

MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2 - 8

Monday, 2	8:30 am	(SF)	Deceased Members of the Coma Family (Family) 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday, 3	8:30 am	(SJ)	Paul Sloane (Jane & Huck Hanuscin) 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday, 4	8:30am	(SF)	Joseph Restifo (Family) 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday, 5	8:30am	(SJ)	Katie Tizziani (Tim & Agie Rock) 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday, 6	8:30 am	(SF)	For the People 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday, 7	5:00 pm	(SF)	Connie Stagani (CWC of Toronto)
Sunday, 8	9:00 am	(SJ)	Bill Wickham (Linda Kay Burkey & Family)
	11:00 am	(SF)	Michael Swick (Bill Swick)

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY: Parish Office Closed for Labor Day
WEDNESDAY: Parish School of Religion - 6:00pm (SJH)
THURSDAY: Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SF)
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 08/27/2024: Trinity West:: ; Trinity East; . **Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes.**

CWC News **SHARE HIS MERCY BENEFIT** sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters, Sept. 28, beginning with Mass at 4:00 PM at the Motherhouse on County Road 46, Toronto, Ohio, and followed with dinner and the program at 5:30 PM at St. Florian Hall in Wintersville. Purple sign-up sheets are posted at the entrances to SFC and SJC. There is no charge for this event; however, the CWC will make a donation to the Franciscan Sisters on your behalf. Please let DeDe know if you will attend by signing up or calling DeDe by Mon., Sept. 16 (740-632-3372). A table will be reserved so we can sit together.

A Note of
Thanks

A Birthday Thank you: I wanted to write a little note of thanks to my church family for the many birthday cards you all have sent to me. God bless you all! ~**Stella Westlake**

*Happy
Birthday*

Mary Micko, a lifelong parishioner of St. Francis/St. Joseph parishes will celebrate her 94th Birthday on September 7th. If you would like to remember her on her birthday, please send greetings to **Mary Micko, 309 Loretta Ave, Toronto.**

Parish
School of
Religion

Parish School of Religion begins this week! The 1st class will be on **September 4th, 6:00pm at St. Joseph Hall.** Any paperwork not returned before the deadline will require parental attendance at the 1st class to complete the necessary documents.



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: (72 Envelopes) \$1,794.00; Loose: \$233.00; Candles: \$41.00; Poor: \$445.00; Feast of the Assumption: \$10.00; Steubenville Priests Retirement: \$20.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: (37 Envelopes) \$1,168.00; Loose: \$80.00; Candles: \$45.00; Feast of the Assumption: \$5.00; Poor: \$35.00; Building: \$80.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for Aug. 25th: Saturday 5:00pm: 82; 9:00am: 88; 11:00am: 95. Average Attendance per weekend for August: 5 pm: 77; 9 am: 85; 11 am: 85.5.**

MASSES: For **John Haynes, Jr.** by Jane & Huck Hanuscin; Tim & Agie Rock; for **Michael Sokol** by Tim & Agie Rock; for **Regis Mehalko** by Marlene Mehalko; Kaylyn & Andrea.

MEMORIALS: To **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **John Haynes, Jr.** by Betty Pierce & Family; to **St. Francis Church** in memory of **John Haynes, Jr.** by Bill Swick; Mary Lou & Bob Deku; in memory of **Regis Mehalko** by Mary Lou & Bob Deku; in memory of **Michael Sokol** by Mary Lou & Bob Deku.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Grimes**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Grimes Family. May Mary live in the eternal light of Christ.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

GROW: Traditions are so important to us! They help define and preserve our heritage and our communities while also offering comfort and stability. They shape our human world as we see and live it. But in today's Gospel, Jesus scolds the Pharisees and scribes for allowing "the tradition of the elders" to drive them to hypocrisy: "In vain do they worship [the Lord], teaching as doctrines human precepts." He accuses them, saying "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." How could this be? Were the laws of ritual purity not important? They were, insofar as they were observed for the right reason: glorifying and honoring God, and being mindful of their covenantal relationship. We know, historically, that those who had questioned Jesus, leading to his response, were interested more in legalities, religious control, pride, and power. There was little "love for their neighbor" and a fair amount of "love for themselves." Therefore, Jesus is instructive when he tells them, "Nothing that enters one from the outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." In other words: Ritual actions don't make us pure; the purity or impurity of our heart is what matters.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: What does it mean to be pure or impure of heart? Intentions matter; motivations matter. Jesus, quoting Isaiah, tells the Pharisees and scribes that they are honoring him with their lips but not their hearts; in other words, they were paying him "lip-service." "Oh those Pharisees!" we might say. They are easy to criticize and pontificate upon, aren't they? But how about us? It is worth looking at ourselves and honestly asking whether there might be times when we, too, are simply offering lip service to God? Are we truly offering him our hearts when we engage in our traditions and our activities? Our goal, as Jesus' disciples, is to be "doers of the word and not hearers only," as James puts it so succinctly in his letter. We are to hear God's word and commandments and then act on them in love.

ACT: "From within people ... come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice...." Jesus says. Pray specifically this week for the grace to see where God may want to purify your heart. Meditate on Psalm 51:10: *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.*