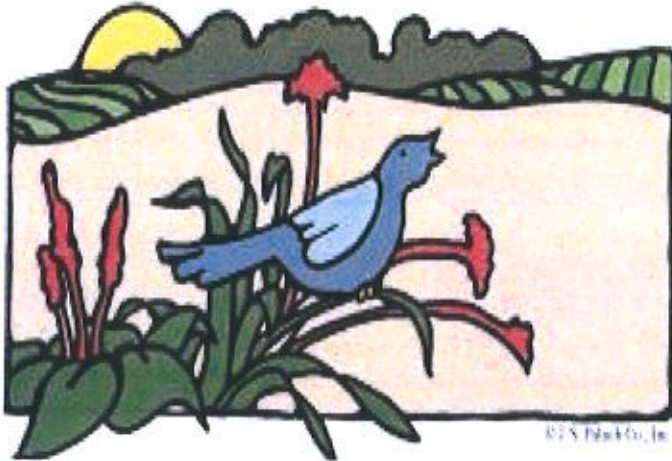


TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

*Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness
all our days.*
— **Psalm 90:1**



LIMITS

Today's readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: "For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns." Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon's free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (*Wisdom 9:13-18b*).

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (*Psalm 90*).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (*Philemon 9-10, 12*)

Gospel — **To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions**
(*Luke 14:25-33*).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Thursday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Peter Claver
Saturday: Blessed

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What would be true freedom for me?

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WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Masks are encouraged.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Mass (Live)
10:00 a.m. Mass (Live and Recorded)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. Mass (Live)
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2022

Servers:	All Servers
Lectors:	8:00 a.m. Cynthia Eastman Rita Womack
	10:00 a.m. Melba Myers Ernest Collins
Welcome:	Caleb Johnson
Ushers:	Jeanette Countee, Leah Henderson, Alphonse Mendy, Carolyn Greene
Counters:	Team 2

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Are you looking for a way to actively serve your parish? Come be a Hospitality Usher! It is a once-a-month commitment where you attend mass to help welcome people. Sign up with Kim Urenda, urendak@gmail.com or text/call (913) 226-2085.

Our Social Services Ministry needs a volunteer with a vehicle to pick up groceries from Harvesters, once a month, and deliver to our Food Pantry.

Date for pick up is flexible.

If you can help, please notify Rita Womack, on Wednesday or Thursday, 816-842-1877, Pantry Office

OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

St. Monica parishioners, please call the our Church Office, 816-471-3696, to register for these workshops. for these workshops..

Jeanette Hamilton, Rosa Birch, Delores Bazy, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Ray Myers, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald & Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Earl Greene, Jr., Ovell & Frances Thomas, Dorothy Mustin, Earnestine Nard, Flora Waddell, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta Mize, Rhea Holloman, Clara Mays, Melva McClellan, Carlos & Paula Nix, Velma Jennings, Brenda A. Martin, Margaret Sams, John & Debra Johnson, Yvonne Dillahunty, Carrie Miller, Deacon Ken Greene, Marcella Vaughn, Paris Harrington

DIOCESAN TRAINING AVAILABLE EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP

**Tuesday, September 27, 2022
St. Mark Parish**

READERS TRAINING WORKSHOP (LECTORS) WORKSHOP Wednesday, September 28, 2022 St. Mark Parish



**CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2022,
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**