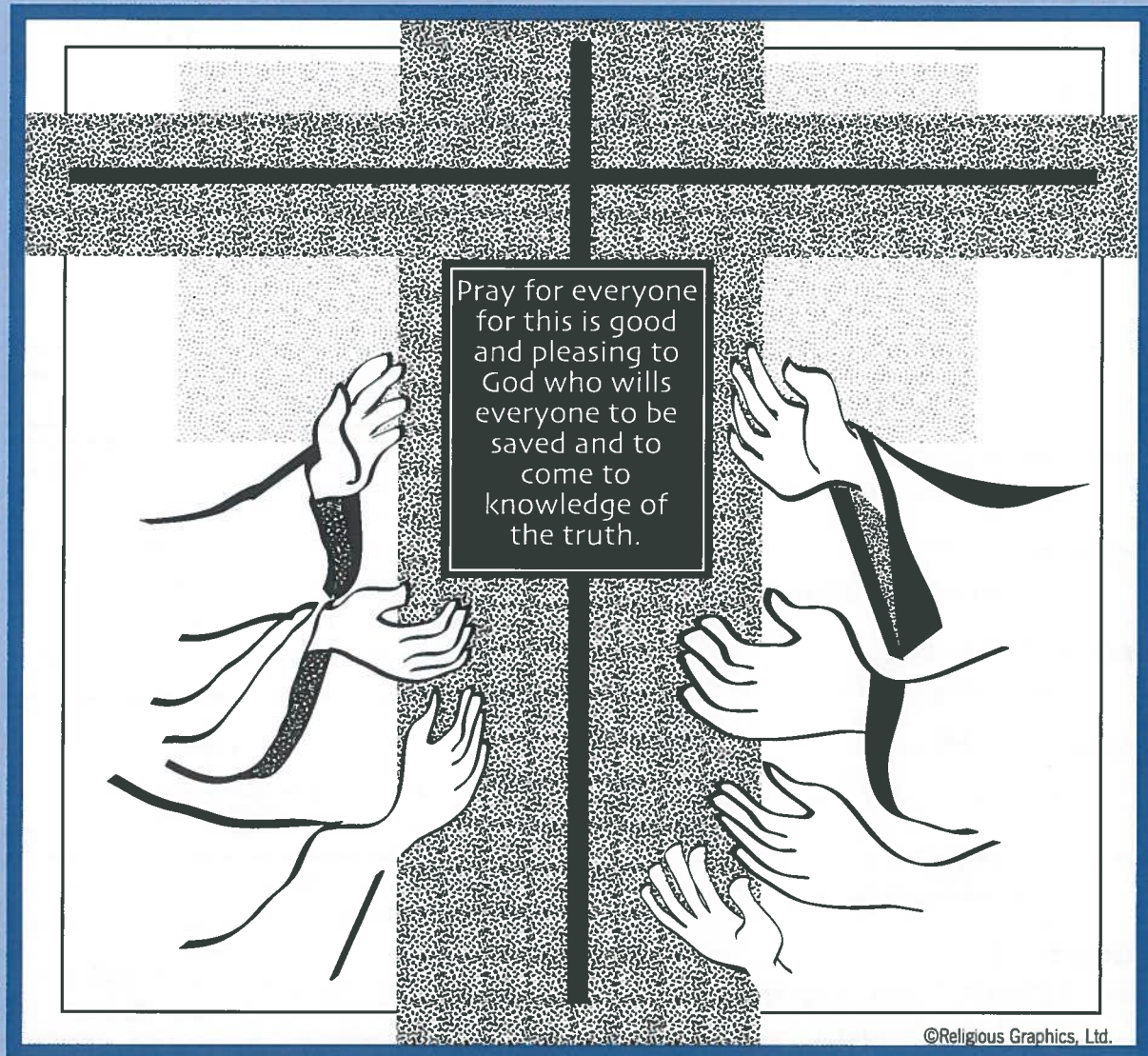


The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher  
St. James the Apostle, Irwin  
Sacred Heart, Goodrich

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2022



Weekend Masses:

St. Margaret Mary	Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 10:30 am
Sacred Heart	Sun. 7:30 am	
St. James	Sun. 9:00 am	

Confessions:

St. Margaret Mary	Sat. 4:15 pm
Sacred Heart	Sun. 7:05-7:20 am
St. James	Sun. 8:35-8:50 am

**Quotable:** "The bread that you have stored up belongs to the hungry; the cloak that lies in your chest belongs to the naked; the gold that you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor.

—Saint Basil the Great

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 24-25, 2022**

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, September 24 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, September 25 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, September 25 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, September 25 10:30 am
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Schultz Dan Hoffman Roger Jensen Gery Wright	David Kirkpatrick Kyle Ferris	Dennis O'Connor Todd Mesewicz Jeff Martin Jeff Steinke	Wayne Bisaillon Corey Eich Kim Smicker Darren Lovell
<b>Lector</b>	Bobbi Buza	Terri Weakley	Andy Hansen	Steve Jacob
<b>Servers</b>	Xander Buza			Bella Eich
<b>Greeters</b>			<b>Greeter</b> — Donna Bernicky <b>R.Leader</b> — Reatta Gohlke	Stacy Powers

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, September 19 (SMM)**

8:00 am +Cindy Frerichs (The Family)

**Tuesday, September 20 (SH)**

8:00 am +Carson Cross (Rita/Denny Beaupre)

**Wednesday, September 21 (SJ)**

8:00 am +Ivan Denault (Steve/Christel Denault)

**Friday, September 23 (SMM)**

8:00 am +Bob & Rita Deany (Insolia Family)

**Saturday, September 24 (SMM)**

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family

**Sunday, September 25**

7:30 am (SH) Richard Fitch, Raymond Denault, Bernal Gagnon, Donald Denault, Bonnie Wascher, Ina Rathman (The Family)

9:00 am (SJ) +Jared Devine (Jerry/Jolynn Ogrentz)  
+Jeffrey Cooley (Maryanne Cooley)

10:30am (SMM) +Mary Lou Fosnaugh (Paul/Phyllis Peterson)  
+Anton Tycholis (Terri/Jerry Weakley)

**A Look Ahead**

Sunday, Sept. 18—Religious Ed Classes begin at SMM  
Monday, Sept. 19 — Adult Ed at SMM 7pm  
Tuesday, Sept. 20—SMM CCW meeting at 7 pm  
Monday, Sept. 26—K of C meeting at 7 pm at SJ  
Friday, Oct. 7—First Friday Adoration at SJ  
Saturday, Oct. 8—Blessing of Pets at SJ 1:00



Christ became poor so that by his poverty we might become rich

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**Question of the week**

How can I be a prudent steward of the wealth God has blessed me with? Where do I regard my "true wealth"?

## Collections Week of Sept. 11-12, 2022

St. Margaret Mary—\$ 1,810

St. James—\$2,181

Sacred Heart—\$930

Thank you for your generosity!

Please do not use your Christ is Our Hope envelopes until further notice. The diocese has not found a replacement for this magazine at this time.



SMM CCW will be participating once again in the *Box of Joy* ministry, a Christmas gift outreach organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, we will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. We encourage you to join us in this ministry. For more info, contact Jackie Eberle at 815.421.4048 / 815.953.2948 or check out [boxofjoy.org](http://boxofjoy.org)

Materials will be available September 16 and the deadline for returning your packed Boxes of Joy will be Oct. 16. Please bring your boxes to the church foyer. Checks to cover the shipping of the gifts overseas should be made out to **Cross Catholic Outreach for \$9.00.**



The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is selling tickets for their Cash Raffle.

1st prize—\$500      2nd prize—\$300  
3rd prize—\$200

Proceeds benefit donations to local nursing homes, charities, clergy appreciation dinner, and supporting seminarians.

The drawing in October 5, 2022. Tickets will be sold after all masses the weekend of October 1-2.



**If you cannot be trusted with elusive wealth, who will trust you with lasting ? LK.16:11**

### Parish News:

#### St. Margaret Mary—

- There will be a CCW meeting on Tuesday Sept 20 at 7pm

#### St. James—

#### Sacred Heart—

- Our July C.C.W. bake sale at the Essex breakfast was a big success, so back by popular request, we will be having a Bake Sale Sunday, Sept. 25th at the Essex Community Bldg. from 7 a.m. till noon. Come join us and thanks again for your support.
- The Blessed Virgin Mary candle burns in memory of Mary Giardini and the St. Joseph candle burns in memory of Don St. Germaine, Sr.

#### All Parishes—

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers in Kankakee, Will, and Grundy Counties, to call older adults who are isolated, reside alone, could benefit from encouragement, or need reminders throughout the day. The Telephone Reassurance Program provides friendly telephone calls to seniors (60+) to help reduce feelings of loneliness, depression, and anxiety. The program has been shown to increase feelings of security, promote socialization, and offer the peace of mind that connection with someone familiar can bring.

In addition to having a friendly conversation, trained volunteers may remind seniors to take medications, eat a home-delivered meal, or provide linkage to additional helpful services within the community.

Volunteering for the Telephone Reassurance Program offers flexibility to fit your schedule. You are able to volunteer from the comfort of your own home. We ask volunteers to serve 3-6 hours a week. As a volunteer, you will receive pre-service orientation and training. All volunteers must pass federal and state background checks.

Telephone Reassurance Program is also seeking any adults who are 60+ who would be interested receiving friendly phone calls to reduce feelings of loneliness, increase socialization and foster social connections.

To learn more about this social and rewarding opportunity, please contact Crystal Del Rio at 815-221-6020 / [cdelrio@cc-doj.org](mailto:cdelrio@cc-doj.org) or Ed Howe at 815-523-9923 / [ehowe@cc-doj.org](mailto:ehowe@cc-doj.org). For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org).

If anyone has been thinking about or is interested in becoming Catholic and have any questions about the process, please contact Deacon Ron at [ronnie.gagnon@att.net](mailto:ronnie.gagnon@att.net) or by phone 815-933-4077 (landline). Any questions you may have, we will try to answer.



**Saint of the week: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Sept. 23)** was born to a southern Italian farm family. He was the son of Grazio, a shepherd. At age 15 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin friars in Morcone, Italy and joined the order at age 19. He suffered several health problems, and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. Pio was ordained at age 22 on August 10, 1910.

While praying before a cross, he received the stigmata on September 20, 1918, the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread, especially after American soldiers brought home stories of Padre Pio following WWII, the priest himself became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious. He would hear confessions by the hour, reportedly able to read the consciences of those who held back. Reportedly able to bilocate, levitate, and heal by touch. He founded the *House for the Relief of Suffering* in 1956, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. In the 1920's he started a series of prayer groups that continue today with over 400,000 members worldwide.



His canonization miracle involved the cure of Matteo Pio Colella, age 7, the son of a doctor who worked in the House for Relief of Suffering, the hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo founded by Padre Pio. On the night of June 20, 2000, Matteo was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital with meningitis. By morning, doctors had lost hope for him as nine of the boy's internal organs had ceased to give signs of life. That night, during a prayer vigil attended by Matteo's mother and some Capuchin friars of Padre Pio's monastery, the child's condition improved suddenly. When he awoke from the coma, Matteo said that he had seen an elderly man with a white beard and a long, brown habit, who said to him: "Don't worry, you will soon be cured." The miracle was approved by the Congregation and Pope John Paul II on December 20, 2001.



**Obscure saint of the week: St. Thecla of Iconium (Sept. 23)** was a first century convert in Iconium, brought to the faith by the preaching of Saint Paul the Apostle. Her family threw her out. She dedicated herself to God, and she became a spiritual student of Saint Paul, and assisted him in his travels and works. She was thrown to wild animals as a Christian but survived; she was sentenced to burn at the stake but managed to escape. In her later years she retired to live as a hermitess. Because of her sufferings for the faith, she is considered a martyr though she survived the attempts to kill her. She is mentioned in the Prayers for the Dying. She was the subject of several fantastic apocryphal writings in the early Church.

### A Stewardship Moment

#### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 18

In Jesus' parable of the Unjust Steward, we encounter a financial manager who has wasted his master's wealth and faces dismissal from his position. To overcome the crisis confronting him, the steward reduces some very considerable debts owed by poor neighbors to his master in order to help them out. Though the steward has sinned against God and his master by squandering what belongs to someone else, both the prudent way in which he goes about resolving the crisis coupled with relieving people who are in need can be seen as a way to better steward the gifts entrusted to us by God. Although good stewards today acknowledge that they may never use their God-given gifts in a way that completely conforms to the demands of the Gospel, a commitment to using their gifts with prudence and for the pur-

### Gospel Shorts

### Little Things Do Count

The Text: "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." (Luke 16: 10).

Fraud, embezzlements, lying, and injustices of every sort seem all too prevalent today. Christians, however, must not be among the perpetrators of such sinful actions. How we act in our daily dealings with others is of great importance to our Lord. Jesus wants us to be faithful to God and faithful to others. Jesus wants us to be honest. Honest toward God and others.

The clue to living a righteous life seems to be making us accountable and truthful in all our relationships. We begin by being faithful and honest in what we might call the "little things." If we, with God's help, will discipline ourselves to shun so-called "little white lies" — small thefts, minor breaches of trust, petty digs at another's character, tiny lapses in morality — well then, we will be strengthened when it comes to larger tests of character. The Lord indicated that faithfulness and honesty in the little things prepares us for faithfulness and honesty in the major crunches of life.



## The Sunday Gospel in Everyday English

Jesus said to his disciples, "There was once a rich man who had a manager. He got reports that the manager had been taking advantage of his position by running up huge personal expenses. So he called him in and said, 'What's this I hear about you? You're fired. And I want a complete audit of your books.'

"The manager said to himself, 'What am I going to do? I've lost my job as manager. I'm not strong enough for a laboring job, and I'm too proud to beg . . . Ah, I've got a plan. Here's what I'll do . . . then when I'm turned out into the street, people will take me into their houses.'

"Then he went at it. One after another, he called in the people who were in debt to his master. He said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

"He replied, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.'

"The manager said, 'Here, take your bill, sit down here—quick now—write fifty.'

"To the next he said, 'And you, what do you owe?'

"He answered, 'A hundred sacks of wheat.'

"He said, 'Take your bill, write in eighty.'

"Now here's a surprise: The master praised the crooked manager! And why? Because he knew how to look after himself. Street-wise people are smarter in this regard than law-abiding citizens. They are on constant alert, looking for angles, surviving by their wits. I want you to be smart in the same way—but for what is right—using every adversity to stimulate you to creative survival, to concentrate your attention on the bare essentials, so you'll live, really live, and not complacently just get by on good behavior."

Jesus went on to make these comments:

If you're honest in small things,

you'll be honest in big things;

If you're a crook in small things,

you'll be a crook in big things.

If you're not honest in small jobs,

who will put you in charge of the store?

No worker can serve two bosses:

He'll either hate the first and love the second

Or adore the first and despise the second.

You can't serve both God and the Bank (*from Luke 16*).



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

The NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL "My Flesh for The Life of The World"

began on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 19<sup>th</sup>. On this day, the Catholic Church in the United States began the three year National Eucharistic Revival.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has established a website for helping to distribute information about the Eucharistic Revival. On this website, you can find information about various Eucharistic talks and written documents. More importantly you can sign up for a weekly Heart of the Revival Newsletter which will send you updates and inspirational materials. You can also sign up to be a Prayer Partner. We encourage you to visit: [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org) which will help you to get involved in the **National Eucharistic Revival** (English and Spanish).

Questions Catholics Ask:

Has Mary ever appeared in the United States?



There was a Marian apparition in Wisconsin

When young Belgian immigrant Adele Brise arrived in Wisconsin with her family, she may have expected adventure, but not to witness the first approved Marian apparition in the United States.

In October 1859, while carrying grain to a mill, 28-year-old Adele experienced her first vision near the area now called New Franken. Adele saw a woman bathed in a bright light and dressed in white, a yellow sash, and a crown of stars. Unsure and frightened, Adele prayed until the vision disappeared.

The following Sunday, the lady appeared again on Adele's way to Mass. Adele immediately consulted with her priest, who advised that she should ask the woman,

"In the Name of God, who are you and what do you wish of me?"

Adele saw the apparition a third time on her way home from Mass the same day, and followed the priest's instructions. Mary told her: "I am the Queen of Heaven, who prays for the conversion of sinners, and I wish you to do the same." Our Lady then gave Adele the mission to "gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation."

From that time onward, Adele dedicated her life to catechetical mission work. She traveled a 50-mile radius on foot to serve local families and teach children about the Catholic faith. At the site of the Marian apparition, Adele's father built a small twelve-foot chapel, where many pilgrims visited and prayed for Our Lady's intercession.

Twelve years after Adele first encountered the Blessed Mother, a great drought beset the Midwest. This drought caused the Peshtigo Fire, the worst recorded fire in U.S. history. As the fire approached Robinsonville, local families that Adele had served came together at the chapel grounds with their children and livestock to pray the Rosary, beseeching Our Lady to ask Jesus to save them. They prayed through the night—and while the fire destroyed the surrounding land, the chapel area and all who had gathered there remained untouched.

This became the first of many miraculous occurrences through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Help.

In 1942, a new church was constructed at the site. Devotion to Our Lady of Good Help flourished. In 2010, after much time and discernment by expert Mariologists, the Church formally pronounced Mary's appearances to Adele as "worthy of belief." The church constructed at the site was later designated as the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, making it the first and only shrine with a Church-approved Marian apparition site in the USA.

K of C Bishop McNamara Assembly presents ...

## Trivia Night

**\$20 A PERSON**

**PRIZES \* FUN \* SNACKS \* DRINKS \* FRIENDS**

When

Saturday, October 15, 2022

7:00 pm

Where

Knights of Columbus

187 S. Indiana Ave., Kankakee

Light snacks will be provided but feel free to bring your own Cash Bar will be open.

RSVP to Justin Sommer by October 8th @Jasonmer85@yahoo.com

September 18, 2022

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13 or / Lk 16:10-13

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

Our body language says a lot. Crossed arms can signal anger or defensiveness, while arms outstretched imply openness. It's unlikely Timothy researched nonverbal cues, but his encouragement to pray while "lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument" is good advice. I think this posture can carry into other areas of our life, including our relationship with money and/or possessions. If we cling to these, we risk closing ourselves off to life's true riches: our faith and our relationships, for example. As we learn in today's Gospel, we cannot serve both God and mammon. In our culture, it's easy to get caught up in accumulating more possessions or holding tight to what we have. Jesus challenges us to place our trust in God rather than the ups and downs of the stock market or our bank account. Let us, instead, approach Jesus in prayer, arms wide open.

### GO EVANGELIZE |

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I rarely miss a planned morning workout. I carefully lay out my clothes, go to bed early, and set my alarm. It helps to meet up with a friend for that added layer of accountability. These are all "small things," but they indicate my investment in the activity and help me build trust in myself and within my friendships. I wonder if we can't do the same when it comes to staying spiritually fit. For me, being "trustworthy in very small matters" is a bit like my workout routine. We don't need grand gestures to keep our relationship with Jesus strong: setting aside time in the morning to focus on prayer; going to Mass even when we don't feel like it; talking with a friend about ways to grow spiritually. In his letter, Timothy reminds his followers that prayer and devotion are "good and pleasing to God our savior." Should we become discouraged, we can find comfort in knowing that God wills everyone to be saved. Through prayer and seemingly small changes in our routine, we can challenge ourselves and encourage each other to make our relationship with Jesus our first priority.

### ACT

Think about your daily routine. What small change can you make to enhance your relationship with God? It may be as simple as saying a good-morning prayer or beginning a list of people and things for which you are grateful.



## Sunday, Sep 18, 2022

### Tell the greatest stories ever

On this Catechetical Sunday, we lift up those who give instruction as religion teachers, homilists, RCIA directors, spiritual writers, and retreat leaders. Catechism doesn't have to be dull. Fantasy writer George McDonald made spiritual realities come alive. His stories inspired C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Mark Twain, and J.M. Barrie to do the same. Want better leadership in government, businesses, parishes? Look for good storytellers. As Pope Francis said in his 2020 address to communicators, "Each of us knows different stories that have the fragrance of the Gospel, that have borne witness to the Love that transforms life. These stories cry out to be shared!"

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 (135). *"I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered . . . for kings and for all in authority."*

## Monday, Sep 19, 2022

### See the miracles in everyday life

Little is known about the life of Januarius, a bishop and martyr who died in the year 305, but he's famous for a miracle that continues to happen all these centuries later. Three times a year in the cathedral in Naples, Italy, the faithful gather to witness a sample of his blood, kept in sealed glass, liquify and even bubble. There is no definitive explanation, and the blood cannot be studied since the vial is not allowed to be opened out of fear of permanent damage. Sound incredible? Some say yes. But does it even compare to the extraordinary tenets of your faith? Now that's something much more consequential to marvel—every day of the year.

MEMORIAL OF JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light."*

## Tuesday, Sep 20, 2022

### Companions on the journey

South Korea has one of the largest Catholic populations in all of Asia. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn—the first Korean priest—played a role. As did Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, a lay Catholic born of a martyr who was martyred himself. In fact, the birth of the Korean church is a laypeople's triumph. Pope John Paul II stressed this fact during his 1984 canonization of Tae-gŏn, Ha-sang, and 101 other martyrs: "Even though the Christians in the first half century had only two priests from China to assist them for a time, they deepened their unity in Christ through prayer and fraternal love. . . . The splendid flowering of the Church in Korea today is indeed the fruit of the heroic witness of the Martyrs." We, too, are called to be companions to the martyrs in building up the Body of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."*

## Wednesday, Sep 21, 2022

### Even tax collectors need a patron

Though we don't know much about the apostle Matthew—even whether he was the actual author of the gospel that bears his name—we do know that he was a tax collector. And because of

this, he was *persona non grata* in the Jewish community. It was the occupying Romans who demanded those taxes, so Matthew and his fellow taxmen were seen as collaborators. From the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus laid out the invitation to break out of righteous categories and see beyond narrow prejudices. A reminder for us to do the same.

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). *"I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."*

## Thursday, Sep 22, 2022

### Celebrate Earth, our common home

Many Catholics are still getting used to the Season of Creation, which spans the period from September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care for Creation) to October 4 (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). Initiated in 1989 and embraced by Catholics in 2015, this ecumenical season is meant to celebrate care for our common home. Leaders encourage the faithful to pray and take action to honor and preserve our planet. With more than a week left of the season, there's time to celebrate in your own style: be it a prayerful outdoor time, an environmental letter to a legislator, or a look at the ecology encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. [Seasonofcreation.org](http://Seasonofcreation.org) offers even more ideas.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"But Herod said, 'John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?'"*

## Friday, Sep 23, 2022

### Scripture makes Billboard's Top 10

We don't often see Bible songs hit the pop music charts. But a song by singer-songwriter and social activist Pete Seeger did just that. Written in the late 1950s, the song "Turn! Turn! Turn!" would explode to international popularity in 1965 when recorded by the Byrds. Not bad for lyrics written well over 2,000 years ago! The song is based on the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Not every popular use of the Bible turns out well, but Seeger's did, perhaps because he left the verses largely intact. Consider other scripture passages that are music to your ears.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22 (453). *"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every thing under the heavens."*

## Saturday, Sep 24, 2022

### The clock is ticking

The Spanish philosopher Miguel de Unamuno is quoted as having said the entire gospel came down to this phrase: "Wake up!" That's something we can all keep in mind and take to heart when we find ourselves simply going through the motions, sleepwalking through the day. The Benedictines put it another way: "Keep death ever before you." Now that's a wake-up call if there ever was one! Do something good, kind, generous—and do it today, while there is still time!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"Pay attention to what I am telling you."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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