# THE PARISH OF OUR SAVIOUR SAINT STEPHEN AND OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR CHAPEL OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 2 SEPTEMBER 2018

# CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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Our Saviour and Sacred Hearts are both handicapped accessible.

# MASS FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday (Anticipated Mass): 5:00 p.m. (Our Saviour) Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Our Saviour), 11:00 a.m. (Our Saviour), 12:45 p.m. (Sacred Hearts), 3:00 p.m. Korean-English Bilingual (Sacred Hearts), 5:00 p.m. (Our Saviour), 5:30 p.m. (Sacred Hearts)

# DAILY MASS (SUMMER SCHEDULE)

Monday–Friday: 7:45 a.m. (Our Saviour) Monday–Saturday: 12:05 p.m. (Our Saviour) Tuesday and Thursday: 5:15 p.m. (Sacred Hearts)

# HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

As announced.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays after the 7:45 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 11:50 a.m. (Our Saviour) Adoration is suspended during the month of August.

# **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)**

### **Our Saviour:**

Monday–Friday: 7:20–7:40 a.m., 12:40–1:00 p.m. Saturday: 4:30–4:55 p.m.; Sunday: 10:30–10:50 a.m.

# **Sacred Hearts:**

Sunday: 5:00-5:15 p.m.

# **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Arrange at least six (6) months in advance. For information, please call (212) 679–8166 x220.

Rev. Robert J. Robbins, K.C.H.S. *Pastor* 

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By appointment. Please call (212) 679-8166 x210.

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN**

Inter-parish Program (K–8) at the Church of the Epiphany (212) 475–1966.

## **NOVENA DEVOTIONS**

ATION

after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

Monday: Miraculous Medal
Tuesday: St. Anthony
Wednesday: St. Jude
Thursday: St. Anne
Mass
Friday: Sacred Heart

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

To register, please fill out a registration form at the Parish Office at Our Saviour.

# **AUDIO: HOMILIES AND MUSIC**

www.oursaviournyc.org/audio

### **SPACE RENTALS**

Please contact Mr. Angel Falcon at (212) 810–9004 or iknowangel@aol.com.

The Church Undercroft is available for wedding receptions, Christening parties, meetings, and special events.

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday**, **2 September** – *Twenty-second Sunday* 

in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. No Intention

9:00 a.m. Raymond F. Noonan +

11:00 a.m. Margaret M. Curtin +

12:45 p.m. Adeline & Nick Gagliardi +

5:00 p.m. Richard Oszustowicz +

5:30 p.m. Pro Populo

**Monday, 3 September** – *St. Gregory the Great, Pope,* 

Doctor of the Church

12:05 p.m. Brandon Thomas Carson +

Tuesday, 4 September – Weekday

7:45 a.m. Gordon Matthews +

12:05 p.m. Clotilde Abbene +

5:15 p.m. Carlos Cuervo +

**Wednesday, 5 September** – St. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious

7:45 a.m. Alta Reyes +

12:05 p.m. Susan Mileti +

5:15 p.m. Bridget Anderson +

Thursday, 6 September – Weekday

7:45 a.m. Patrick Clarke +

12:05 p.m. Maria Teresa Rovira +

5:15 p.m. Alicia Rodriguez Bower +

Friday, 7 September – Weekday

7:45 a.m. Christopher Higgins (L)

12:05 p.m. Marie d'Amato +

5:15 p.m. No Intention

**Saturday, 8 September** – *Nativity of the BVM* 

12:05 p.m. Yarnelle Lafleur (L)

Mass Intentions may be reserved through the Parish Office at the Church of Our Saviour. Please stop by or call (212) 679–8166 x210.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, please remember Bill Bako, Cyndee Barlow, Pat Coleine, Jean Cosgrove, Frank DeStefano, Nancy Doran, Francis Grealis, Byron Mansylla, Loretta Mugno, Joan Murphy, Corazon Natividad, Sr. Betty Obal, Luis Ottobre, Virginia Rodriguez, Janelle Travers, and John Yuh, who are ill, and for Father James W. Conte and Ruth Anne Murray, who have recently died.

Prayer intentions for the sick will be listed for one month and may be renewed by calling the parish office.

# LABOR DAY

Monday, 3 September is Labor Day. The Parish Office and the Chapel will be closed and the 7:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses will not be said. One Mass will be said at 12:05 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour.

# WELCOME

If you are a visitor, we welcome you to the Church of Our Saviour and the Chapel of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and hope that you will come back soon. Those who wish to join the parish may register in the Parish Office, which is located at the Church of Our Saviour.

# THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

**Universal Intention:** *Young People in Africa*. That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

# FROM THE HOLY FATHER'S TWITTER

**@Pontifex:** I ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for the healing of the survivors of abuse and to confirm every member of our Christian family in the resolve never again to permit these situations to occur.

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 26 August:

Our Saviour: Sunday: \$3,466 • Weekdays: \$602

Shrines: \$1,031

**Sacred Hearts:** Sunday: \$1,375 • Shrines: \$301

WeShare (Our Saviour and Sacred Hearts): \$2,029

Parishioners are encouraged to make their donations online through WeShare, which is accessible via our website, <www.oursaviournyc.org>.

Please make *all* checks payable to the Church of Our Saviour.

To help us meet our expenses, please prayerfully consider a sacrificial offering of twenty dollars for your weekly offering to the parish.

Thank you for your generosity!

# **UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

2 September – Restoration/Maintenance 16 September – "Catch Up"

# ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration on Fridays will resume this Friday, 7 September. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 7:45 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 11:50 a.m. You are invited to come spend some time in quiet prayer.

# PARISH BOOK CLUB

We are excited to announce the formation of a new Book Club for parishioners and friends. There is only one requirement: participants are expected to read the selections in advance in order to engage in a lively discussion. Participate in some or all of the discussions. The Book Club will meet on selected Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Undercroft at the Church of Our Saviour.

17 October: The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri J.M. Nouwen
16 January: The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
20 March: Introduction to the Devout Life by Francis de Sales

15 May: Acedia and Me by Kathleen Norris

# CHOIR OF THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

The Choir of the Church of Our Saviour is on recess for the summer months. The Choir will return on Sunday, 16 September at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The *Schola Cappella* will also resume that Sunday at the 12:45 p.m. Mass.

# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT – 3 SEPTEMBER

3 September, the Roman calendar commemorates St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (c.540-604).

His exceptional, I would say, almost unique figure is



an example to hold up both to pastors of the Church and to public administrators: indeed, he was first Prefect and then Bishop of Rome. As an imperial official,

he was so distinguished for his administrative talents and moral integrity that he served in the highest civil office, *Praefectus Urbis*, when he was only 30 years old. Within him, however, the vocation to the monastic life was maturing; he embraced it in 574, upon his father's death. The Benedictine Rule then became the backbone of his existence. Even when the Pope sent him as his Representative to the Emperor of the East in Constantinople, he maintained a simple and poor monastic lifestyle.

Called back to Rome, Gregory, although living in a monastery, was a close collaborator of Pope Pelagius II, and when the Pope died, the victim of a plague epidemic, Gregory was acclaimed by all as his Successor.

He sought in every way to escape this appointment but in the end was obliged to yield. He left the cloister reluctantly and dedicated himself to the community, aware of doing his duty and being a simple and poor "servant of the servants of God".

"He is not really humble," he wrote, "who understands that he must be a leader of others by decree of the divine will and yet disdains this pre-eminence. If, on the contrary, he submits to divine dispositions, and does not have the vice of obstinacy, and is prepared to benefit others with those gifts when the highest dignity of governing souls is imposed on him, he must flee from it with his heart, but against his will, he must obey" (*Pastoral Rule*, I, 6). It is like a dialogue that the Pope has with himself at that time.

With prophetic foresight, Gregory intuited that a new civilization was being born from the encounter of the Roman legacy with so-called "barbarian" peoples, thanks to the cohesive power and moral elevation of Christianity. Monasticism was proving to be a treasure not only for the Church but for the whole of society.

With delicate health but strong moral character St Gregory the Great carried out intense pastoral and civil action. He left a vast collection of letters, wonderful homilies, a famous commentary on the Book of Job and writings on the life of St. Benedict, as well as numerous liturgical texts, famous for the reform of song that was called "Gregorian", after him.

However, his most famous work is certainly the *Pastoral Rule*, which had the same importance for the clergy as the Rule of St. Benedict had for monks in the Middle Ages.

The life of a pastor of souls must be a balanced synthesis of contemplation and action, inspired by the love "that rises wonderfully to high things when it is compassionately drawn to the low things of neighbors; and the more kindly it descends to the weak things of this world, the more vigorously it recurs to the things on high" (II, 5).

In this ever-timely teaching, the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council found inspiration to outline the image of today's Pastor.

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