

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 13, 2020

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY September 13, 2020

- 9:00 am** Jerry and Jackie Schwager (d)
11:00 am Lisa Prater Limerick (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, September 14, 2020

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

7:15 am

8:30 am Barb Prater (d)

TUESDAY, September 15, 2020

Our Lady of Sorrows

7:15 am

8:30 am Vincent Dao (d)

WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2020

St. Cornelius, pope and St. Ciprian, bishop

8:30 am Myrtle Rump (d)

THURSDAY, September 17, 2020

St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop

8:30 am Bruce Corcoran (d)

3:00-5:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, September 18, 2020

7:15 am

8:30 am Nichole Day (d)

SATURDAY, September 19, 2020

St. Januarius, bishop

8:30 am Jeanne Dreiling (d)

4:30 pm Tony Comarata (d)

SUNDAY, September 20, 2020

9:00 am Frank Kersting (d)

11:00 am Elaine Kleinberg (l)

7:00 pm For the Parishioners

SERVERS

September 19/20

No Servers scheduled.

LECTORS

September 19/20

No Lectors scheduled.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

September 19/20

No Eucharistic Ministers scheduled.

OFFERING

September 13, 2020

\$9,175.86

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: For if we live, we live for the Lord. (Romans 14:8) To talk about your discernment of the Priesthood, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

**Gilligan-Siefke-Grueter
Funeral Home**

Opposite St. Lawrence Church
513-921-0302

Harry Gilligan III Matt Rost Peter J. Gilligan

PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY

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

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Melissa Holder and Mary Alexander who recently died.



St. Lawrence RCIA 2020-2021:

A wonderful way to spread the good news that Jesus is the way to heaven would be to encourage any non-Catholic you know to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation of Addult instruction classes.

Classes will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. in the Music Room starting on September 15.

Please call the rectory, 921-0328, for further information and registration.

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: On Monday Tuesday and Friday the school children are come over for the 8:30 a.m. mass. In order to give adults the option to attend mass without school children I have a 7:15 a.m. mass on Monday Tuesday and Friday. Adults can go to the 8:30 a.m. mass if you wish but you have an option.

Major Award: The total for raffle tickets sold is \$19,526.00. Thank you! The final drawing was Monday, September 7 after the 8:30 Mass.

First Prize \$2,000.00 Carolyn & Mike Cavanaugh
Second Prize \$1,000.00 John C. Flohr
Third Prize \$500.00 Mary Ann Comer

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.

*The fulfillment of the law is Christ himself, who does not so much lead us away from the letter as lift us up to its spirit. For the law's consummation was this, that the very lawgiver accomplished his work and change letter into spirit, summing everything up in himself and, though subject to the law, living by grace. He subordinated the law, yet harmoniously united grace with it, not confusing the distinctive characteristics of the one with the other, but effecting the transition in a way most fitting for God. He changed whatever was burdensome, servile and oppressive into what is light and liberating, so that we should be enslaved no longer *under the elemental spirits of the world*, as the Apostle says, nor held fast as bondservants under the law.*

This is the highest, all embracing benefits that Christ has bestowed on us. This is the revelation of the mystery, this is the emptying out of the divine nature, the union of God and man, and the deification of the manhood that was assumed. This radiant and manifest coming of God to men most certainly needed a joyful prelude to introduce the great gift of salvation to us. The present festival, the birth of the Mother of God, is the prelude, while the final act is the foreordained union of the Word with flesh. Today the Virgin is born, tended and formed, and prepared for her role as Mother of God, who is the universal King of the ages.

Justly then do we celebrate this mystery since it signifies for us a double grace. We are led toward the truth, and we are led away from our condition of slavery to the letter of the law. How can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light, and grace exchanges legalism for freedom. But midway between the two stands today's mystery, at the frontier where types and

Therefore, let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day. Let there be one common festival for saints in heaven and men on earth. Let everything, mundane things and those above, join in festive celebration. Today this created world is raised to the dignity of a holy place for him who made all things. The creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator.

From a discourse by St. Andrew of Crete, bishop



The Laurentian

“Who is this who even forgives sins?”

Not only during his life, but even in the arms of death, from the pulpit of the cross, Christ preached to us words few in number, but burning with love, most useful and efficacious, and in every way worthy to be engraved on the heart of every Christian, to be preserved there, meditated upon, and fulfilled literally and in deed. His first word is this, *And Jesus said: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do...*

Forgive, This word contains the chief petition which the Son of God, as the advocate for his enemies, made to his Father...*Them*. This word applied to all for whose pardon Christ prayed. In the first place it is applied to those who really nailed Christ to the cross, and cast lots for his garments. It may also be extended to all who were the cause of our Lord's Passion...and, to proceed still farther, to the first man and all his posterity who by their sins occasioned Christ's death. And thus from his cross our Lord prayed for the forgiveness of all his enemies....

Therefore our High Priest Christ made a commemoration for all of us, even before our birth, in that most holy *Memento*, if I may so speak, which he made in the first Sacrifice of the Mass which he celebrated on the altar of the cross. What return then, O my soul, will you make to the Lord for all that he has done for you, even before you had a being? Our dear Lord saw that you also would one day rank yourself with his enemies, and though you asked not, nor sought him, he prayed for you to his Father not to lay to your charge the fault of folly. Does it not behoove you to bear in mind so sweet a Patron, and to make every effort to serve him faithfully in all things?

St. Robert Bellarmine

Mercy McAuley High School Shadow Day Registration Now Open

Mercy McAuley's Shadow Day registration is now open to 8th grade girls! On Shadow Days, 8th grade guests will be placed into a small group of three or four 8th graders, and they will remain with this small "Pack" throughout the day. Unlike in years past, they will not follow one Mercy McAuley student the entire day. Instead, they will travel with their small 8th grade Pack, visiting several classes together throughout the day. They'll eat lunch with our Student Ambassadors, participate in a service project, learn cheers, and hear about clubs and extracurriculars from students. Full-day and some half-day options are available; Shadow Days begin in October. Registration is required at www.mercymcauley.org/Shadow. To maintain safe social distancing, capacity will be limited for each Shadow Day. Additional dates will be added if needed. Any parents interested in a virtual shadow day option may contact Alli Miazga, Recruitment & Admissions Coordinator, at miazgaa@mercymcauley.org or 681-1800 x2272.

