

**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 30, 2020**

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY August 30, 2020**

- 9:00 am** Robert Rogers (d)  
**11:00 am** Micae Tong Nguyen (d)  
**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, August 31, 2020**

- 7:15 am** Ray and Lucille Dickerson (d)  
**8:30 am** SCHOOL CHILDREN ONLY

**TUESDAY, September 1, 2020**

- 7:15 am** Special Intention  
**8:30 am** SCHOOL CHILDREN ONLY

**WEDNESDAY, September 2, 2020**

- 8:30 am** Richard Kastner (d)

**THURSDAY, September 3, 2020**

St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am** Pat Westenberg (d)  
**3:00-5:00pm** EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**FRIDAY, September 4, 2020**

- 7:15 am** Grace Keller (d)  
**8:30 am** SCHOOL CHILDREN ONLY

**SATURDAY, September 5, 2020**

- 8:30 am** Carol Coors (d)  
**4:30 pm** Don Westendorf (d)

**SUNDAY, September 6, 2020**

- 9:00 am** Joe Bonno (d)  
**11:00 am** Char Bauer (d)  
**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**SERVERS**

**September 5/6**  
No Servers scheduled.

**LECTORS**

**September 5/6**  
No Lectors scheduled.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**September 5/6**  
No Eucharistic Ministers scheduled.

**OFFERING**

**August 23, 2020 \$10,209.00**

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

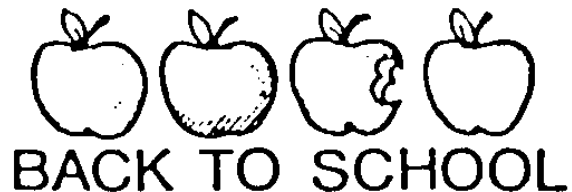
**Vocation View:** "O God, you are my God whom I seek." As St. Augustine recognized, our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord; eliminate that which blocks your seeking for God. (Psalm 63:2) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at [dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org).

**Bingo News:** Because all of the proceeds from Bingo go to the support of our school, Bingo is still an important fundraiser. I would appreciate some help in putting it on. To help out please call 921-0328.

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when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.



## The Laurentian

Would you like me to list also the paths of repentance? They are numerous and quite varied, and all lead to heaven.

A first path of repentance is the condemnation of your own sins: *Be the first to admit you sins and you will be justified.* For this reason, too, the prophet wrote: *I said I will accuse myself of my sins to the Lord, and You forgave the wickedness of my heart.* Therefore, you too should condemn your own sins: that will be enough reason for the Lord to forgive you, for a man who condemns his own sins is slower to commit them again. Rouse your conscience to accuse you within your own house, lest it become your accuser before the judgement seat of the Lord.

That, then, is one very good path of repentance. Another and no less valuable one is to put out of your minds the harm done us by our enemies, in order to master our anger, and to forgive our fellow servants' sins against us. Thus you have another way to atone for sin: *For if you forgive your debtors, your heavenly Father will forgive you.*

Do you want to know a third path? It consists of prayer that is fervent, careful and comes from the heart.

If you want to hear of a fourth, I will mention almsgiving, whose power is great and far-reaching.

If, moreover, a man lives a modest, humble life, that, no less than the other things I have mentioned, takes sin away. Proof of this is the tax-collector who had no good deeds to mention, but offered his humility instead and was relieved of a heavy burden of sins.

Thus I have shown you five paths of repentance: condemnation of your own sins, forgiveness of our neighbor's sins against us, prayer, almsgiving and humility.

Do not be idle, then, but walk daily in all these paths; they are easy, and you cannot plead your poverty. For, though you live out your life amid great need, you can always set aside your wrath, be humble, pray diligently and condemn your own sins; poverty is no hindrance. Poverty is not an obstacle to our carrying out the Lord's bidding, even when it comes to that path of repentance which involves giving money (almsgiving, I mean.) The widow proved that when she put her two mites into the box!

Now that we have learned how to heal these wounds of ours, let us apply the cures. Then, when we have regained genuine health, we can approach the holy table with confidence, go gloriously to meet Christ, the king of glory, and attain the eternal blessings, through the grace, mercy and kindness of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*From a homily by  
St. John Chrysostom, bishop*



**School Mass & New Daily Mass:** To keep the school children and adults separated during weekday Mass, I am temporarily instituting a 7:15 daily Mass on Monday, Tuesday & Friday. The 8:30 daily Mass on Monday, Tuesday, & Friday will be for St. Lawrence School Children, ONLY!

**Major Award:** Sales of raffle tickets are going strong. So far, the total for raffle tickets sold is \$18,066.00 plus... Thank you! The final drawing is Monday, September 7 after the 8:30 Mass. The winner of the last **Early Bird Drawing** was Amelia Oldham. Congratulations!

For all Masses, we are observing health and safety guidelines. So, for example, observe social distancing. Pews to remain empty are closed off with gold string. The side pews are for families. Ushers available to help you with seating. For now, everyone (age 10 and up) attending Mass is supposed to wear a mask. The maintenance staff is disinfecting the church after Masses. Please refrain from attending Mass if you have a fever or any flu-like symptoms.

For Communion, everyone should come up the center aisle in a staggered line, right or left, every 6 feet and return to the pews by the side aisles. Please come up to the Communion rail and kneel or stand.

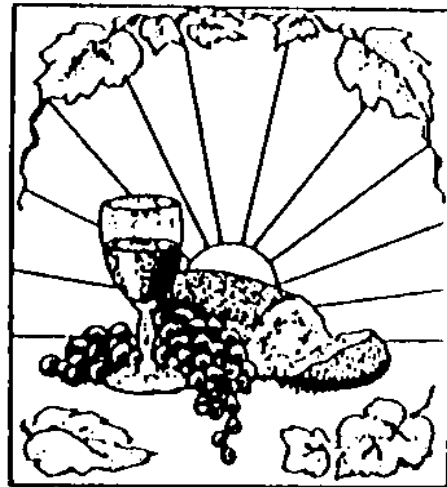
I ask you to consider that our Lord Jesus Christ is your true head and that you are a member of His body. He belongs to you as the head belongs to the body. All that is His is yours: breath, heart, body, soul and all His faculties. All of these you must use as if they belonged to you, so that in serving Him you may give Him praise, love and glory. You belong to Him as a member belongs to the head. This is why He earnestly desires you to serve and glorify the Father by using all your faculties as if they were His.

He belongs to you, but more than that, He longs to be in you, living and ruling in you, as the head lives and rules in the body. He desires that whatever is in Him may live and rule in you: His breath in your breath, His heart in your heart, all the faculties of His soul in the faculties of your soul, so that these words may be fulfilled in you: *Glorify God and bear Him in your body, that the life of Jesus may be made manifest in you.*

You belong to the Son of God, but more than that, you ought to be in Him as the members are in the head. All that is in you must be incorporated into Him. You must receive life from Him and be ruled by Him. There will be no true life for you except in Him, for He is the one source of true life. Apart from Him you will find only death and destruction. Let Him be the only source of your movements, of the actions and the strength of your life. He must be both the source and the purpose of your life, so that you may fulfill these words: *None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master. While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants. Both in life and death we are the Lord's. That is why Christ died and came to life again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.*

Finally, you are one with Jesus as the body is one with the head. You must, then, have one breath with Him, one soul, one life, one will, one mind, one heart. And He must be your breath, heart, love, life, your all. These great gifts in the follower of Christ originate from baptism. They are increased and strengthened through confirmation and by making good use of other graces that are given by God. Through the Holy Eucharist they are brought to perfection.

From a treatise on the admirable Heart of Jesus by St. John Eudes, priest



## The Laurentian

The day was now approaching when my mother Monica would depart from this life; You knew that day, Lord, though we did not. She and I happened to be standing by ourselves at a window that overlooked the garden in the courtyard of the house. At the time we were in Ostia on the Tiber. We had gone there after a long and wearisome journey to get away from the noisy crowd, and to rest and prepare for our sea voyage. I believe that You Lord, caused all this to happen in Your own mysterious ways. And so the two of us, all alone, were enjoying a very pleasant conversation, *forgetting the past and pushing on to what is ahead*. We were asking one another in the presence of the Truth – for you are the Truth – what it would be like to share the eternal life enjoyed by the saints, *which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, which has not even entered into the heart of man*. We desired with all our hearts to drink from the streams of Your heavenly fountain, the fountain of life.

That was the substance of our talk, though not the exact words. But You know, O Lord, that in the course of our conversation that day, the world and its pleasures lost all their attraction for us. My mother said: “Son, as far as I am concerned, nothing in this life now gives me any pleasure. I do not know why I am still here, since I have no further hopes in this world. I did have one reason for wanting to live a little longer: to see you become a Catholic Christian before I died. God has lavished His gifts on me in that respect, for I know that you have even renounced earthly happiness to be His servant. So what am I doing here?”

I do not really remember how I answered her. Shortly, within five days or thereabouts, she fell sick with a fever. Then one day during the course of her illness she became unconscious and for a while she was unaware of her surroundings. My brother and I rushed to her side but she regained consciousness quickly. She looked at us as we stood there and asked in a puzzled voice: “Where am I?”

We were overwhelmed with grief, but she held her gaze steadily upon us and spoke further: “Here you shall bury your mother.” I remained silent as I held back my tears. However, my brother haltingly expressed his hope that she might not die in a strange country but in her own land,

since her end would be happier there. When she heard this, her face was filled with anxiety, and she reproached him with a glance because he had entertained such earthly thoughts. Then she looked at me and spoke: “Look what he is saying.” Thereupon she said to both of us: “Bury my body wherever you will; let not care of it cause you any concern. One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.” Once our mother had expressed this desire as best she could, she fell silent as the pain of her illness increased.

From the *Confessions of Saint Augustine, bishop*

