

**MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 20-26**

Monday, 20	8:30 am	(SF)	<b>James Murray</b> (James Doran) <i>Ezr 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18</i>
Tuesday, 21	8:30 am	(SJ)	<b>Carlo Coppa</b> (Ben and Nancy Porco) <i>Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13</i>
Wednesday, 22	8:30 am	(SF)	<b>For the People</b> <i>Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6</i>
Thursday, 23	8:30 am	(SJ)	<b>Gino Biasi</b> (Stephen & Matthew Houck) <i>Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9</i>
Friday, 24	8:30 am	(SF)	<b>Kenneth Ray</b> (Becky & Brian Burris) <i>Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22</i>
Saturday, 25	5:00 pm	(SF)	<b>Vivian Kuhn</b> (Catholic Woman's Club) <i>Zec 2:5-9, 14-15e; Lk 9:43b-45</i>
Sunday, 26	9:00 am	(SJ)	<b>Rosemary Gooch</b> (Wanda Hughes)
	11:00 am	(SF)	<b>Ethel Green</b> (John Green) <i>Nm 11:25-29, Jas 5:1-6, Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48</i>

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**SATURDAY:** Confessions – 10:30am (SJ)

**As of 09/14/2021:** Trinity West: **Linda Howcroft**; Trinity East: Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. If you or a family member becomes hospitalized, please be sure to contact the rectory.

**CWC NEWS:** Fifteen ladies came to our CWC Social on Wed., Sept. 15. During this time, we discussed some of our activities and have decided to continue our traditional projects that include baking, having a cabbage roll sale and quilt raffle, making pirohi, making Comfort Bears for Hospice, offering bereavement meals following funerals, and setting up the Annual Giving Tree for children at Christmas time. However, in order to accomplish all of these things, we need more help! Won't you please say "YES" in giving some of your time and talent to this important ministry for our parishes. The Catholic Woman's Club is an extension of Father Vennitti's ministry here in Toronto. The CWC also supports the parishes by purchasing various items for the churches, such as vestments, altar linens, etc., maintaining the appliances in the kitchens and making repairs when needed, making donations to the parishes for extraordinary expenses that arise, making donations to other charitable organizations in the area for the needy, and more.



**The Nut Rollers are back!** The ladies are making their famous CWC Nut Rolls every Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM. Anyone wishing to help may contact **Judy Wnek (537-4715)**. Approximately 12-15 helpers are needed each week. **No baking experience is required!!!** Many hands make for light work!

 Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Richard Crugnale, father of Tracy Ziarko**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Crugnale family. May Richard live in the eternal light of Christ.

**2021 Diocesan Campaign:** Thanks once again for your participation in this year's DPSC. If you've not yet turned in your pledge, there is still time. You can also contribute to the campaign online at [www.give.diosteub.org](http://www.give.diosteub.org). Below is the information that we have received as of **August 3, 2021**.

	<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>\$ Pledged</u>
St. Francis	\$22,178	\$32,043
St. Joseph	\$14,013	\$19,950

**Thought for the Week:**

*"The good repent on knowing their sin; the evil become angry when discovered."  
Fulton Sheen*



**CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis:** Adult: \$2,299.00; Loose: \$15.00; Candles: \$66.00; Building Fund: \$581.00 **St. Joseph:** Adult: \$1,260.00; Loose: \$3.00; Candles \$44.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for August 29:: Saturday 5:00pm: 62; Sunday: 9:00am – 84; 11:00am – 82.**

**MASSES:** For **Bernadette Kondik** by Carol & Larry Starr, The Roth Girls, Jay Smith, Mike & Bridgette Cernansky, Comfort Bears Ladies.

**MEMORIALS:** **St. Francis Church** in memory of **Anthony Lamantia** by Robert & Joan Englehardt. **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **Bernadette Kondik** by Marcelene & Bob Miller, Rita & John Batcho, Bridgette Cernansky & Siblings, Bernadette Finley, John & Janet Olesky, William & Mary Catherine Straka, Dave & Mary Ann Huff. **CWC** in memory of **Bernadette Kondik** by Mr/Mrs Jerry Popson.

*Sunday, September 19, 2021  
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
by The Faithful Disciple*

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

**GROW:** I have a competitive nature. As an older runner, I strive to place high in my age group (maybe even pick off runners older than I one at a time as we near the finish of a race – of course, I can neither confirm nor deny that). Oh, to be first! There is nothing inherently wrong with healthy competition. However, constantly striving to be the “best” or the “first” in other areas of life – career, parenting, even holiness – can quickly lead to frustration and burnout. As the disciples jostled for “first place,” Jesus gently but directly corrected them: “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Like the Apostles, we tend to focus on our achievements as a measure of our worth, forgetting why we are here: to serve others. We can ask Jesus to help us gain the “wisdom from above” and the characteristics so beautifully described by Saint James: pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits.

### **GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

**GO:** Reading today’s Gospel from Mark, I am struck by the image of Jesus embracing a child: “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” Most of us picture our own children, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, or nephews. Of course we would embrace them! However, Scripture scholars point out that for Jesus, the child symbolized the *anawim*, a Hebrew word for the poor, the lowly, the vulnerable, the oppressed. Picture, then, not just children but those we might be less eager to immediately embrace, not just children: ragged men on the corner, immigrants at the border, the neighbor’s son with schizophrenia, prisoners or ex-convicts. Jesus challenges us not to avert our eyes but to “embrace” them – whether that means offering a cup of coffee, becoming a pen pal, stopping to chat, or finding another way to accompany them. Scholars tell us that the *anawim* share a total dependence upon God, something we all have in common regardless of our life’s circumstances.

**ACTIONS:** Seek “wisdom from above” at the beginning of each day. In the evening, reflect on the ways God has held you in his loving embrace through the kindness of others, moments in nature, simple pleasures. Say thank you.

### **BULLETIN BOARD**

Due to the recent rise in COVID, the in-person portion of the Franciscan Sisters TOR benefit has been cancelled. This decision was made to ensure the safety of the community at large. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored or registered already. We hope to have personal contact with each of you! We will be sending Sr. Mary Gemma’s CD “Go Forward” to all those who register. So, if you have not signed up yet, we would love you to join us and to share our gift of music with you. Once you have registered, the event will remain available to you even if you cannot view at the exact time of the event. You can register online under the “events” tab at [www.FranciscanSistersTOR.org](http://www.FranciscanSistersTOR.org) or call 740-554-5542 ext. 115. The livestream will still begin on Sat., Sept. 25 at 3pm. The program will include the sisters’ music, testimonies of St. Joseph’s faithfulness from the sisters and from Bill Talerico, a friend of the community. Livestreamed Mass will follow the program beginning at 4:15 pm and it will be celebrated by Fr. Joe Freedy of the Pittsburgh Diocese.