



THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 15, 2019



Dear Friends in Christ,

The first reading from the Book of Exodus of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time mentions Moses who was imploring God not to punish Israel for their stubbornness and infidelity. He asked God to remember the promises He made to Abraham, Isaac and Israel, and God “relented in the punishment He had threatened to inflict on his people.”

God showed His mercy to them. This mercy continues to be bestowed on us today. Therefore, we need to realize how merciful our God is! But it is not because of it that we continue to fall in sin again and again, particularly mortal sins.

Jesus never wants to see anyone, who His Father gave to Him, perish but He will never force anyone to accept His mercy and salvation. That is a free gift and must be accepted freely.

God continues to search for the lost. When He finds them, they must freely accept to be welcomed back. God’s will needs to be done and be done freely and joyfully with our love and trust in Him. God's mercy is ready to pour upon us, but we have a choice to make: accept it or reject it.

No matter where we hide from God or how far we run away from God, no matter how badly we treat God, God will find us and want to welcome us back to His love. The question, however, is: Do we want to come back to God? Or do we let God go? Remember that God will not force us to come back to Him. God, in His Wisdom, gave us “free-will” to decide and so we are RESPONSIBLE for whatever wrong decisions we make and immoral actions we commit with this FREE-WILL.

And the Church, as a loving Mother, constantly and consistently teaches, reminds and encourages her children to keep and remain in the truth which she received from the Lord Himself. If we do not listen to the Church or to Jesus Christ, then how can we call ourselves disciples of Jesus Christ. When we do not listen to Jesus Christ, we do not listen to the One who sent Him.

Friends, our God is a true and merciful God, come and remain in His Love. Do not close your eyes before His love; do not close your ears to His invitation; come back; do not close your heart to God's mercy; do not close your mouth in praising God for His mercy.

Peace and Love of Christ, Fr. Tien



There will be **NO DAILY MASS** on Monday or Tuesday of this week.

There will be the Liturgy of the Hours at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

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

STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs \$4,825
 Envelopes/Cash/Online Totals \$4,848

Attendance

	Sunday	9:00 A.M.	301
		11:30 A.M.	342

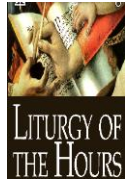
Thank you to all who faithfully contribute and are so generous to our Parish.





Our condolences are extended to Barbara Howell on the death of her brother-in-law, Chester Capen. May the soul of Chester, along with all the souls of the faithful departed rest in God's loving peace.

Invitation to Liturgy of the Hours Come learn about and pray the *Liturgy of the Hours* with Deacon David this Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the small chapel. 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.



Each year at this time, we have the opportunity to respond generously and with grateful hearts to the priests who serve us faithfully in the 92 parishes and missions throughout our diocese. With the annual collection to fund the priests' retirement and benefits plans, we financially sustain these men who give their lives to preach the Gospel and teach the Catholic faith, to lead God's people in love, and to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. Even through the years of their retirement, these priests will continue to serve the people of our diocese. They will visit the sick in nursing homes and hospitals. They will go to our prisons, where they will counsel the inmates. Retired priests pray daily for the people of the diocese, offer Mass for the intentions of parishioners, and give of their time and talent to help with confessions and Sunday Masses in parishes throughout the diocese. The annual diocesan collection to fund the priests' retirement and benefits plans will be taken in all parishes this weekend. Please be generous! Additional envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.

Our Food Pantry at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church has been awarded a grant of \$1,000 from the CRS Rice Bowl. This grant is greatly appreciated and will be used to feed the poor of Franklin!



Be sure to mark your calendars and save the date for their Annual Spaghetti Fund Raising Dinner which will be on Friday, October 11th. Tickets are on sale this weekend.

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, Art Todesco Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi, Adan Vanbourgardien.



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!**

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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 Claudis by Cindy Kessler
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Monday, September 16

Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

Tuesday, September 17

Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 A.M. NO MASS

Wednesday, September 18

5:30 P.M. ✝ Barbara Hazazer by Ray & Linda Behr

Thursday, September 19

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 A.M. ✝ Daniel Birchard by Lori Birchard

Friday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and

Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 A.M. ✝ Clyde, Kerry & Michael Blue
by the Blue Family

Saturday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

5:00 P.M. ✝ Cotton Beals by Beverly Driscoll

Sunday, September 22

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass
11:30 A.M. ✝ Eustaquio Lozado-Alvarez
by Maria Lozada

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.

A beautiful rosary was found in the back of church after a Saturday Vigil Mass. If this is yours, please contact Carolyn Shaw at 349-5182.

