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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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IF YOU WISH TO COME AFTER ME
YOU MUST DENY YOURSELF,
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS,

and follow me.

MARK 8:34

| This Week | Stewardship | | |
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| <p>Monday, September 13 No Activities noted</p> <p>Tuesday, September 14 No Activities noted</p> <p>Wednesday, September 15 No Activities noted</p> <p>Thursday, September 16 No Activities noted</p> <p>Friday, September 17 No Activities noted 4:30PM Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p>Saturday, September 18 7:30AM Men's Group 1:00PM Wedding (Sign up for Faith Formation or RCIA before Mass) 5:00PM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners</p> <p>Sunday, September 19 8:00AM Mass - Barbara Molnar (D) 10:30AM Mass - Danny Guillaume (D) (Sign up for Faith Formation or RCIA before either Mass)</p> <p>Monday, September 20 No Activities noted</p> | Offertory | Needed | Received |
| | August 2021 | \$58,834.00 | \$64,382.25 |
| | September 5, 2021 | \$12,708.50 | \$19,421.25 |
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| | <u>Today's Readings.</u> | | |
| | First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a). | | |
| | Psalms — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116). | | |
| | Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18). | | |
| | Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35). | | |
| | READINGS FOR THE WEEK | | |
| | Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10 | | |
| | Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17 | | |
| | Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 | | |
| | Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50 | | |
| | Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3 | | |
| | Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15 | | |
| | Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37 | | |
| <p><u>Interested in joining St. Therese?</u> Please contact the Parish Office.</p> | | | |
| <p>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 2021 "...whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." <i>Mk 8:27-35</i></p> | | | |
| <p>This Week's Saints/Special Observances</p> | | | |
| <p>Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: Saint John Chrysostom Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows Thursday: Saints Cornelius and Cyprian Friday: Saint Robert Bellarmine Saturday: The Blessed Virgin Mary</p> | | | |
| | Please use care when parking in the handicap spaces and display a current white placard in addition to the handicapped tag. (Other cars should not be parked so close as to render these spaces inaccessible.) | | |

IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message. James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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Volunteer(s) Needed:
Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to assist the Parish with live-streaming the 10:30AM Mass with a phone or IPAD.

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Read the online data, then hit [click here](#).
Follow the instructions to set up an account and password. Use the email address on file with your Parish enrollment..... You can set up a recurring scheme, or do a one-time gift each weekend.....!

Altar Flowers

If you would like to sponsor flowers , please call the Parish Office, 910-256-2471. The fee is \$110, and you may split that among a group, or between two families if you'd like to.....

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:15 PM - 4:45PM in the Reconciliation Room at the Church, and other times by appointment. Communal Services are typically scheduled during Advent and Lent.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 12:30PM - 5:30PM

Baptisms: Important information can be found on our website at www.catholicwb.org/sacraments as to how to get started. Baptisms for children are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming Catholic should inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Anointing: Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. (Hospital & nursing home patients should notify the Registration Department, the social worker, or Pastoral Care upon check-in.)

Marriage: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office *at least 6 months prior* to their proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office. Young people are usually confirmed in the 10th grade after preparation.

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St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish, united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community, outreach and service.

Priests' Welfare & Retirement Collection - Last Weekend!

Thank you for your generous donations to this special collection over Labor Day weekend which further reduced the amount we will otherwise have to take from general operating funds to cover this obligation (which is assessed at over \$40,000 annually.)

This is different from the special collection early in December to support Retired Religious. That is a national collection to assist religious orders. This collection is for priests working in our Diocese. (The late, Msgr. Matthew Hendrick, Fr. Gene Grabowski, the late Fr. Trent Watts, and the late Fr. Joe Vetter have all benefited from this fund.)

Some Numbers

- * **70** - the normal retirement age for priests in the Diocese of Raleigh
- * **\$3,043/month** - the current benefit paid to retired priests of the Diocese of Raleigh who have served 20 years or more
- * **50%** - portion of the assessment that funds the Diocese of Raleigh Clergy Pension Plan.
- * **19%** - portion that pays long-term nursing home costs for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh and to pay salary, benefits and living expenses for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh who are not retired but currently not able to be active in ministry.
- * **13%** - portion the Diocese of Raleigh provides to Religious Orders of priest (Franciscans, Jesuits, etc.) working in the Diocese of Raleigh to assist with their retirement (\$4,600 to the Order for each priest assigned here).
- * **8%** - portion that funds medical expenses of priests working or retired in the Diocese of Raleigh that are not covered by insurance (after priests have paid \$500 deductible).
- * **8%** - portion that funds health insurance and Medicare premiums for retired priests of the Diocese of Raleigh.
- * **2%** - portion that funds the Clergy Care Management Program which provides acute health intervention and wellness programs for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh.
- * **1%** - portion that funds legal, actuarial and other professional services to maintain the Clergy Pension Plan of the Diocese of Raleigh.

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT IS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

**Downtown Wilmington's 21st Annual St. Patrick's Parade
Saturday, September 18, 2021 - 11AM**

Seeking entries to participate. (Return entry forms no later than 9/13)

Need more information? Want an entry form?

Contact: Joe Costy/Port City Irish Productions at:

wilmingtonparade@gmail.com

FEAST OF FAITH

Offering and Intercessions

In this holy moment—with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar—we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who have died. And we pray for ourselves, that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the General Intercessions earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving sweep of prayer that embraces the world.

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Shrimparoo

The Shrimparoo is scheduled for September 25 after the 5PM Mass.

Ticket sales: the weekend of September 18-19

Contact any Knight for information about this fun event!

Reminder:

No Masses or Activities in the Church or Parish Hall: September 13 through September 17

No Daily Masses Sept. 20 thru 28

Email: office@catholicwb.org

Wilmington Catholic Radio

Wilmington Catholic Radio can be heard on stations **91.7 FM**, **93.1 FM**, and **103.1 FM** in Wilmington. Shows can also be heard online on their website at:

www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com

Men - start your weekend off right!

Saturdays at 7:30a.m.

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings for coffee, bagels, and candid conversation about how we can become better Catholic men.

We read and discuss scripture, but most of the time spent together consists of open dialogue about how these readings relate to real events in our lives. We are fortunate to have our faith to guide us. Meeting like this helps our faith to stay strong and to grow.

*On-site meetings have resumed in the Parish Hall. Inquiries?
Email: jim@gibson-consultants.com*

Please Pray for...

Rob Alford, Bill Allen, Jeanne Ashey, Bill Baker, Jr., Todd Baumgartner, Pete Baxley, Doreen Bill, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Matthew Burns, Leonel Cardenez, Rob Carroll, Michael Cahill, Theresa Chandler, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Anne Cline, Jeanne Davis, Ashley Eason, Caleb Emmons, Bob Farris, Charlie Pat Farris, Gerry Geist, Marion Gemza, Angela Gittings, The Griffin Family, Ron Gunther, Elizabeth Hagan, Claudia Hamilton, Rosemary Heath, Debby Hester, Craig Hoffman, Clayton T. Housler, Ed Hyer, Maureen Jackson, Laurie King, David Kmiec, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Ray Kress, Rich Lalier, Cheryl Lee, Fr. Doug Lawson, Aubrey Lueck, Dawn Mak, Linda Markin, Jessica MacKay, Bernie Maguire, Elizabeth M. McConnell, Terry McGiverin, Holly McKittrick-Boyle, Debi McLaughlin, Paul McLaughlin, Michele Milkiewicz, Claire Millican, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, Nicole Myers, Terry Noe, Gail O'Donnell, Bob and Young-Ok O'Toole, Gregory O'Toole, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruum, Marissa Rhyne, Garry Rust, Mary Sanza, Mildred Sanza, Charlie Sarracino, Cheryl Schmitter, David Scullin, Diane Sheedy, Joe Silva, Melanie Smith, Eugene Spagnoli, Bob Sparrow, Stella Spratt, Nora Stamper, Irene Stein, Archie Stone, Cynthia Sullivan, Joanne Tineille, Heather Scullin, Anneliese Todd, Hailey Tucker, Donna Tumolo, Ben Van Pilsun, Melinda & Dale Walker, Kyle Warren, Stephen Weber, Nancy Weicht, Deacon Jim Welch, Phil Williams

Flowers

***Altar flowers are sponsored this weekend
by Marie Bergh-Cook in Honor of her daughter
Caroline's birthday.....***

The Sgt. Eugene Ashley Memorial Center - Volunteer Opportunity

Our veterans served our country and all of us. Now, some of them need a helping hand. The Ashley Program is an 18 month transitional residence and recovery center for up to 23 homeless veterans. It provides structure, support and resources that foster lasting recovery and a return to independent living.

St. Therese' volunteers help with this mission by cooking Friday meals from 9AM to Noon. They provide the food and we prepare it in their kitchen. The residents themselves do all the clean-up!

Consider this volunteer opportunity if:

- You need a flexible schedule (only work the Fridays you wish to)
- You enjoy cooking or prep work
- You want to give back to our Veterans

Email Sally Gustie for more information:
gustiesally@gmail.com

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Other Opportunities to Give....

Sep 12 Catholic University of America

Sep 26 Emergency needs - Haiti*

Oct 24 Mission Sunday

**Nov 21 Catholic Campaign for Human
Development**

***Just added**

This Weekend - 2nd Collection Catholic University

Catholic University is taking a bold step forward in its commitment to contribute to society her best citizens - the thinkers, explorers, innovators, artists, and faith leaders of tomorrow.

Contributions to the National Collection this weekend not only provide critical support to students, but helps the University serve dioceses and parishes. Their credentialing program for campus ministers and their Master's in Ecclesial Administration and Management help the University respond to the most pressing needs within our Church.

Questions? Visit: collection.catholic.edu or
futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholicstogether.org

Food Pantry News

".....but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?"

YOU can help the poor and working-poor in our area who use the Food Pantry. You can also make a monetary donation - write your check and mail directly to:

St. Joseph's Food Pantry, 1303 US 117, Burgaw, NC 28425

***Volunteers (adult & young adult) are needed. Contact Patricia Kopchick.....**

St. Therese On-site drop-off of food has resumed!

Drop off food in the Parish Hall before or after Mass.

(Whole grain, low-sodium, low-sugar items are preferred.)

Want to make arrangements to drop off food at Joseph's directly? It can be done **MONDAY, 10AM-12PM** only.

Contact Patricia Kopchick: 518-275-9887

Want to help now that food collection has resumed at St. Therese? Contact: Jane Yemma, 910.547.4243

The Wedding Anniversary Mass, typically celebrated each year in October, honors those celebrating wedding anniversaries, with special recognition to couples with 25, 50, or 60 years of marriage. The Mass will take place on **Sunday, October 24, at 3:30pm** at **Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh.**

To register to attend and/or receive a certificate, visit - <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/anniversary>

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