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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018

The Lord God is my help. therefore I am not disgraced.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

**Psalm** — 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).

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#### Who do you say I am?



## From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Greetings! May the blessings of God's peace and happiness be with you all. I would like to appreciate all of you who have cooperated with the fundraiser programme with Freddy's. May our participation contribute to the joy of our community and thus shall we become witnesses our Faith in Christ.

The Gospel this weekend explains the basis of our Faith as acceptance of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God and our Lord and Saviour. It also tells us that Christ Jesus became our Saviour by his suffering, death and Resurrection. Finally, it outlines the three conditions of Christian discipleship, namely, denying oneself, taking up one's cross and following Jesus.

Jesus wants to become a living, present reality for us, loving us, forgiving us, helping us, transforming our lives and outlook and building a personal relationship with us. The knowledge of Jesus as Lord and personal Saviour needs to become a living, personal experience for each Christian drawing each of us to loving response. The relationship deepens and grows as we listen to Jesus through the daily, meditative reading of the Bible, speak to him in our daily, personal and family prayers, offer him our lives on the altar in the Holy Mass and seek reconciliation with him, asking his forgiveness for our sins every night and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The next step is the surrender of our lives to Jesus Whose love we have experienced by rendering humble and loving service to others with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in every person. The final step is to praise and thank God in all the events of our lives, good and bad, realizing that God's love shapes every event of our lives.

("·.·′") Always `·.¸("`·.·′") Keep

("`·.·'")¸.·' Smiling!

Fr. Sínoj Pynadath, HGN

#### **September Birthdays**

- 1— Norwetta Taylor
- 2—Emma Latta
- 3—Joseph Johnson, Venice Higgs, Father Suneesh
- 6—Shelby Webster
- 16-Matthew Brown
- 20—Mary Katherine Gough
- 26—April Moorman



#### **IMP**—Kroger

Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799

Blessed Sacrament would appreciate being named as your community reward recipient. Thank you for your support. You can enroll at www.kroger.com or call 1-800-KROGERS

If you know anyone who is not enrolled, please encourage them. Thanks.

#### Mass Intentions:

September 2—Les Bumm

September 9—Kenneth Higgs

September 16—Sandra Brown

September 23—Barbara Horsley

September 30—Jerry Mezur

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those who are in the process of dying. Always remember to pray for the poor souls in purgatory.

Our thoughts and prayers are with: <u>SICK\_Martha Kramer\_Dorothy</u>
Fulton, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton,
Larry Clark, Shelby Webster, Frank Adams, Rose Chapman, Father Pat
Ryan, Charlene Meadows, Larry Leachman, Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, Phillip Moorman, Jr., Linda McDonald If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in
need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

#### THE HOMEBOUND:

Ruth Coble is at Heritage Place on Buckland Square. Dorothy Fulton and Beverly Chilton are in their homes but can no longer join us for Sunday Mass and activities. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can't visit.

# Marian Conference "Mary, Mother of the Church"

The Marian Shrine Committee is sponsoring a Marian Conference on Saturday, September 29 at the Owensboro Convention Center. Speakers are Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC and Teresa Tomeo. Music by Maria Spears. Tickets are available at the Owensboro Convention Center box office. Call 270-297-9932 or stop at the box office Monday through Friday from 8-5 PM. Tickets are \$30 per person. Students and children 21 and under are free.

# Coming Events CALENDAR



**Blessed Sacrament Chapel September 19** Finance Mt. 4:30 PM

#### **Diocesan Happenings**

September 29 Marian Conference at
Owensboro Convention Center
October 20-21 ICON women's Retreat at
KY Dam village

**Upcoming Bar-B-Q** 

Sept. 22 Immaculate (Drive through only) 1-3 PM

Sept. 30 St. Mary of the Woods 11 AM

**DRF update:** Last week Father Sinoj gave BSC's rebate as \$179.88. This week we received our 2nd rebate check for \$103.75. Thanks for your contribution. This money (50% over our target) went into general fund

## Thank you for your contributions.

Sept. 9—\$433

Weekly Budget —\$875

August \$3314.10

August Budget \$3500

Year to date—\$7145

YTD budget—\$7875

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**Congratulations** to Carol Hatchett as the recipient of the Sophia Award. This award is given to someone who embraces and lives a life of stewardship—giving of time, talent, and treasure.



Thank you for your support of our fundraiser at Freddy's.

Hopefully it was good for them and us and that we can do it or a similar one again.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17;

Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a;

Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5,

12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2,

16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5;

Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-

14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8;

Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

#### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary

Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: St. Robert Bellarmine; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset

Wednesday: St. Januarius

Thursday: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegŏn and Paul

Chong Ha-sang and Companions

Friday: St. Matthew

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

No one spoils us as much as God. God gives us so many gifts freely air we breath, sunshine, rain, senses so we can enjoy what is around us. Have you said Thank you today???

#### LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

#### PROPER POSTURE

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it doesn't get on its knees.

#### **MINSTERS**

Lectors

Sept. 23: Kathi Skidd

Von Williams

Sept. 30 Connie Clary

Gloria Adams

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Sept. 23: Charlene Meadows

Vivian Higgs

Cathy Kramer

Misty Sanford Sept. 30:

Marsha Allen

Greg Gough

#### Offertory/ Ushers

Cindy Clark Sept. 23:

Rita Moorman

Pam Wilson Sept. 30:

Jeff Sanford

Diocesan Youth Conference November 9 and 10. Deadline to

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- **Buffalo Wild Wings**
- Pan Asian Japanese Chinese
- TGIFriday's
- O'Charley's
- Golden Corral
- Shoney's
- Culver's
- Shammv's Car Wash
- Red Lobster
- Donato's
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- ♦ Jimie's Liquor
- Health Park
- Moonlight
- Dr. Nicole Brev
- ♦ Dr. Misty Brey

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called "Adam and Eve" after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple.







WHOA MAN, DON'T YOU THINK THAT IS A LITTLE DRESSY FOR CHURCH?



A huge Thank You to Yulanda Williams and her family and Vivian Higgs for grilling the pork butts for the picnic before the actual day. Yulanda not only grilled but also shredded the meat. A huge time saver for the kitchen crew on picnic day.