collection for them next week and following weeks. So, please pray and consider and give generously.



“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” May we always be attentive to God’s voice, and may God give us a heart of repentance, love, and forgiveness as the ways of our response to His voice.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Tien

STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$4,825
Total Offertory	\$6,048
Envelopes & Cash	\$5,790
Online Giving	\$ 258
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,888
DISASTER RELIEF	\$2,028

Grateful Givers

<u>Attendance</u>	
Saturday 5:00 pm	164
Sunday 9:00 am	247
11:30 am	330

Thank you to all who faithfully contribute and are so generous to our parish.

CLASSES – MEETINGS

Sunday ... Faith Formation ... 10:30-11:30 am

Monday ... Women’s Guild Meeting ... 10:00 am
(Second Monday of each month)

Monday ... R.C.I.A. ... 6:30 pm

Tuesday...Craft & Sewing Group...10:30 am -12:30 pm

Tuesday...Knights of Columbus Meeting...7:00 pm
(First Tuesday of each month)

Wednesday...Confirmation Class ... 6:30 pm

Thursday...Choir Practice...4:00-5:30 pm

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of
Theodore Waneski.



Interested in a pilgrimage to Ireland? Fr. Tien, along with his brothers Fr. James and Fr. Tri, are planning one for next year. The dates are from October 8th thru the 18th 2018! The cost is around \$3,400 (give or take). Details and itinerary to come!

Know someone who wants to become Catholic or come back to the Church? RCIA classes begin this Monday, Sept. 11th at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center.



Registration for First Communion Classes will be Wed. Sept. 13th. Classes will begin on Wed. Sept. 20th. Both registration and classes are at 7 pm in the First Grade classroom downstairs.

If your child will be receiving Confirmation, there is a meeting in the library on Wed. Sept 13th at 6:30 pm for the parents only.



All the women of our Parish are invited to join the Women's Guild on Monday, September 11th at 10 am for a tour of the Hospice House across the street. Our regular guild meeting will follow after the tour and will be in the Family Life Center.

The 6th Annual Fund Raiser for our Food Pantry is Oct. 20th. Tickets will be on sale before and after Masses. Also tickets for the Quilt Raffle will be available. The quilt was handmade and donated by a master quilt maker from our Parish!



WOW!!!! What awesome parishioners we have! Thank you for assisting with the needs of the Food Pantry! Next pantry needs are tuna and canned meats.

The dedicated priests who served us in the past now deserve to live out their retirement years in dignity. Our parish has been assessed \$8,928 for the priests' retirement and benefits plans. This amount is slightly less than two times the regular weekend offering. Please be as generous as you can in this second collection, which will be taken in our parish next weekend, September 16-17. Additional envelopes are available in the parish office.



Save the date -Sept. 30th- for the Knights of Columbus annual fund raiser dinner! Details in next week's bulletin!!!

Pray for everyone who seeks healing: Claire Barnable, Dean Birchard, Jim Broadwell, Alexander Canelas, Pauline Catania, Tom Coffey, Joann Croce, Joe Cukla, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Lillianne Duong Davis, Dennis Ensley, Casper Erb, Danny Fowler, Debbie Fouts, Dorothy Gordon, Lisa Graber, Ron Gralewski, Curt Halter, Monte Hamilton, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Bill Himschoot, Charles Hoefeyzers, Carl Huebler, Sarah Hughes, Edline Jiglau, Florencio Jimenez, Jerry & Sue Kempinski, Bob Kilian, Lucy LaRoche, Christopher Marinari, Debbie Matthews, Fred Matthews, Lenore Maynard, Sue Merry, Lad Mezera, Jean Mezera, Millard Michaels, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Laura Moore, Dorothy Myrick, Kathy Obenshain, Wanda Orf, Tracey Revels, Connie Rogers, Josette Roisin, Bill Shaw, Marlene Taber, Elijah Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Elijah Whiteside, Teresa Williams, Brailyn Grace Williamson, Larry Wilson, Alice Yuzzi, Art and Mary Ann Zoeckler.

Elderly & shut-in: Barbara Elliot, Bernie Smetanka.

Parishioners & all armed forces: Aaron Brooks, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas, Brandon Dziurgot, Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Hagge, Russell Helma, Christian Houston, Ben Hunter, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Kyle McCormick, Chris Richards, Michael Ricke, Elizabeth Scoone.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, September 9

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

5:00 P.M. NO MASS (All Priests at Eucharistic Congress)

Sunday, September 10

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Parish People's Mass & Frank Montoya by Stanislava Michalik
11:30 A.M. ✠Maria Eleida Perez by Elisa Perez

Monday, September 11

9:00 A.M. ✠Don Sanders by Donna Coennen

Tuesday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 A.M. ✠Ralph Gordon by the Women's Guild

Wednesday, September 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:30 P.M. ✠Frank Montoya by Stanislava Michalik

Thursday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 A.M. ✠Philomena Masca by Michael Scarciotta

Friday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 A.M. ✠Jason Sedita by Michael Scarciotta

Saturday, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

5:00 P.M. ✠Mary Kirchner by Pat Tuscany

Sunday, September 17

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Parish People's Mass
11:30 A.M. ✠Estaquio Lozada by Maria Lozada

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.
Wednesday at 6:15 P.M.

Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary is recited everyday one half hour before each Mass except for first Saturday.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Friday at 3 P.M.

In celebration of the discovery of the Holy Cross, Constantine ordered the construction of churches at the site of the Holy Sepulchre and on Mount Calvary. Those churches were dedicated on Sept. 13 and 14, 335, and shortly thereafter the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross began to be celebrated on the latter date. The feast slowly spread from Jerusalem to other churches, until, by the year 720, the celebration was universal.

