

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways.

They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.



**Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3**

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

**Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.



For the Week of September 23<sup>rd</sup> through  
September 29<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday**

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

**Monday**

Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday**

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday**

Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday**

Ecc 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday**

Ecc 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

**Sunday**

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

4:00 p.m. Tom Fellin

**Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Owen Pierce

**Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Antoinette Powers

**Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Beatrice Shibley

**Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishoners

Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Peter Hoffman

**REMEMBERING THE SICK**

**OF THE PARISH:** Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

*John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Elizabeth Montague, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Laurenson Ward, Rosemary Keating, Jean Tubman, Eugenia Brooks, and all those whose names appear in the*

**PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.**

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**SHARE IN THE SPIRIT** - Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information, visit the diocesan website at [www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html](http://www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html).



## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program



### Bringing the Gospel Home

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
Mark 9:30-37

#### Reflection for Parents

When Jesus speaks of receiving a child in his name, he is speaking of receiving those whom society sees as unimportant, those with no legal rights, and those with no identity. He is speaking of receiving the powerless and the vulnerable. Today, think about what you can do and are doing to help your children develop compassionate hearts for the poor, the vulnerable, and those in need. They learn best by watching and following your example. How are you showing them the way to love?

#### Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

Together as a family, look through your parish bulletin or Web site for opportunities to serve children in need. Decide on an outreach opportunity to respond to as a family, make an action plan, and follow through on your plan.

#### Discussion Starters:

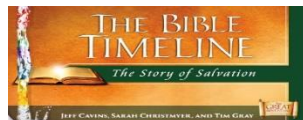
1. If I could ask Jesus one question today it would be...
2. One of the greatest people I know is... because...
3. One way I can serve others this week is...

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**PARENTING POINTERS:** Have you had a Family Night recently? Don't know what to do? Try a walk down Memory Lane with your kids. Dig out some photos of their birth to more recent times and reminisce together. Maybe they'd even like to see photos of you growing up, if you dare.



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#### THE BIBLE TIMELINE – The Great Adventure Bible

Timeline study group resumes on Wednesday, **September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m** in the Parish Hall. This is the second of three 8-week segments and begins with Lesson 8, Desert Wanderings. It's still not too late to join us as we discover the story of salvation through Scripture readings, group discussions and video presentations. Contact Barbara Kelly at 410-778-4650 or [barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com) for more information.



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“The wicked say: Let us beset the just one...  
let us put the just one to the test.”

#### Sheepish Question:

In my own surroundings, where ARE the “grapes of wrath” stored and how can I avoid them?

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

To kick off the school year, the children from Chestertown who ride the Sacred Heart bus to Immaculate Conception School, and their parents attended a get-together at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, September, 9th. The principal of Immaculate Conception School, Mr. Bill Schilling, was there, as were Sacred Heart parishioners, the Menapaces, Temples, Parrs, Clarkes, Kings, Yowells, and Assantes. Father Jim Yeakel, from Immaculate Conception Church in Elkton, and Father Grasing were in attendance.

Immaculate Conception School also had a very successful Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, September, 11th. Mr. Schilling spoke about the school and Marcella Lockwood (owner, Lockbriar Farms) spoke about the new Board, introduced the members and explained to parents what the board's duties will be. Emily Murphy, ICS Advancement Director, also spoke about the Tuition Transfer Grants available to families from public, private and charter schools, who want to transfer to ICS.

Finally, anyone interested in Immaculate Conception School should come to a **Walk-In Wednesday**. **Starting September 19<sup>th</sup>**, tours will be available to walk-ins between the hours of 9am-11am. Call Emily Murphy at 410-398-2636 for details.

**Offertory – Week Ending –September 16 – Week 12**

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John’s are made possible. “Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold.”

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 9/16 Wk. 12	\$4,447	\$460	\$6,346	-\$1,439
YTD Wk. 12	\$60,397	\$14,058	\$76,152	-\$1,687

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** It is possible to make your weekly financial commitment to the Parish using Electronic Funds Transfer. We are encouraging everyone to consider using this contribution method. Contact Mary Jo Frohlich with any questions at 410-778-3160, or [mfrohlich@sacredparish.org](mailto:mfrohlich@sacredparish.org). Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

**SAINTS OF SEPTEMBER**



**JEROME, FATHER OF THE CHURCH – SEPTEMBER 30**

Jerome was born in the country we now call Croatia sometime between 340 and 347. He was tutored at home and developed a love for education. When he was about 12, his parents sent him to Rome to study both Greek and Latin.

Jerome was baptized a Christian in Rome. He then studied with some of the great Scripture scholars of his time. Jerome felt that God was calling him to use his education to serve the Church.

Jerome was ordained a priest at Antioch and given permission to devote his life to study and writing rather than ministering to the people of a parish. He needed quiet for his studies, so he moved to the wilderness to live a life of silence and simplicity. In the wilderness, he began to study Hebrew, to copy books by hand, and to write letters defending and explaining the faith. Each of these tasks prepared Jerome for the great work he was yet to do.

Pope Damasus asked Jerome to translate the Gospels from Greek into Latin, the language of the Church. Jerome’s translation of the Gospels was more accurate than any other version available at the time.

After Damasus died, Jerome traveled throughout the Holy Land and eventually settled in Bethlehem, where he built and became the spiritual director of a monastery. His duties allowed him the freedom and silence he needed to translate most of the Old Testament from Hebrew (which he had learned in the wilderness) into Latin.

Jerome’s translation of the Old and New Testaments is called the Vulgate, or common version, of the Bible. He is honored as a Doctor of the Church; his work made it possible for Catholics to understand and to respond to God’s Word. He is the patron saint of librarians.



**BEGINNING OCTOBER 7...FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM MASS  
COFFEE, COOKIES, & CONVERSATION**

Parishioners wishing to serve as hosts and hostesses in this weekly *Ministry of Hospitality* - - on a schedule and frequency of their own choosing - - should contact Frank Creegan (410-778-4830 or [fcreegan2@washcoll.edu](mailto:fcreegan2@washcoll.edu)).



**Saturday, September 29,  
2018:**



This year’s **Rise Against Hunger** Meal Packaging Event, in partnership with Christ United Methodist Church, will be held in the CUMC Hall at 401 High Street. We will begin at 9 a.m. with coffee, doughnut holes and a few words of instruction. Everyone is invited to come and help us package **20,000 meals**. Volunteers of all ages are invited to participate – come for an hour or stay until the job is done (probably before noon). For more information and to volunteer, contact Ann Anderson at [wmandersonfamily@verizon.net](mailto:wmandersonfamily@verizon.net) or 410-778-4243. For more information about **Rise Against Hunger** and the work they are doing to end world hunger, go to their website: [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org).

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**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are being sent directly to your home, bi-monthly. If you are not receiving envelopes and wish to do so, please contact Becky Davis at 410-778-3160.