

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, September 12, 2021

- 9:00 am Dominique Fiorito (d)
11:00 am Lisa Prater Limerick (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, September 13, 2021

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am Frank Nusselhuff Family

TUESDAY, September 14, 2021

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

- 8:30 am Lou Bedel (d)

WEDNESDAY, September 15, 2021

Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8:30 am Marion Niehaus(d)

THURSDAY, September 16, 2021

St. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

- 8:30 am Anna Griffith (l)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, September 17, 2021

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am John Hatton (d)

SATURDAY, September 18, 2021

BVM

- 8:30 am Carl Armbruster (d)

- 4:30 pm Tony Comarata (d)

SUNDAY, September 19, 2021

- 9:00 am Frank Kersting (d)
11:00 am Lisa Prater Limerick (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

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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.

SERVERS

September 18/19

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS

September 18/19

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

September 18/19

To Be Determined

September 5, 2021 \$ 7,761.16

Total Second Collection \$ 53,441.50

Other Donations \$107,163.44

Lead Gifts (estimated) \$104,212.77

Total Tile Floor Fund \$264,817.71

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View “The Lord GOD is my help.”

When Christ calls one to follow as a priest or religious, He also gives the strength to overcome the obstacles that are sometimes in the way, but we must ask to receive this strength! (Isaiah 50:5-9)
To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

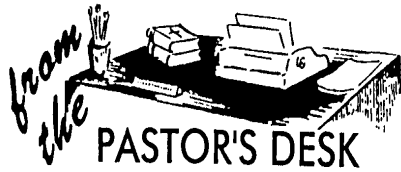
Thought for the Day: May your life become one of glad and unending praise to the Lord as you journey through this world!

St. Teresa of Avila

Grow
in Christ



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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.

Here's the latest update on the tile. We have been told that everything should be here by the end of September. Finally!!! Since I have a number of weddings in October and November, the tile will be installed beginning the week of Thanksgiving through most of Advent. The stone tile floor will be installed in sections. There will be some changes in seating arrangements throughout the project.

St. Lawrence Reunion:

To date, we have 187 reservations for the dinner at our September 18 Reunion. Plans have been finalized with our caterer, A Taste of Class.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you there!

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.

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.



The blessedness of Christ's reign

After preaching the blessings of poverty, the Lord went on to say: *Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.* But the mourning for which he promises eternal consolation, dearly beloved, has nothing to do with ordinary worldly distress; for the tears which have their origin in the sorrow common to all mankind do not make anyone blessed. There is another cause for the sighs of the saints, another reason for their blessed tears. Religious grief mourns for sin, one's own or another's; it does not lament because of what is done by human malice. Indeed, he who does wrong is more to be lamented than he who suffers it, for his wickedness plunges the sinner into punishment, whereas endurance can raise the just man to glory.

Next the Lord says: *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.* To the meek and gentle, the lowly and the humble, and to all who are ready to endure any injury, he promises that they will possess the earth. Nor is this inheritance to be considered small or insignificant, as though it were distinct from our heavenly dwelling; for we know that it is the kingdom of heaven which is also the inheritance promised to the meek. The earth that is promised to the meek and which will be given to the gentle for their own possession is none other than the bodies of the saints. Through the merit of their humility their bodies will be transformed by a joyous resurrection and clothed in the glory of immortality. No longer opposed in any way to their spirits, their bodies will remain in perfect harmony and unity with the will of the soul. Then, indeed, the outer man will be the peaceful and unblemished possession of the inner man.

Then, truly will the meek inherit the earth in perpetual peace, and nothing will be taken from their rights; *for this perishable nature shall put on the imperishable and this mortal nature shall put on immortality.* Their risk will turn into reward; what was a burden will have become an honor.

by St. Leo the Great, pope

Christian Wisdom

The Lord then goes on to say: *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.* This hunger is not for any bodily food, this thirst is not for any earthly drink: it is a longing to be blessed with righteousness, and, by penetrating the secret of all mysteries, to be filled with the Lord himself.

Happy is the soul that longs for the food of righteousness and thirsts for this kind of drink; it would not seek such things if it had not already savored their delight. When the soul hears the voice of the Spirit saying to it through the prophet: *Taste and see that the Lord is good,* it has already received a portion of God's goodness, and is on fire with love, the love that gives joy of the utmost purity. It counts as nothing all that belongs to time; it is entirely consumed with desire to eat and drink the food of righteousness. The soul lays hold of the true meaning of the first and great commandment: *You shall love the Lord God with your whole heart, and your whole mind and your whole strength,* for to love God is nothing else than to love righteousness.

Finally, just as concern for one's neighbor is added to love of God, so the virtue of mercy is added to the desire for righteousness, as it is said: *Blessed are the merciful, for God will be merciful to them.*

Remember, Christian, the surpassing worth of the wisdom that is yours. Bear in mind the kind of school in which you are called. Mercy itself wishes you to be righteous, so that the Creator may shine forth in his creature, and the image of God be reflected in the mirror of the human heart as it imitates his qualities. The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours forever.

Since it is by giving alms that everything is pure for you, you will also receive that blessing which is promised next by the Lord: *Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.* Dear friends, great is the happiness of those for whom such a reward is prepared.

The Laurentian

Who are the clean of heart if not those who strive for those virtues we have mentioned above? What mind can conceive, what words can express the great happiness of seeing God? Yet human nature will achieve this when it has been transformed so that it sees the Godhead *no longer in a mirror or obscurely but face to face* – the Godhead that no man has been able to see. In the inexpressible joy of this eternal vision, human nature will possess *what eye has not seen or ear heard, what man's heart has never conceived*.

by St. Leo the Great, pope

Those who love your law shall have abundant peace

The blessedness of seeing God is justly promised to the pure of heart. For the eye that is unclean would not be able to see the brightness of the true light, and what would be happiness to clear minds would be a torment to those that are defiled. Therefore, let the mists of worldly vanities be dispelled, and the inner eye be cleansed of all the filth of wickedness, so that the soul's gaze may feast serenely upon the great vision of God.

It is to the attainment of this goal that the next words refer: *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God*. This blessedness, dearly beloved, does not derive from any casual agreement or from any and every kind of harmony, but it pertains to what the Apostle says: *Be at peace before the Lord*, and to the words of the prophet: *Those who love your law shall enjoy abundant peace; for them it is no stumbling block*.

Even the most intimate bonds of friendship and the closest affinity of minds cannot truly lay claim to this peace if they are not in agreement with the will of God. Alliances based on evil desires, covenants of crime and pacts of vice – all lie outside the scope of this peace. Love of the world cannot be reconciled with love of God, and the man who does not separate himself from the children of this generation cannot join the company of the sons of God.

But those who keep God ever in their hearts, and are *anxious to preserve the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace*, never dissent from the eternal law as they speak the prayer of faith. *Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*.

These then are the peacemakers; they are bound together in holy harmony and are rightly given the heavenly title of *sons of God, coheirs with Christ*. And this is the reward they will receive for their love of God and neighbor: when their struggle with all temptation is finally over, there will be no further adversities to suffer or scandal to fear; but they will rest in the peace of God undisturbed, through our Lord who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

by St. Leo the Great, pope

Great
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