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Mark

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015

Sunday, August 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

CW 8:30 Catherine Ruberg from Leigh & Jeff

TH 10:30 Margaret McAndrews from Julie & Ken Schuermann

TH 12:00 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

Monday, August 31, Weekday,

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, September 1, Weekday

12:10 Shirley Weartz from Rose Ann & Brian

Wednesday, September 2, Weekday,

12:10 Margaret Riedinger from Roy

Thursday, September 3, St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Dr. of the Church

12:10 Leonard Marek from Lucy Davis

Friday, September 4, Weekday,

12:10 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Staley from Vince Staley

Saturday, September 5, Weekday, BVM, St. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious

12:10 Mary Pharo Meldon from Steve Sabatalo & Family

BW 7:00 Mary Pharo Meldon from Steve Sabatalo & Family

Sunday, September 6, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

CW 8:30 Shirley Weartz from Leigh & Jeff

TH 10:30 Mary Ann Henahan from Carol & Bob Sheil

TH 12:00 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is responding to Pope Francis' call to end hunger by 2025 with a campaign called Food for All: Be Multiplied. The first event in this campaign is the Defeat Hunger obstacle race to be held September 5, 2015 from 8am-2pm at Summit Park in Blue Ash. There are many events for children as well as adults. You may also participate in teams as well as virtually online. To find out more information or to register go to:

Stirintoflame.com/defeathunger/

Would you like to remember St. Rose in your will? It is one way to say thank you for the many things for which you have been given.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This weekend is our quarterly St. Vincent De Paul Collection to help the needy in our area. Ushers will be at the doors. Please be generous.

Our CCD Program begins Sept. 13 for grades Kindergarten to 8th grade. Class times are 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Registration will be that morning at 9:00 a.m. Any questions or new families please contact

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RCIA Fr. Barry is starting up the RCIA again in September. The classes meet at 10:00am on Saturday at the Cathedral. If you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or would like to learn about the Church invite them to come. For more information call Fr. Barry at 421-5354.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Poor Associates are looking for committed people to join their team of volunteers to work in their Thrift Shop - The Franciscan Peddler on Fridays or Saturdays. AM & PM shifts available. Training provided, flexible schedule, and a positive environment. Store hours are Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm. Store location: 60 Compton Rd 45215 For more info call 513 761 9040 X112.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Poor Associates are also holding a fundraising Pre-War (1899-1949) Auto Show on Sunday September 13 from 11-4pm. There will also be food, art show, quilt show and more at the Centennial Barn 110 Compton Rd. 45215.

Bingo Volunteers for Saturday September 5, Team 1

Marge and Peggy Coffey, Harold Fischer, Alice Morin, Dale & Kim Scheidt, Rose Ann Barone-Wirth, Kim White, Ruth Gildea, Nancy Meirose, 2 K of C Volunteers, Linda Sawma, Brian Wirth,

Lectors/Lay Distributors for September 5 and 6

7:00 William Russ, Joseph Christmann, Lou Solimine, Michael Luehrmann

8:30 Michael Trotta, Tim Smullen, Tom Perrino

10:30 Roland Becker, Timothy McMahon, Dennis O'Connor, Michael Alfieri

12:00 Matt Schwietering, Jim Condo, Ron Frey



Opening Prayer

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

In the gospel it appears that “the Pharisees with some scribes” are judging Jesus and his disciples for how they fail to keep the Jewish traditions. In fact, Jesus is passing judgment on the Pharisees and scribes by facing them with their own self-righteousness. The Pharisees fixate on keeping human traditions; Jesus frees people from rigid adherence to human traditions and redirects them to authentic living of God’s commandments. At stake is right covenantal relationship with God and others in the community. Law is about right relationships, not about self-righteousness.

It’s easier to clean the pots and pans than to clean one’s heart! The Pharisees are concerned with washing hands; Jesus is concerned about washing feet! Law is not given to be kept for its own sake; law is given for the good of the people. Any traditions to which we adhere must be for the sake of the purpose of God’s commandments: to live in right relationship with God and each other. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday; after all, this is what most of us grew up doing; this is what Catholics do. Or perhaps we cling to rote prayers that we learned as a child rather than stretch our relationship with God to find new prayer expressions. We need to look at the way we live, and this will tell us whether we have hearts truly turned toward God in a healthy and life-giving relationship. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living—self-giving for the sake of others that deepens our relationships. This is how we have life. This is how commandments free us.

Closing Prayers

May we keep God’s commandments in such a way as to draw closer to God and each other.
May we come to a deeper appreciation for God’s law and embrace living it wholeheartedly.
Our Father . . .



For Reflection:

- The “human tradition[s]” on which I am fixated are . . . This affects my relationship with God and others in that . . .
- Keeping God’s commandments helps me to be in right relationships in these ways . . .

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”);
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection”;
5. Pray the “Closing Prayers.”

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Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves.

And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds.—

So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?”

He responded, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.*

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He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.

“From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.

All these evils come from within and they defile.”

Readings for the week:

22nd Sunday in Ord. Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	23rd Sunday in Ord. Time
Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	1 Thess 4:13-18 Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Luke 4:16-30	1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Luke 4:31-37	Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10, 11 Luke 4:38-44	Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd, 4, 5-6 Luke 5:1-11	Col 1:15-23 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Luke 5:33-39	Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 3, 6 and 8 Luke 6:1-5	Isa 35:4-7a Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37