

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, September 5, 2021

- 9:00 am Jim Streicher (d)
11:00 am Edward L. Simon (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, September 6, 2021

- 8:30 am Bette Moorman (d)

TUESDAY, September 7, 2021

- 8:30 am Anna Lethanh Bui (d)

WEDNESDAY, September 8, 2021

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY

- 8:30 am Pilgrims (d)

THURSDAY, September 9, 2021

St. Peter Claver, priest

- 8:30 am Vera Rizzo (d)

3:00 pm-5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, September 10, 2021

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

- 8:30 am James Edmiston (d)

SATURDAY, September 11, 2021

BVM

- 8:30 am Mark J. Schwager (d)

- 4:30 pm Lou Doerr (d)

SUNDAY, September 12, 2021

- 9:00 am Dominique Fiorito (d)

- 11:00 am Lisa Prater Limerick (d)

- 7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**Cincy Tool Rental
Propane Tanks Refilled
3741 Warsaw Avenue
921-7227**

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 soul of Anne Dornbusch.

SERVERS

September 11/12

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS

September 11/12

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

September 11/12

To Be Determined

August 29, 2021 \$ 8,137.63

Total Second Collection \$ 53,441.50

Other Donations \$105,950.44

Lead Gifts (estimated) \$104,212.77

Total Tile Floor Fund \$263,604.71

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View The encounter with Jesus never leaves one unaffected, but our ears must be opened to receive His word. (Mark 7:31-37) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: May your life become one of glad and unending praise to the Lord as you journey through this world!

St. Teresa of Avila

Legion of Mary 100th Anniversary -- All are invited to pray the Rosary at 10:20 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament chapel before Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will offer the 11 a.m. Mass on September 19, 2021, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, [325 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati](#). After Mass, a social with light refreshments will be held in the Cathedral undercroft. An rsvp is helpful, and for more information, Mr. Ennis Dodd, 937-999-1263.

The Laurentian



Major Church Beautification

The estimated cost of tile, its installation, and the refurbishing of the pews is \$330,000. Because of your generosity, we will discontinue the second collection, but there will still be envelopes in the back of church if you wish to donate.

The stone tile floor will be installed in sections. The pews have been refurbished. There will be some changes in seating arrangements throughout the project. Due to Covid related delays, the installation of the tile has been delayed. At best, it looks like late summer. As soon as we have a start date, I will let you know.

St. Lawrence Event News:

Our St. Lawrence Parish Reunion is just three weeks away. A reminder that all dinner reservations with your payment must be sent in to the rectory by Tuesday, September 7. Dinner plans with the caterer will need to be finalized at that time. If you have any questions, please call the rectory, 921-0328.

St. Lawrence Reunion:

To date, we have 150 reservations for the dinner at our September 18 Reunion. You can still make reservations if you have not already done so. Since we will not be accepting payment and reservations at the door, please have your reservations with payments in by Tuesday, September 7. This gives us adequate time to finalize plans with our caterer, A Taste of Class.

Thank you and look forward to seeing you there!

Pastor's Desk Continued

RCIA

St. Lawrence RCIA 2021-2022

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 Adult instruction classes.

Classes will be on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning on September 14th.

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

Choir News: As the academic year now has started back, so does the choir. We are in special need of male singers as we have only 4 bass and tenors. Please consider the commitment of joining the Saint Lawrence Schola and helping us to carry out the important work of the church through the Sacred and Holy liturgy. The ability to read music to at least the degree of singing through hymns affectively and singing on pitch is a must, the rest is taught through the choirmaster and choir. The choir rehearses every Thursday at 7pm from September through 1/2-June.

You may contact the Organist/Choirmaster at 614-286-5710 johnv913@gmail.com OR just come to a rehearsal – they are in the choir gallery in the church.



Five paths of repentance

Would you like me to list 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 your 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 judgment of the Lord.

That, then, is one very good path of repentance. Another and no less valuable one is to put out of our minds the harm done to us by our enemies, in order to master our anger, and to forgive our fellow servants' sins against us. Then our own sins against the Lord will be forgiven 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.

by St. John Chrysostom, bishop

Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.

The Laurentian

O eternal truth, true love and beloved eternity

Urged to reflect upon myself, I entered under your guidance into the inmost depth of my soul. I was able to do so because *you were my helper*. On entering into myself I saw, as it were with the eye of the soul, what was beyond the eye of the soul, beyond my spirit: your immutable light. It was not the ordinary light perceptible to all flesh, nor was it merely something of greater magnitude but still essentially akin, shining more clearly and diffusing itself everywhere by its intensity. No, it was something entirely distinct, something altogether different from all these things; and it did not rest above my mind as oil on the surface of water, nor was it above me as heaven is above earth. This light was above me because it had made me; I was below it because I was created by it. He who has come to know the truth knows this light.

O eternal truth, true love and beloved eternity. You are my God. To you do I sigh day and night. When I first came to know you, you drew me to yourself so that I might see that there were things for me to see, but that I myself was not yet ready to see them. Meanwhile you overcame the weakness of my vision, sending forth most strongly the beams of your light, and I trembled at once with love and dread. I learned that I was in a region unlike yours and far distant from you, and I thought I heard your voice from on high: "I am the food of grown men; grow then, and you will feed on me. Nor will you change me into yourself like bodily food, but you will be changed into me."

I sought a way to gain the strength which I needed to enjoy you. But I did not find it until I embraced *the mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who is above all, God blessed forever*. He was calling me and saying: *I am the way of truth, I am the life*. He was offering the food which I lacked the strength to take, the food he had mingled with our flesh. For *the Word became flesh*, that your wisdom, by which you created all things, might provide milk for us children.

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient. Ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.

by St. Augustine, bishop

