

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, September 19, 2021

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

MONDAY, September 20, 2021

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest and Paul Chong
Ha-sang and companions, martyrs

- 8:30 am Lou Bedel (d)

TUESDAY, September 21, 2021

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

- 8:30 am Anthony Hoang (d)

WEDNESDAY, September 22, 2021

- 8:30 am Macelino & Vincent (d)

THURSDAY, September 23, 2021

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

- 8:30 am Rosemary Bruns (l)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, September 24, 2021

- 8:30 am Pat Vettel (d)

SATURDAY, September 25, 2021

BVM

- 8:30 am Paul Kleinberg (d)

- 4:30 pm Charlotte Sanzere (d)

SUNDAY, September 26, 2021

- 9:00 am Louis J. Bedel (d)

- 11:00 am Edward L. Simon (d)

- 7:00 pm For the Parishioners

SERVERS

September 25/26

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS

September 25/26

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

September 25/26

To Be Determined

September 12, 2021 \$ 8,350.00

Total Second Collection \$ 53,441.50

Other Donations \$107,163.44

Lead Gifts (estimated) \$109,212.77

Total Tile Floor Fund \$278,167.71

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View For those who are called, Jesus promises only one thing: the Cross. If one seeks power and prestige in this world, there will be no reward in the Kingdom of Heaven. (Mark 9:30-37) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: “The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.”

St. Rose of Lima

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Steven Hofmeyer, Charles Heidel and Dottie Hilvers.

AD-PRO SIGNS

Matt Roesel, General Manager

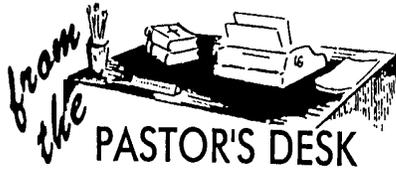
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PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.



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!!! I am looking into the possibility of starting the tile installation as early as November 1. But I may have to hold off until the Monday before Thanksgiving. The stone tile floor will be installed in sections. There will be some changes in seating arrangements throughout the project.

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. in the Music Room. 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.



*Grow
in Christ*

A simple line drawing of a dove in flight, positioned to the right of the word 'Grow' in the 'Grow in Christ' text.

The cross is Christ's glory and triumph

We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

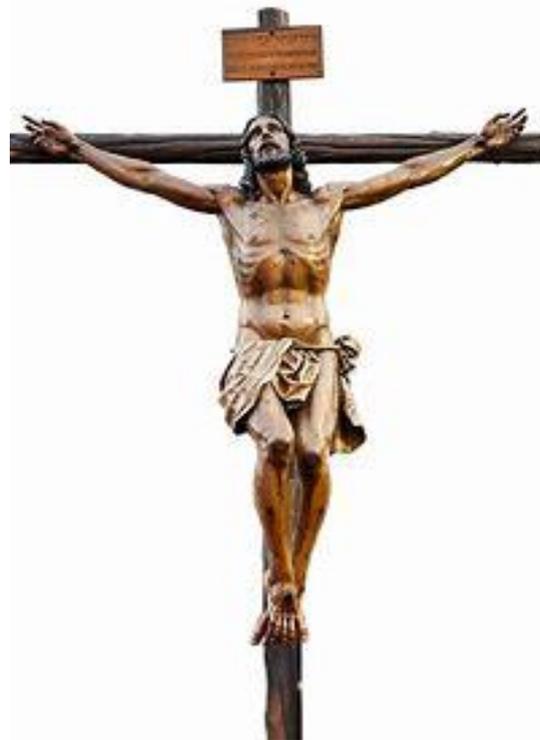
Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be canceled, we should not have obtained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation --- very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as his triumph. We recognize it as the cup he longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings he endured for our sake. As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to his words:

Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified, and God will glorify him at once. And again: Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world came to be. And once more: Father, glorify your name. Then a voice came from heaven: I have glorified it and will glorify it again. Here he speaks of the glory that would accrue to him through the cross. And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said: When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself. Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

by St. Andrew of Crete, bishop



The Laurentian

Jesus saw him through the eyes of mercy and chose him

Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office, and he said to him: Follow me. Jesus saw Matthew, not merely in the usual sense, but more significantly with his merciful understanding of men.

He saw the tax collector and, because he saw him through the eyes of mercy and chose him, he said to him: *Follow me.* This following meant imitating the pattern of his life – not just walking after him. St. John tells us: *Whoever says he abides in Christ ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.*

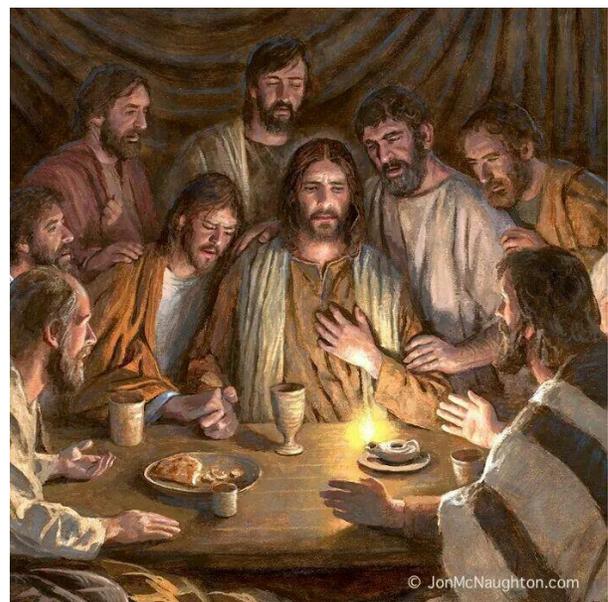
And he rose and followed him. There is no reason for surprise that the tax collector abandoned earthly wealth as soon as the Lord commanded him. Nor should one be amazed that neglecting his wealth, he joined a band of men whose leader had, on Matthew's assessment, no riches at all. Our Lord summoned Matthew by speaking to him in words. By an invisible, interior impulse flooding his mind with the light of grace, he instructed him to walk in his footsteps. In this way Matthew could understand that Christ, who was summoning him away from earthly possessions, had incorruptable treasures of heaven in his gift.

As he sat at a table in the house, behold many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. This conversion of one tax collector gave many men, those from his own profession and other sinners, an example of repentance and pardon. Notice all the happy and true anticipation of his future status as apostle and teacher of the nations. No sooner was he converted, Matthew drew after him a whole crowd of sinners along the same road to salvation. He took up his appointed duties while still taking his first steps in the faith, and from that hour he fulfilled his obligation and thus grew in merit.

To see a deeper understanding of the great celebration Matthew held at his house, we must realize that he not only gave a banquet for the Lord at his earthly residence, but far more pleasing was the banquet set in his own heart which he provided through faith and love. Our Savior attests to this: *Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.*

On hearing Christ's voice, we open the door to receive him, as it were, when we freely assent to his promptings and when we give ourselves over to doing what must be done. Christ, since he dwells in the hearts of his chosen ones through the grace of his love, enters so that he might eat with us and we with him. He ever refreshes us by the light of his presence insofar as we progress in our devotion to and longing for the things of heaven. He himself is delighted by such a pleasing banquet.

by St. Bede the Venerable, priest



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