

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 2, 2022

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, October 2, 2022

- 9:00 am** Jack Moorwessel (d)
- 11:00 am** Macilino Dao (d)
- 7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

MONDAY, October 3, 2022

- 8:30 am** Helen Miller (d)

TUESDAY, October 4, 2022

- St. Francis of Assisi
- 8:30 am** Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, October 5, 2022

St. Faustina Kowalska, virgin, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest

- 8:30 am** Pilgrims

THURSDAY, October 6, 2022

St. Bruno, priest, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin

- 8:30 am** Thomas Tierney (l)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, October 7, 2022

Our Lady of the Rosary

- 8:30 am** Dee and Charlie Shappelle (d)

SATURDAY, October 8, 2022

BVM

- 8:30 am** Barb Prater (d)

3:00–4:00 pm Confession

- 4:30 pm** Joan Hoffman (d)

SUNDAY, October 9, 2022

- 9:00 am** Don Turner (d)
- 11:00 am** Carol Woodall (d)
- 7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

SERVERS

October 8/9

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS

October 8/9

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

October 8/9

To Be Determined

September 25, 2022

\$8,441.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: The Spirit of God makes us strong, loving and wise. How will you use these gifts to serve the gospel? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon (2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14). To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: "Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak."

by St. Anthony of Padua

RCIA: Although we know that RCIA is for those going through the process to become Catholic, have you ever thought of it as an opportunity for **continuing education**? In 24 Sessions Fr. Scott and guest presenters will cover 4 main topics: Beliefs of the Catholic Church, Liturgy, Sacraments, and Morality. Classes are held on Thursday evenings at St. Teresa of Avila from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please see the attached flyer and list of class dates and subjects and mark the ones that interest you and specific aspects of your faith. The RCIA program is open to all in our Family of Parishes so please let your family and friends know as well as those interested in becoming Catholic! To learn more for yourself or for someone else, please contact Fr. Scott Morgan at 513-921-9200 x105 or email him directly at smorgan@stteresa-avila.org.

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Fr. Watkins' Desk

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday afternoon from 3 – 5 p.m. Part of the time, during the first hour, I hear Confessions. Remember, you can gain a plenary indulgence by spending at least one half hour in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The requirements for gaining a plenary or partial indulgence are the performance of the indulgenced work and the fulfillment of three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, prayer for the pope's intentions. A further requirement for a plenary is the exclusion of all attachment to sin, even venial sin.



The regional Blessing of Pets with Deacon Dave will be on **Monday, October 3rd at 7:00pm in front of St. Teresa Church.** All are invited to bring their special animal friend (s) for this special blessing.

St. William Class of 1972 will be holding their 50th Class Reunion at Jim and Jack's on October 29. For more information, contact Terri Hensler Hemmer at Terri.Hemmer@gmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: Get your passports ready! Fr. Scott Morgan is teaming up with Fr. Kyle Schnippel and friends at St. Charles Pilgrimages, to offer our Family of Parishes a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land! Our pilgrimage is scheduled for October 8-17, 2023. The cost is \$3,995 per person, which is an all-inclusive price for the trip. To register, or for more information pick up a brochure or visit <http://stcharlespilgrimages.com/westside-catholic>

Parish School of Religion: Open to all in our Family of Parishes, registration is underway for our Westside Catholic Parish School of Religion for children in grades 2-8 not attending Catholic schools. Classes are held on Sundays at St. Teresa from 8:15 - 9:25 a.m. Confirmation preparation for grades 7-8 began September 11 but there is still time to register. All other grades begin October 9. All children are welcome! Please visit the St. Teresa website for the handbook, registration forms, and calendar: <http://stteresa-avila.org/education-and-formation/psr/> or contact Maria Williams for more information at mwilliams@stteresa-avila.org or 513-921-9200 x117. We look forward to sharing the foundation of our Catholic faith with your children and grandchildren!



They were scattered on every mountain and on every hill and over the entire face of the earth. What is the meaning of the phrase: *They were scattered over the entire face of the earth?* Some men continually strive for all the goods of the world, the goods that are so evident on the face of the earth; yes, they love and prize them. They do not want to die, to have their lives buried in Christ. *Over the entire face of the earth:* Such men love earthly things; moreover such straying sheep are to be found over the entire face of the earth. They dwell in different places, but one mother, pride, has given birth to them all, just as one mother, our Catholic Church, has given birth to all faithful Christians scattered over the whole world.

Small wonder that pride gives birth to division, and love to unity. But our catholic mother is herself a shepherd; she seeks the straying sheep everywhere, strengthens the weak, heals the sick, and binds up the injured. They may not know one another, but she knows all of them because she reaches out to all her sheep.

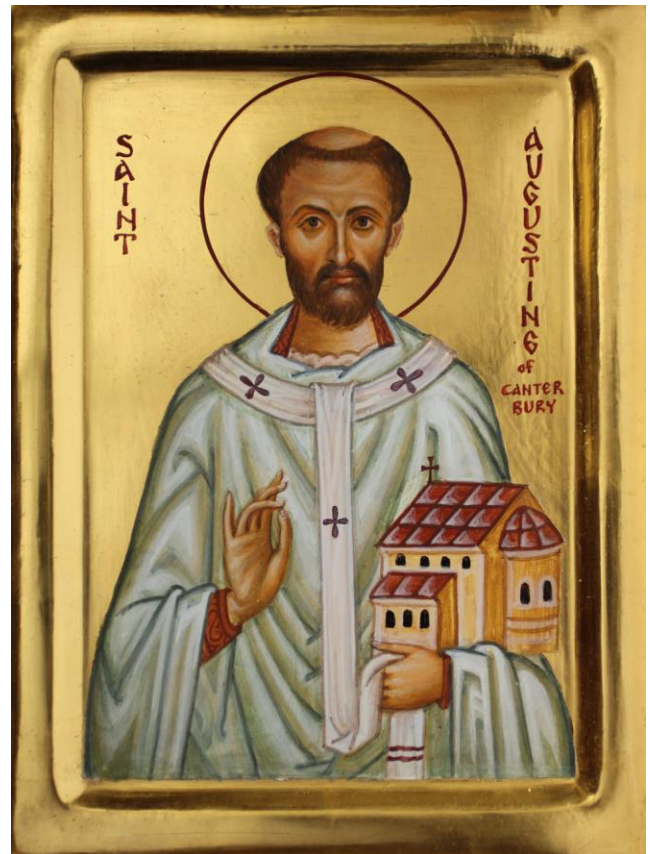
Thus she is like the vine that is spread out everywhere in its growth. The straying sheep are like useless branches which because of their sterility are deservedly cut off, not to destroy the vine but to prune it. When these branches are cut down, they were left lying there. But the vine grew and flourished, and it knew both the branches that remained upon it and those that had been cut off and left lying beside it.

She calls the stray sheep back, however, because the Apostle said in reference to the broken branches: *God has the power to graft them on again.* Call them sheep straying from the flock or branches cut off from the vine, God is equally capable of calling back the sheep or of grafting the branches on again, for he is equally the chief shepherd and the true farmer. *And they were scattered over the entire face of the earth, and there was no one to search for them, no one to call them back,* that is to say, no one among those wicked shepherds.

There was no one to search for them, that is, no one among men.

Therefore, shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: I live, says the Lord God. Notice the beginning of this passage; it is as if God were taking an oath, giving testimony to his own life. *I live, says the Lord.* The shepherds are dead, but the sheep are safe, for the Lord lives. *I live, says the Lord God.* Which shepherds are dead? Those who seek what is theirs and not what is Christ's. But will there be shepherds who seek what is Christ's and not what is theirs, and will they be found? There will indeed be such shepherds, and they will indeed be found; they are not lacking, nor will they be lacking in the future.

by St. Augustine, bishop



The Laurentian

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation; the old has passed away. Now by the “new creation” Paul means the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in a heart that is pure and blameless, free of all malice, wickedness or shamefulness. For when a soul has come to hate sin and has delivered itself as far as it can to the power of virtue, it undergoes a transformation by receiving the grace of the Spirit. Then it is healed, restored, and made wholly new. Indeed the two texts: *Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new one,* and: *Let us celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth,* support those passages which speak about the new creation.

Yet the tempter spreads many a snare to trap the soul, and of itself human nature is too weak to defeat him. This is why the Apostle bids us to arm ourselves with heavenly weapons, when he says: *Put on the breastplate of righteousness and have your feet shod with the gospel of peace and have truth around your waist as a belt.* Can you not see how many forms of salvation the Apostle indicates, all leading to the same path and the same goal? Following them to the heights of God’s commandments, we easily complete the race of life. For elsewhere the Apostle says: *Let us run with fidelity the race that has been set before us, with our eyes on Jesus, the origin and the goal of our faith.*

So a man who openly despises the accolades of this world and rejects all earthly glory must also practice self-denial. Such self-denial means that you never seek your own will but God’s, using God’s will as a sure guide; it also means possessing nothing apart from what is held in common. In this way it will be easier for you to carry out your superior’s commands promptly, in joy and in hope; this is required of Christ’s servants who are redeemed for service to the brethren. For this is what the Lord wants when he says: *Whoever wishes to be first and great among you must be the last of all and a servant to all.*

Our service of mankind must be given freely. One who is in such a position must be subject to everyone and serve his brothers as if he were paying off a debt. Moreover, those who are in charge should work harder than the others and conduct themselves with greater submission than their own subjects. Their lives should serve as a visible example of what service means, and they should remember that those who are committed to their trust are held in trust from God.

Those, then, who are in a position of authority must look after their brothers as conscientious teachers look after the young children who have been handed over to them by their parents. If both disciples and masters have this loving relationship, then subjects will be happy to obey whatever is commanded, while superiors will be delighted to lead their brothers to perfection. If you try to outdo one another in showing respect, your life on earth will be like that of the angels.

by St. Gregory of Nyssa, bishop

