

WHOEVER DOES NOT
CARRY HIS
OWN



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Pastor

This Weekend's Hymns

*All hymns can be found in
the Seasonal Missalette.*

Opening Hymn: #195
Communion #238
Closing Hymn: #244

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2019

Sunday, September 8 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

10:30 DE Kevin Clark from Tom and Mary Ann Myers

12:00 DE Jim and Betty O'Toole from Frank and Stephanie

Monday, September 9

Saint Petr Claver, Priest

12:10 Ed and Sarah Gant from Bill and Jane Stacey

Tuesday, September 10

12:10 Thomas P. Rhoads from Tom and Francine Hiltz

Wednesday, September 11

12:10 Mary Dillon from Carol and Larry

Thursday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

12:10 Penny Stricker from Connie and Jack Reed

Friday, September 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:10 Dave White

Saturday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12:10 Purgatorial Society

7:00 Robert J. Wessel from Carol and Susan Wessel

Sunday, September 15 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 BW Maureen Ruppert from Bill and Jane Stacey

10:30 BW Special Intention for Carol and Larry Fobiano

12:00 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

From the Pastor's Desk

CCD starts **September 15** for kindergarten thru 8th grades. Registration will be that morning at 9:00 a.m.

Classes are every **Sunday** from 9:15 to 10:15.

Any questions please contact Debbie Wesselman at wesselmandmma@aol.com or 513-703-8229.

RCIA

Do you know anyone who would like to learn about the faith and the Church. Our RCIA is starting the end of September on the 21st. The classes are approximately one hour meetings at 10:00 A.M. You can call Fr. Barry for more details and the schedule.

Real Men: Real Faith-Father son day of Service—Come and enjoy a day of faith and service as father and son (ages 13-18) join seminarians and priests for a day of Mass, service work, lunch, athletics, a talk on responding to God's call by Deacon Andrew Reckers and his father, and a walking Rosary. The day of service will take place at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati on Sept. 21, 2019 from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Registration is free and lunch is provided. Please RSVP by Sept. 14 by emailing mtsmknights@gmail.com Questions? Contact Brice Berger at mtsmknights@gmail.com.

Forsake her not, and she will watch over you; love her, and she will protect you.
Prov. 4:6

Reflection. Go to Mary and sing her praises, and you will be enlightened.

For it is through her that the true Light shines on the sea of this life.
St. Ildephonsus

"I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME TO DRINK"

This weekend, September 7/8, International Help of Missionaries, Ohio Chapter representative, Donna Goddard and Barbara Wuest, will visit our parish to present to us the very pressing need for clean, healthy, disease free water for the people of Ghana, West Africa. In many locations there is no electricity, no clean water, no transportation, no medical facilities. While we are in economic hard times, the people of Ghana have no chance to improve their lives without help from outside sources—you and me. 100% of your donation goes to International Help of Missionaries, IHM. Please be as generous as your budget will allow. Thank You.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for September 14th and September 15th

7:00 Joe Christmann, M. Luehrmann, Mike Gregorio, W. Russ

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta, Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Michael Alfieri, Roland Becker, Timothy McMahon, Bob Sheil, J. Sonnefeld

12:00 Pat Burke, John Flick, Patrick Homan, Shawn Gillete



Opening Prayer

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Hyperbole and exaggeration can be effective rhetorical tools. They are used by almost everyone at some point. Even the fictitious news announcer Kent Brockman from the Simpsons said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I've been to Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, and I can say without **hyperbole** that this is a million times worse than all of them put together."

Of course, it's easy to spot hyperbole and we don't take it literally. But sometimes it's easy to miss this rhetorical tool when it's on the lips of Jesus in the Scriptures. A good rule of thumb is to see how the early Christians understood a passage in question. For example, Jesus advises his listeners in another story that "if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out" (Matt 18:9; NABRE)! But early, as well as later Christians, did not take that literally. The passage is rhetorical hyperbole. Something similar is at work in today's gospel passage when Jesus says that no one coming to him "without hating his father and mother, / wife and children, brothers and sisters, / and even his own life" can be a disciple. Rather than try to twist ourselves into knots over that quote, it's best to recognize it for what it is: rhetorical hyperbole.

Jesus is an effective preacher: he used the rhetorical tools of hyperbole and exaggeration to make his point. This can be a challenge for us if we want to take literally each and every saying of his in the New Testament. But gratefully we are part of a long line of believers, a large family of faith. And we can look to ancient Christians to see that they recognized this as hyperbole too.

In the end, what Jesus demands is a whole-hearted, complete commitment, without distraction. And that's no exaggeration.

Closing Prayer

Jesus Christ, who lived among us, you know our hearts and our desires. When love of money or possessions takes hold of us, give us the courage to renounce that in service to you. May nothing stand between us and our desire to be with you. We ask this in your name. Amen.

For Reflection:

• We are to renounce our possessions in order to be Jesus' disciples. Is there a possession that does not lead to fullness of life that God might be calling for you to renounce?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?

Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say,

'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.'

Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops



he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?

But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.

In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Readings for the week:

23rd Sunday in Ord. Time
Wis 9:13-18b
Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Monday
Col 1:24-25
Ps 62:6-7, 9
Luke 6:5-11

Tuesday
Col 2:6-15
Ps 146:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday
Col 3:1-11
Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday
Col 3:12-17
Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 6:27-38

Friday
1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14
Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Num 21:4b-9
Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
Phil 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

24th Sunday in Ord. Time
Exod 32:7-11, 13-14
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Tim 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32 or Luke 15:1-10