



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 8, 2019



Dear Friends in Christ,

The responsorial psalm for the 23rd Sunday in ordinary time says: “In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.”

Our Lord is our refuge because we come to Him for help, protection, counseling, guidance, comfort, wisdom and so forth. He is the source of all our help. Do we really remember Him when we need “refuge?” We might come to “someone else” or rely on “something else” before we come to the Lord.

Our life is not an easy one. We have been disappointed many times in life such as a job, children, marriage and other desires. Our faith has been tested with unpleasant events or news. What did we do? How did we react? Did we try to deal with them by ourselves? Did we remember God and trust in Him?

The Lord is our refuge. Let us reaffirm this statement today from our heart. We will remember Him and come to Him though we have to walk through the dark valley.

In our world today we hear people say they are depressed (for whatever reason), and they will do nothing or they will get some help. As Catholics we know “our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth,” unfortunately, many Catholics do not believe it! They give up easily when things go wrong!

Come and find refuge in the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ. Come and kneel down before Jesus in the Tabernacle (in Main Church or in the Chapel), and “pour out” your whole heart to Him. Let Jesus know and then trust that He will help you. The most important thing is you must “REMEMBER” Him first and trust Him.

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Peace in Christ,
Fr. Tien

Next weekend we have a chance to express our gratitude/appreciation to retired priests who have served parishes in the Diocese of Charlotte, NC. As you have heard before that they only retired from administration, not retired from doing ministry as priest. They still go and help out weekend Masses at parishes when they are asked and are available. This collection does not fund only the priests who have retired already, but also for priests who will retire in the future (just like me).

This is an assessment. It means that we have to fulfill it. We will continue to have second collection until we reach the assessment. Please be generous to the retired priests and “future retired priests” as you always have been.

You can drop your envelope in the collection baskets next week or stop by the office if you forget or want to contribute more for this fund.

May God, who made Heaven and Earth, reward you abundantly in this life and in the life to come. Amen Thank you for your love, support and generosity.

Fr. Tien

Our condolences are extended to Bill Matthews on the death of his mother, Audrey and to Ray Harrell on the death of his brother, Jay. May the souls of Audrey and Jay along with the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs \$4,825
Envelopes/Cash/Online Totals \$4,861
Second Collection \$4,485



Saturday	5:00 P.M.	158
Sunday	9:00 A.M.	282
	11:30 A.M.	236

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

CLASSES - MEETINGS

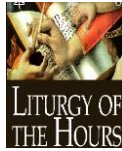
Sunday ... Faith Formation ... 10:30 am-11:30 am
Monday ... Women's Guild Meeting ... 10:00 am
(Second Monday of each month)
Monday ... R.C.I.A. ... 6:30 pm
Tuesday...Craft & Sewing Group...10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Tuesday...Knights of Columbus Meeting...7:00 pm
(First Tuesday of each month)
Thursday...Choir Practice...3:00-5:00 pm





My prayers of gratitude include you, our loyal parish friends, for the prayers and special love shown to me and my whole family during this time of the passing of my mother from her earthly life. ~ Mary Pleskach ~

Invitation to Liturgy of the Hours Come learn about and pray the *Liturgy of the Hours* with Deacon David every Monday after morning Mass in the small chapel this Monday, September 9th. "The purpose of the Liturgy of the Hours includes sanctification of the day" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, #88). Printed sheets will be available, or if you have a book you can bring it. I look forward to praying with you.



The dedicated priests who served us in the past (you may want to mention former pastors or parochial vicars who are now retired), now deserve to live out their retirement years in dignity. Our parish has been assessed \$<amount> for the priests' retirement and benefits plans.

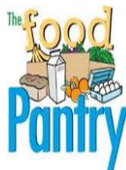
This amount is slightly less than two times the regular weekend offertory. Please be as generous as you can in this second collection, which will be taken in our parish next weekend, September 14/15. Additional envelopes are available in the parish office.

The Women's Guild monthly meeting will be Monday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. in our Family Life Center. All women of the Parish are invited and encouraged to attend!



RCIA will begin this Monday, Sept. 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Bring someone who would be interested in joining our Catholic Family, or come in you need a refresher! This year will be using a DVD's series "Catholicism" by then Fr. Robert Barron who is now Bishop Barron! All are invited to attend.

Our Food Pantry could use tomato soup, pasta sauce and dried pinto beans for the next distribution. Mark your calendars and save the date for their Annual Spaghetti Fund Raising Dinner which will be on Friday, October 11th. Tickets will be forthcoming.



A beautiful rosary was found in the back of church. If this is yours, contact Carolyn Shaw at 349-5182.

Is this your year? Couples married 25 or 50 years this year will be honored at an Anniversary Mass held on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Charlotte. Mass begins at 2:30 p.m. and will be followed by a reception. Simply call our church office to be included!



Pray for everyone who seeks healing: Eric Baquet, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Alexander Canelas, Michael Ciochetti, Tom Coffey, Mary Cude, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Patti Dameron, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Carol Fox, Curt

Halter, Brandon Hatch, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Peggy Hewlett, Joyce Hillard, Bill Himschoot, Jim Hobin, Emilee Janson, Edline Jiglau, Florencio Jimenez, Larry Joseph, Jr., Jerry & Sue Kempinski, Lauren Kennedy, Doris Lobeck, Brandon Lowery, Holly Marsten, Bill Matthews, Lenore Maynard, Danny Mercer, Millard Michaels, Dakota Miller, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Kathy Moffitt, Dolores Molter, Laura Moore, Cheryl Murphy, Wanda Orf, Nonie Ortiz, Chris Richards, Rebecca Richards, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Bena Lee Shields, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, John Tastinger, Elijah Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Irene Tisdale, Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi, Adan Vanbourgardien.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, September 7

5:00 P.M. NO MASS (at the request of our Bishop)
Eucharistic Congress - Charlotte

Sunday, September 8

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. † Deborah J. Swanson-Busby
by Charlene Galbrecht
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Monday, September 9

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

9:00 A.M. † Audrey Harvey

Tuesday, September 10

8:00 A.M. † The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 11

5:30 P.M. † Don Sanders by Donna Coennen

Thursday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

9:00 A.M. † Joe and Ella Burns

Friday, September 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 A.M. † The Ramsey Family
by Dale & Dawn McGiboney

Saturday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5:00 P.M. † Frank and Louise Botti by Dolores Botti

Sunday, September 15

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. † Carrie Plaudis by Cindy Kessler
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

The Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited each Friday at 3:00 P.M.

Elderly & shut-in: Barbara Elliot, Candida Hernandez, Peggy Gibson

Parishioners & all armed forces: Aaron Brooks, Edmund Cameron, Matthew Cameron, Wallace Cameron, 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, Lauren Richards, Michael Ricke, Brandon Sanchez, Elizabeth Scoone. **Thank you for your service!**