

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Mass Intentions for this week

Date		Intention
6	Sat	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Manuelito Rosete
		Rhodes & Hills Family members, Living & Deceased
7	Sun	Lazaro, Pisanello, and Rosete Family members - Living & Deceased
		Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Dilan Rhodes
8	Mon	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Jackie Forchuk
9	Tue	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Mavis Hills
		Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Lorraine Gravel
10	Wed	Repose of the Soul of Renaud Hammond
		Roger and Amanda Barba 20th Wedding Anniversary
11	Thu	Repose of the Souls of Gerard and Agnes Riopel
12	Fri	Repose of the Souls of Melnychuk & Serafinchan Family members
13	Sat	Sean & Jackie Forchuk - Personal Intentions
		50th Wedding Anniversary of Glen and Bernadette Serafinchan
14	Sun	Thanksgiving to God for his abundant Blessings - Felie P.
		Repose of the Soul of Lenore Fester R.I.P.

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1st Reading: Wisdom 9, 3-18b

2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14. 25-33

“Hating” So As To Love

Why would Jesus exhort the “great crowds” to hate their families? In fact, Jesus went even further than that. He said they must also hate their own lives. If they do not, then they cannot be His disciples. One thing that this shocking teaching did was to shake people out of their lukewarm faith. Sometimes we think of Jesus only as a kind and gentle soul Who always brightens people’s days. We see images painted of the smiling Jesus Who always made people feel welcomed and loved. And though these images have truth, it is also true that one way He brightened their days was by challenging them to the core of their being to convert. And that is what Jesus does today in our Gospel.

To hate your father, mother, children, siblings and even your very self is obviously not a reference to the sin of hate that flows from anger. In this case, the word “hate” refers to the best way to love others and to love even your own self. To begin, let’s look at the conclusion. Jesus said that this form of hate is a requirement of being His disciple. This is the key. Unless we are first and foremost a disciple of Christ, we cannot love others and we will not even love ourselves in the proper way. “Hate” in this context refers to selfish attachments. This means that people and things can easily get in the way of our love of God. When they do, we must see them as an obstacle to both the love of God, as well as to the authentic love of others and even ourselves. For example, if a family member were to demand in some way that you love them more than you love God, then this must be rejected with passion. This could be referred to as holy hatred of the temptation, not the person. Say a spouse criticizes you for attending Mass and tries to stop you from doing so. If you listen to them, then you are placing them before God. Or say someone hurts you and you choose to forgive them, only to have a family member challenge you and try to stir up anger in you toward that person. If you listen to them, then you are not listening to God. In these cases, we must “hate” in the sense that we reject the temptation.

What about yourself? How do you hate yourself? This is a reference to the many ways that our disordered appetites are drawn to sin. If we indulge in the disordered desires, or even worse, if we treat those disordered desires as normal and good for us, then we have chosen the disordered desire over God. In that case, we must learn to hate and reject the selfish and disordered desire, choosing God and His will alone.

When we are able to choose the love of God first and foremost in our lives, rejecting the temptations that come through others and even the temptations within our disordered desires, then, and only then, are we in a position to love others and ourselves, in the right way. Jesus obviously wants us to love others and ourselves. But this is only possible when our love is pure and holy and flows from the love of God. Any other form of “love” is not love at all. It is a selfish attachment that hinders our true mission as lovers of God and instruments of that love to others. (mycatholiclife.com)

Please note that Mass on Friday September 12 at 9 am at St Maria Goretti (Devon) will have the attendance of Holy Spirit School students and there will be no Adoration after Mass that day.

St. Maria Goretti - Devon - Urgently needed : Greeters especially for Sundays

Please phone the church office or Bernie 780-203-2708 to volunteer.

Thank you and may God Bless you



CWL FURTHER EDUCATION AWARD

One goal of the Catholic Women’s League is to support and encourage youth. Since 1991, Devon CWL has enhanced the further education award for one Grade 12 Diploma student each year.

The deadline for submitting applications is September 30th.

The further education award of \$250.00 will be announced and presented to a successful applicant during Mass on October 5th . Interested? **Applications are located in the entrance of the church.**



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