MASSES FOR AUGUST 17 - 23

Monday, 17	8:30 am (SF)	**Ralph Hickey *(Family)***
		Ez 24:15-23; (Ps) Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday, 18	8:30 am (SJ)	**Evelyn Ray *(CWC of Toronto)***
		Ez 28:1-10; (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35c-26b; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday, 19	8:30 am (SF)	**For the People**
		Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday, 20	8:30 am (SJ)	**Darice Fidak *(Sister, Shelley Meyer)***
		Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday, 21	8:30 am (SF)	**Mary Grimes *(Pat & Patty Lamantia)***
		Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday, 22	5:00 pm (SF)	**Armando Mendez *(Gladys Abbott)***
Sunday, 23	9:00 am (SJ)	**Betty Miller *(Diana McCarthy)***
	11:00 am (SF)	**Kathy Rawson *(Mary Ann Shuma & Family)***
		Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 08/11/2026: Trinity West: **;** Trinity East; Weirton: **;** Pittsburgh: **Mary Ann Shuma.** Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. ***If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.***

Rest In Peace: We give our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of ***Julius Chetock*** who died this past week. May the angels welcome him to the table of God's children in heaven.

2026 D/PSC: Once again, I give thanks to those who have already responded to the 2026 D/PSC. It is not too late to make a contribution. Both parishes have now reached their goal and any contributions at this time will be returned to the parish. We use the rebates to attend to various maintenance projects, which avoids making an appeal every time something breaks or quits working. Keep in mind that this summer alone, between the two parishes, we have expended nearly $100,000.00 on maintenance projects. St. Francis - $48,000.00 for a new heating system and at St. Joseph $10,600.00 for a new A/C unit and at the Rectory $25,000.00 for repairing the driveway. We have also recently discovered some cracks to the masonry at St. Francis. Please continue your generous support for the D/PSC and the "Building Fund" monthly offering.

Parish School of Religion

Parish School of Religion: Parents of past and newly incoming students of our Parish School of Religion program, please be sure to check your emails this coming week for the **2026-2027 Year** paperwork to be completed and returned when your child attends the first class which is on **September 2, 2026 at St. Joseph Church Hall beginning at 6:00pm.** There will be paperwork for a parent to sign, so it will be **required for one parent to attend the class that night.** If a parent is unable to attend, it will be your **responsibility to contact the parish secretary to obtain the correct paperwork and return it to the parish office before the next class on September 16, 2026.**

CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: $4,052.00; Loose: $40.00; Candles: $66.00; Building: $1,207.00. St. Joseph: Adult: $2,024.00; Loose: $60.00; Candles: $25.00; Building: $410.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! ***Weekly Mass Attendance for August 9th****: **5:00pm**: 67; **9:00am:** 106; **11:00am:** 94.*

MASSES: None

MEMORIALS: To **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **Bob Martaus** by Esther Anderson.

MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 22 and 23

Altar Servers:

5pm: Jake Dobbs; **9am:** Wyatt Winters & Olivia Perdue; **11am:** Aidan Myslinsky & Giovani Guerrero

Lectors:

5pm: Zachariah Zdinak; **9am:** Paul Giannamore; **11am:** Jesus Leija

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

I have often wondered why Jesus' words to the Gentile woman in today's Gospel sound so harsh. The woman was simply asking Jesus to heal her daughter, as so many others before her had done. Jesus' reply that he had been sent only to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" may have been true under the old covenant. But with his coming, Jesus initiated the new covenant where all are invited, all are welcome. Through the woman's gift of faith (whose prayer says simply, "Lord, help me"), she brings herself and her daughter into the joy and goodness of the kingdom. Jesus commends her faith (and her persistence) and heals her daughter. This passage demonstrates the healing God wishes to provide for all of his people.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Thus says the Lord in Isaiah: "My house shall be called **a house of prayer for all peoples.**"
Responsorial psalm: "O God, **let all the nations praise you!**"
Jesus to the Canaanite (Gentile) woman: **"O woman, great is your faith!"**

Our readings today spell out loud and clear that our God's love and forgiveness is meant for all. Not just the few. This is good news, indeed. What does God ask of us in return? He asks that we strive to do *what is right … what is just*. In short, we must *join [our]selves to the Lord*, as Isaiah says, and God will welcome us into his holy kingdom. How do we do that? We can start by trying to imitate the generosity of God's grace and welcome those who seek God's mercy and healing. In other words, we reach out in love to each other and seek to build up the unity of his Church, the Body of Christ.

WELCOME

On some level, all the readings today speak of disparate people coming to the faith: foreigners, all the nations, the Gentiles, a Canaanite woman. Does your parish have some form of welcoming ministry – a welcome desk, ushers, greeters? The power of a friendly smile, a warm handshake, a disposition of "we're happy you're here" cannot be underestimated for visitors to our churches. Consider becoming a part of the team that welcomes the stranger to your parish.

BULLETIN BOARD



Do you have any religious articles that you would like to donate? **In September, St. Mary Recycle Mission Group** will be in the area to collect Crucifix, Statues of any size, Rosaries (damaged are ok), Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Prayer Books or Bibles (***Please, no story type/ regular books or pamphlets/ magazines/DVD/ or VHS tapes***), or Framed Pictures. **Please bring your donated items to Church and place them in the back and place them in the boxes indicated with signs.**