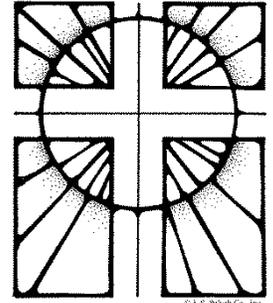


# AUGUST 28, 2016

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Cf. Psalm 86(85):3, 5



*Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.*



**FOR OUR SICK** . . . Johnny Ortiz, Kimberly St. Clair, Thomas K. Walton, Monika Waller, Joe Waller, Lewis Brewer, Richard Battersby, W.J. Wetherington, Betty Free, Leszek Mazur, Bob Smith, Agnes Howard, Ricky Crowell, Darrell Wilson, Maggie Carrol, Judge Michael Cielinski, Rose Tully, Jacob Christopher Wilkins, Margaret Welsh, Mary Gray, Susan Stallings, Robin Bangart, Ruth Tavares-Toma, Ed Stewart, Richard DeNoia, Marion Milek, Sandi Smith, JessicaWatts, Jeanmarie Jonston, Joseph Piccariello, Ann Fincher, Steve Karr, Ashley Priest, Otto Parkerson, Jodie Riley and David Riley.

**ANNUAL PRIESTS RETREAT.** . . the annual retreat will take place the week of Monday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. All area priests are scheduled to attend this retreat. We will have no noon Mass. Communion Services will be held at St. Joseph’s Hall. Any Mass intentions scheduled for this week will be rescheduled.

**CHURCH CLOSING** . . . During the same week as the Priests Retreat, Monday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, the church will be updating its lighting. Due to scaffolding being set up and for our parishioners safety, the church will be closed to the public. We will reopen for all weekend Masses. Please bear with us, as we continue to update and upgrade our beautiful church.

**ST. MARY’S HALL UPDATE** . . . as was mentioned earlier this summer, St. Mary’s Hall was closed due to an unforeseen issue with the floor tiles popping up in areas. It was decided that it would be safer for our parishioners if we closed the hall until the issue was fixed. The flooring company is scheduled to address the issue this week and we hope repairs will take place soon and be successful. We will keep you posted as to when we are able to once again open. Thank you for your patience.

## **HUMILITY**

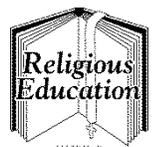
Today’s reading from Sirach celebrates what will become the theme of today’s Gospel: humility. Pride causes us to demand from others an exalted estimate of our status, but humility allows us to see things more clearly. It allows us a broader perspective. Humility promises us the favor of God and the love of those who know us.

The second reading is a study in contrasts: the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai and the giving of salvation on Mount Zion. The Law’s appearance is greeted with solemnity, mystery, even fear. But Christians are not to be afraid. Coming to God’s mountain with Jesus, “the mediator of a new covenant,” is a happy, exuberant experience.

The parable in today’s Gospel concerns the danger of pride and the necessity of humility. The banquet setting, often used by Jesus, is a symbol of heaven’s abundance and of the fulfillment of God’s promise. The parable is not simply good advice on how to avoid embarrassment; it is about salvation.

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**CCD REGISTRATION** . . . Registration continues after both Masses this Sunday. Come join our Palooza!! Kids, see the friends you've been missing all summer! Parents have a cup of coffee and mingle with others in our parish family. Be introduced to the new faith formation materials we will be using this year and meet our catechists! Offer your ideas! We hope to see you there!



**BAPTISM CLASS** . . . The next Baptism class will be held on Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph’s Hall. This one-time class is needed in order to have your child Baptized. Julie Hird, DRE, will give the class. For questions, please call the office at 706-323-6908.



**UPCOMING EVENTS - FALL FESTIVAL** . . . Sunday October 16th at the Johnson Farm, 1:00 pm - 4:30pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixins. Petting zoo, pony rides, Molly the Clown, Hay Rides and Live Bluegrass music featuring Justice! Come join us and have some fun! Address is 4646 Old River Rd, Fortson.

**INQUIRING MINDS (HEARTS AND SOULS) WANT TO KNOW** . . . RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin Wednesday, September 14th. The Church invites those who are considering converting to Catholicism to participate, as well as those who are already Catholic but want a "refresher" on some aspects of our faith. If the Holy Spirit is calling you to take a step on the path, please call and leave your name and contact information with the office: 706-323-6908.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The readings today center on mindfulness and awareness of where we stand in God’s plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus’ presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September’s shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means “high place,” yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar’s three steps, chanting Introibo ad altare Dei, or “I will go to the altar of God,” followed by the altar servers’ response, “The God who gives joy to my youth.” Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

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**OFFERINGS**

*August 21, 2016 - \$9,877.40 . . . . August 23, 2015 - \$8,601.61*

				<b><u>MASS INTENTIONS</u></b>	
Saturday	Aug. 27	5:00 PM	Joanna Lunsford	Birthday	
Sunday	28	8:30 AM	Pro Populo		
		11:00 AM	Tom Jose	Memorial	
Monday	29	12:10 PM	Extension Society Intentions		
Tuesday	30	12:10 PM	Mrs. Jason Collins	Memorial	
Thursday	Sept. 1	12:10PM	John Fuchs	Memorial	
Friday	2	12:10 PM	Michael Howe	Memorial	
Saturday	3	5:00 PM	Gerhard Vollmer	Memorial	

**DATE**

Sat. August 27  
Sun. August 28

**MASS**

5:00 PM  
8:30 AM  
11:00 AM



**ALTAR SERVERS**

Drew White, Matthew White  
Tyler Bragg, Emma Hatala  
Ashley Gardner, Jessie Isaacs



**DATE**

Sat. Aug. 27  
Sun. Aug. 28

**MASS**

5:00 PM  
8:30 AM  
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**LECTOR**

William Harris  
Mike Obermeyer  
Jim Williams

**HOST MINISTER**

Amy Hung  
Jim Irvin  
Linda Turner

**CUP MINISTER**

Kathy Oates, John Rogers  
Bruce Kemp, Wanda Vaughn  
Faye Crawford, Rebecca Langford

**READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

*First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).*

*Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).*

*Second Reading — You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).*

*Gospel — Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).*