



# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

*“This people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me ...”* Prophet Isaiah prophesied this hundreds of years ago, and Jesus repeats this today for us, reminding us about words, deeds and intention.

This sounds familiar in our world today and among those who profess their faith in Jesus Christ.

We say we love God, but do not love our neighbor. We say we believe in God, but doubt His teachings. We come to Church so we do *“not commit mortal sin,”* not because of our love for Him or our dependence on His help. We say we will follow wherever He will lead us, but we ask *“God do I have another choice?”* We profess Jesus has the words of eternal life, but we put the Holy Bible, which contains the Word of God, in the corner covered with dust. We know the Word of God is true, black is black or white is white, but we think we may like the color “grey” more than black or white (*grey color is the “favorite” color of Satan and his followers*). God's law is the light of our life and we accept it, but we want God to change His laws, or we change it ourselves to compromise our sinful desire or to *“not offend”* others. We are so nice and kind at Church but, in the parking lot or other places, people see our other face!



We promise to God, but we do not keep our promises. We receive God's mercy, but withhold God's mercy to others. We pray to God for good health, but continue to smoke, drink excessively, use drugs or are involved in other kinds of addictions. And the list can go on and on.

Today we need to look at into our hearts, our lives, to *“check”* whether we DO love God and His Church or not. Do we love God and His Church by words only? Do we love God and His Church by words and actions so people can see and praise us? We must love God and His Church with words, actions and a sincere and pure intention.

That love should be based on our sincerity and purity. It should come from a soul that desires to be with God for eternity, which God has allowed us to taste here on earth at our celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Our love must be shaped by the Word of God, by His teachings, laws and decrees, so we are able to know *“HOW”* to love and please Him.

Friends, what comes from *“inside”* is important: good or bad. That is our *“INTENTION.”* What is your intention when you come to Mass? What is your intention when you contribute your time, talent and/or treasure to the Church? What is your intention when you do good works? What is your intention when you sacrifice, fast or give alms? What is your intention when you say: *“Lord, I love you and your commandments.”*?

May God be with you and give you the grace you need to be faithful to Him to the end. Amen.

Peace,  
Fr. Tien





The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday for Labor Day. There will still be daily Mass that day at 9:00 a.m.

Beginning this Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, our Parish Office will not be open to the public until noon. Our secretary will be in the office doing the accounting from 10:00 a.m. til noon and will be unable to assist you.



There will be no Faith Formation Classes this Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume next Sunday.

The Middle School, High School and Confirmation classes will begin this Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus monthly meeting will be this this Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

Our Food Pantry could use canned diced tomatoes, chicken soup and tomato soup. Monetary donations are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



**Pray for healing:** Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Robert Barnable, Rick Conner, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell

Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces: Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriguez, Elizabeth Scoon



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, August 31

5:00 P.M. Josette Roisin

### Sunday, September 1

#### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Dayana Diaz; Miguel Angel Ramos Diaz and  
†Damaso Daniel Acevedo by Acevedo family  
11:30 A.M. †David Ruiz-Ordaz, †Raquel Ortiz-Merlin,  
†Francisco Ortiz, †Serafina †Holy Souls  
Misericordia Group Intentions

### Monday, September 2

#### Labor Day

9:00 A.M. Special Intention by Stanislava Michalik

### Tuesday, September 3

Saint Gregory the Great,  
Pope and Doctor of the Church  
**NO DAILY MASS**

### Wednesday, September 4

5:30 P.M. Special intentions

### Thursday, September 5

9:00 A.M. Special intention by Stanislava Michalik

### Friday, September 6

#### First Friday

9:00 A.M. Kristin, Josette, Wanda and Robert  
†Evelyn Holloran by Jim Holloran

### Saturday, 7

#### First Saturday

8:45 A.M. Benediction  
9:00 A.M. Fr. Tien's intentions  
5:00 P.M. †Norma Deimel by Glenn Deimel  
†Cathy Ellis by Barbara Broadwell  
†Misael Marquez Sayago by Dora

### Sunday, September 8

#### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. †Conchita Orgiles, †Norma Osea and  
†Isabel Huerto by Pam Brady  
11:30 A.M. †David Ruiz-Ordaz, †Raquel Ortiz-Merlin,  
†Francisco Ortiz, †Serafina †Holy Souls