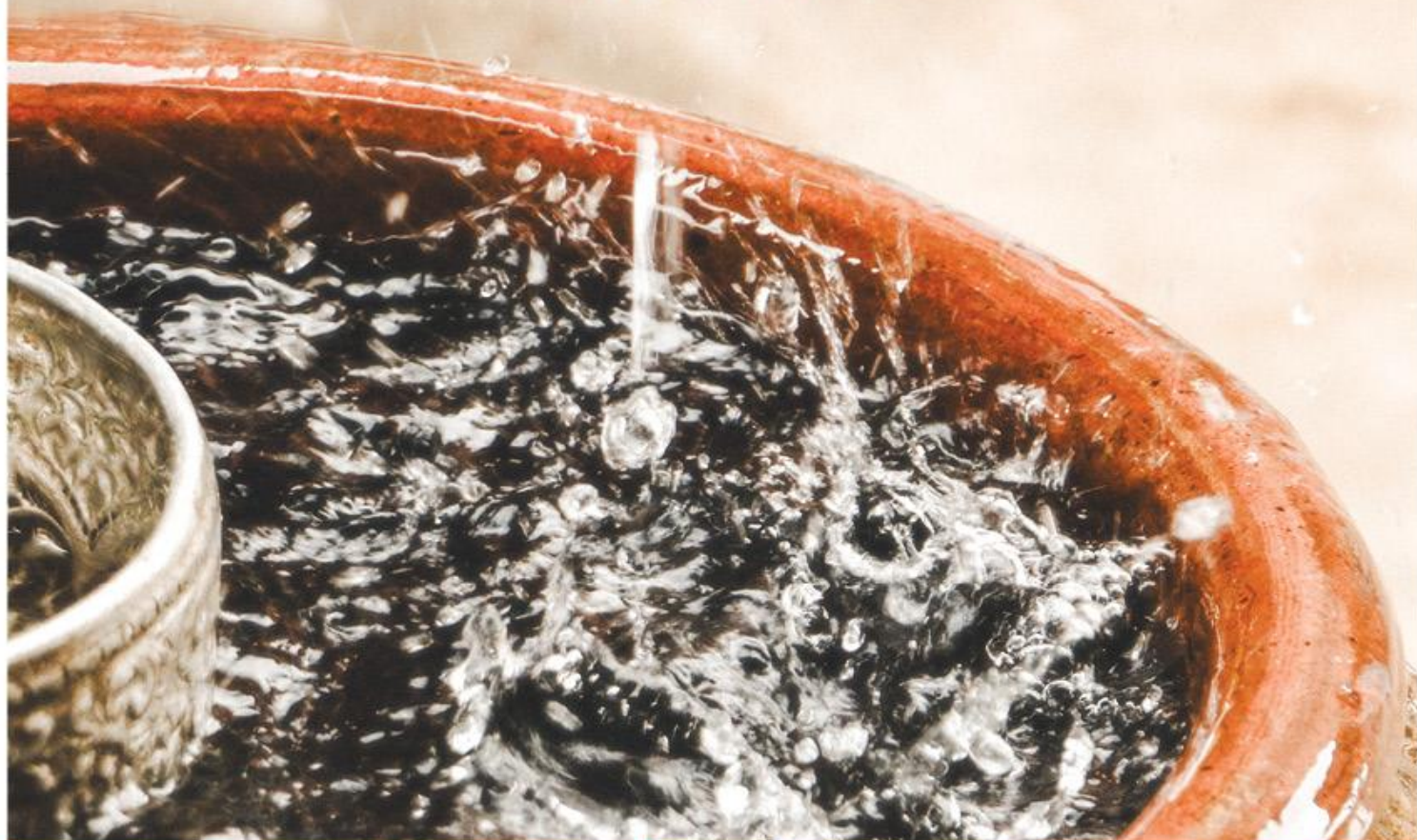


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## **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday**

**Mass on the Grass**

**Outdoors**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Indoor Mass**

**10:30 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Daily Mass (M-W)**

**8:00 a.m.**

## **Reconciliation**

**Saturdays**

**3:45-4:30 p.m.**

**Inside Church**

## **Adoration**

**First Fridays**

**8:00-9:00 a.m.**





## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to September!! Vacations are in the rear-view mirror; the children are back in school, and College Football is in the air!! Welcome to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time! In this week's gospel, Jesus uses the word hypocrite too many times. The Lord seems to have little patience for those who say one thing and do another. A hypocrite is so self-absorbed they do not know how to love. Here's the opposite of hypocrite – I see and recognize my own faults and recognize the good in others!!

As we get back to the routine of school, work, pray and play we're delighted that on September 22<sup>nd</sup> we will begin the dismissal rite of Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 8:30 AM Holy Mass on the grass. We will invite children ages five through eight (kindergarten through third grade) to be dismissed to one of the school classrooms before the scripture readings at Mass and return to the Mass in time for the Proclamation of the Creed. Mr. Marc Leon, our Director of Faith Formation has 21 trained adults to teach the children the Gospel lesson in their age-appropriate setting. The Volunteers have gone through Virtus training and have been fingerprinted in accord with Archdiocesan protocols of safeguarding and protecting our children.

Last weekend's Worship Concert was attended by almost 150 parishioners,

including several folks from nearby parishes. It was a beautiful evening on the field. We enjoyed the music of Lati2 (Lati Dos) which means "One in the heart of God"! Our praise of God included Adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist with Benediction. Special thanks to Liz Moreno our youth, minister, and all the high school youth, who helped to put the beautiful evening together! Here's a couple of photos:



End of Summer Blessings,  
Msgr. Kevin



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"You shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it." (Dt 4:2)

### Psalm:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

### Second Reading:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

### Gospel:

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees did not understand that the law is more than an action to be carried out. We are called to be doers of the word and not hearers only. Let the law take root in your heart, and it will bear fruit in your works.

## Observances for the week of September 1, 2024

**Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Labor Day

**Tuesday:** St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Grandparent's Day



## Saint of the week

St. Basil the Great (329–379) shares his feast day with his friend St. Gregory of Nazianzen. These accomplished men fought against heresies that threatened the foundations of the early Church, shaping doctrines around Christ's divinity and the nature of the Holy Trinity.

## Prayer for Labor Day

Dear Lord,  
Bless and protect the men and women whose hard work provides food and shelter to them and their families, services to our communities, and care to our world. Be with them as they work, but also as they rest and recreate in Your care. Amen.

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of September 1, 2024

### Sunday:

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/  
Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/  
Lk 4:16-30

### Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,  
13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/  
Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
Lk 5:1-11

### Friday:

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

### Saturday:

1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/  
Lk 6:1-5

### Next Sunday:

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/  
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, **"Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"** (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, **"There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person"** (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from *within* each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us.

— *Father John Muir*

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I am a "Cradle Catholic", with both parents practicing Catholics. My father was an "Irish Immigrant" who came to this country in June 1929, had to work Sundays but always went to another parish for Sunday Mass (6 AM), so he would get to work on time. I had both a Catholic Grade School (Sisters of Mercy) and Catholic High School (Christian Brothers) education. My mother would make sure my 4 brothers and I attended the adult Sunday Mass after we graduated from the elementary school. So, for most of my adult life, I felt that I didn't need a retreat to strengthen my faith.

By attending the "Welcome Christ Renews His Parish" I heard the various struggles and experiences of other men who, by their recounting those struggles and changes in their habits, both improved their practice of the Catholic faith and made them better spouses, fathers, and human beings. Those stories reinforced my faith and moved me to make sure that I always understand but not judge all other persons.

Overall, I believe the time was well spent and I am thankful I was able to do it.

Brian Connell

I attended the first women's retreat here at St Joseph. What a game changer. The retreat was fabulous and participating deepened my faith. My prayer life has improved and I am reading the Bible more often.

The best part is my new group of sisters in Christ from the retreat. The group is really special and we still meet monthly because we love the fellowship and connection to our new friends. I HIGHLY recommend this retreat for all men and women at St Joes!!!

Donna Gilchrist

### *Men's Weekend Register Now October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

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