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August 30, 2020
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:
Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM
Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday Masses:
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy Day Masses:
7:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Summer Sunday Mass Schedule:

June 28, 2020 - September 6, 2020
Saturday 5:00 PM;
Sunday 9:00 AM only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of
the month after the 10:30 AM Mass.
Arrangements for the Baptism should
be made at least one month in
advance. There are no Baptisms
during Lent.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the rectory or priest in
the event of a serious illness. Visits to
the home-bound and those in
hospitals are made by Priests,
Deacons and Extraordinary
Eucharistic Ministers.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made one
year in advance of the proposed
marriage according to the Common
Policy of the Bishops of the Province
of New Jersey. Either the bride or
groom must be registered with
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Women and men who feel called to
the Religious Life and men called to
the Holy Orders should contact the
Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or
speak with a parish priest.



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! Every Catholic should be
registered in the parish. Letters of
testimony for Godparents and
Sponsors cannot be given unless
one is registered. All parishioners
should be active in parish life and be
known to one of the parish priests.
Stewardship (church support) is a
serious responsibility of every Cath-
olic. We urge all parishioners to
make regular use of their collection
envelopes. When moving, please
notify the rectory office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

If you have not received the
Sacraments of Baptism, First
Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are
over 18 years of age, and are
interested in membership in the
Catholic Church, please call the
rectory office.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholic Christians of Our
Lady of Sorrows Parish who are
conscious of the plan of God for the
salvation of all. We praise the Lord
in our everyday lives by sharing our
faith and talents with each other for
the continued growth of Our Lady of
Sorrows Parish Community. We
wish to live the Beatitudes of Jesus
and put them into practice in our
daily lives as we answer His call to
evangelization.

Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

SUFFERING

Suffering. We all know it. It is an inescapable part of the human experience. Our readings today help us understand what to do with suffering, how to redeem it for eternal glory. In a tenderly poetic passage, the prophet Jeremiah clings to the Lord, despite the suffering and hatred he endures in God's service. Since speaking on behalf of the Lord is the cause of his anguish, Jeremiah flirts with the idea of giving it all up, of abandoning his ministry. But God is "too strong," and Jeremiah remains faithful even in violent times. He knows, as the psalmist sings, that there is no life without God, for whom our souls thirst. Saint Paul acknowledges the universality of suffering and urges us to offer our suffering to God. God alone can transform our pain, our "crosses," into good for others, just as God redeemed the ultimate suffering of Jesus.

OFFER IT UP!

As Saint Paul says, we can offer our personal experiences as a "living sacrifice." Let's offer up our daily prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings. Let's unite our sacrifices to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus we celebrate in the Eucharist. Our sacrifices—little or big, happy or sad—become the stuff of miracles. Consider the example of the loaves and fishes we read about a few weeks ago. Jesus' tender heart pities the hungry crowds. Jesus asks the disciples to offer anything they can spare. Using the ridiculously inadequate offering of five loaves and two fish, Jesus goes to work. He blesses their offering, breaks it, and uses it to satisfy thousands. Baskets overflow. Jesus uses a tiny offering and transforms it into real help for people in need.

We too can offer sacrifices for Jesus to transform. When we are confronted with problems we know we can't solve, Jesus remains calm. He asks us to give what we can. Often, we have no confidence. We scoff at our own pathetic attempts. We cannot imagine how God could possibly use our boring little sacrifices of dishwashing, caregiving, or e-mail-managing to bless the world. But Jesus takes whatever we offer. He blesses it. He breaks it. He transforms it into grace for ourselves and for all people in need.

PRAISE GOD!

The mystery of redemptive suffering transforms our lives, but it is not an easy mystery to accept. Suffering is not attractive. Especially when suffering afflicts innocent people, we cry out to God for justice and relief. Jesus' words today penetrate our hearts: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." We beg the Lord to accept our suffering, then, and to transform it in ways we cannot imagine. Embracing the details and crosses of daily life, we look forward to the day when Jesus comes in glory, revealing to us how he used our sacrifices to bless the world.

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7–9
Psalm 63:2–6, 8–9
Romans 12:1–2
Matthew 16:21–27

Sketch, *Martyrdom of Saint Peter*, 1598/99

Andrea Boscoli

Italian, c. 1560–1608

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Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died; may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially **Joseph Colamedici, Mary Calabrese, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, Barbara Russell, June Struzienski, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".**

May God grant them healing.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

We congratulate our Confirmation Candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation by Rev. John E. Wassell on Sunday, August 23rd, at St. Cecilia Church in Kearny. We ask that the Holy Spirit strengthen our young people as they continue their faith journey. We are proud of our students and invite you to continue to pray for them.

***Nalibeth Marmol
Alexandra Olechowski
Eileen Quia
Emily Quia
Anna Tom***

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT (540-604) SEPTEMBER 3

Imagine, fourteen hundred years after death, boasting a best-selling CD! Yet outside the Church and within, Gregorian chant is enjoying a renaissance. Still, the timeless sacred music that bears his name is but part of Gregory's legacy. Renouncing civic service for monastic life, Gregory's administrative and diplomatic skills prompted continual summons from the cloister. Papal ambassador and advisor, he was eventually elected pope himself, renowned as a wise steward of the church's material possessions, generous benefactor of the poor, sponsor of missionaries, and promotor of monasticism. His liturgical enrichment of the Church endures not only in Gregorian chant, but in eloquent homilies still gracing the Liturgy of the Hours, the "Gregorian Canon" (Eucharistic Prayer I), and his spiritual classic, *Pastoral Care*, once presented to new bishops at ordination. Of countless impressive papal titles—Supreme Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles—the title still so cherished that it heads official documents is the one Gregory coined to describe his papal ideal: Servant of the Servants of God. Together with being designated "the Great," a fitting epitaph.

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TRAITS OF A TEACHER

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

—St. Joseph Calasanz

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday
5:00 PM

August 29

Raymond Blair

Req. Muldoon Family

Sunday
9:00 AM

August 30

Tony Accatta and Martha

Req. Kathleen Fudali

Monday
7:30 AM

August 31

Dennis Flavin

Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

Tuesday
7:30 AM

September 1

Juan Lago

Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas

Wednesday
7:30 AM

September 2

Daniel Nakrosis

Req. Kathy Daunoras

Thursday
7:30 AM

September 3

Anne Caveney

Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

Friday
7:30 AM

September 4

Edward McBride

Req. Dorothy Songile

Saturday
7:30 AM

September 5

Anna Zulauf

Req. Emmaria Galiano

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday
5:00 PM

September 5

Nick Zuza

Req. Sally Zuza

Sunday
9:00 AM

September 6

Raymond Blair Jr.

Req. Ciel and Abigail Long

**THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED 20 MINUTES
BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.**



MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 30, 2020

Altar Bread & Wine...

People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp...

People of the Parish

Altar Candles...

People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21;
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

