



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” - Mt 16:26-27

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST For Evangelization In The City

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2026

October 10 10:00 am Sacred Heart Church 814-781-1019

A Family Perspective: Relationships exist in a delicate balance. When one person changes, it requires an adjustment in the relationship. In today's Gospel, Jesus announced a change, and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we rely on for support can become obstacles. Jesus told Peter, "You are an obstacle to me."

Marriage Moment: What's the difference between constructive criticism and nagging? Repetition. Unless your spouse is hard of hearing, trust that saying your criticism once (or at most twice) is enough. If this doesn't work, suggest a hearing test. Of course, it could be selective listening.

Parenting Pointer: Bring a little laughter and understanding into your family this week. Try "changing places for a day." If your kids are old enough, have them cook a meal and the parents can whine for ice cream. If they are too young to do grown-up chores, you can have fun pretending you are the child for a day. I know you can't go to class as your student, and they can't do your job at the office, but have fun with what you can do to feel what it's like to be in their shoes.

Do you like to sing?? Why not consider sharing your voice and talent with the choir at St. Joseph Church!

Come to practice on Wednesday, September 9th at 4:00 pm. Sing at Mass on Sundays and for funerals.

We would love to have you!

The 12 Apostles AND You and Me

SAINT JUDE (THADDAEUS): The next Apostle I share with you is St. Thaddaeus. St. Jude is actually his original name as is recorded in Luke's Gospels. Mark and Matthew's Gospel refers to him as Thaddaeus. (Mt 10: 3) (Lk 6:16) (Mk 3: 18)

The little we know about St. Jude (Thaddaeus) is that he most likely preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Libya. He is known to be the author of an Epistle to the Churches of the East and he suffered martyrdom in Armenia. His Feast Day is October 28th, which is also the Feast Day of St. Simon. St. Jude (Thaddaeus) is the Patron Saint of people with "desperate cases."

St. Jude (Thaddaeus) Pray for Us!

SAINT THOMAS: The Last of the Apostles I share with you in alphabetical order is St. Thomas. We are all familiar with Thomas as being "the doubting Thomas" because of his refusal in believing in Jesus' Resurrection. But way before this, Thomas also expressed courage, dedication, and faith in Jesus and His Mission when after Lazarus had died, Jesus "said to His Disciples; 'Let us go into Judea again.' The disciples said to Him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?'" "Thomas said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with Him.'" (Jn 11: 7-8) (Jn 11: 16)

At the Last Supper, we also hear St. Thomas ask Jesus a question concerning about a way, where Jesus is going. The question is, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, 'I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father, but by Me.'" (Jn 14: 5-6) Then after Jesus' Resurrection, Thomas is told that Jesus is alive and that He appeared to His Disciples. Thomas' doubtful comment is; "Unless I see in His Hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His Side, I will not believe." (Jn 20: 25) This is where Thomas became the doubting Thomas. "Then Jesus said to Thomas; put your finger here, and see My Hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My Side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and My God." (Jn 20: 27-28) In this statement, Thomas now becomes the **BELIEVING THOMAS!**

It is said that St. Thomas had evangelized in many places but ultimately went to India. He died as a martyr at a place called Calamine. His Feast Day is July 3rd and he is the Patron Saint of Architects.

St. Thomas, Pray for Us!

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 31, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Christopher Forster	Family	Weekday	1 Cor 2: 1-5 Lk 4: 16-30 (431)
Tuesday, September 01, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Helena Learir	Joe Sexton	Weekday	1 Cor 2: 10b-16 Lk 4: 31-37 (432)
Wednesday, September 02, 2026 No Mass			Weekday	1 Cor 3: 1-9 Lk 4: 38-44 (433)
Thursday, September 03, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph Caliarì	Louie Aloise	Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	1 Cor 3: 18-23 Lk 5: 1-11 (434)
Friday, September 04, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Veronica Brown	Joanne Agosti	Weekday	1 Cor 4: 1-5 Lk 5: 33-39 (435)
Saturday, September 05, 2026 8:30 AM Mass FIRST SATURDAY	Dolores Floravit	Nellie Grace Morey	Weekday <i>Saint Teresa of Calcutta</i> <i>BVM</i>	1 Cor 4: 6b-15 Lk 6: 1-5 (436)
Saturday, September 05, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, September 06, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Deceased members of the Michelini Family	Family	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ez 33: 7-9 Rom 13: 8-10 Mt 18: 15-20 (127)

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MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm
DAILY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 am
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

My brothers and sisters, I share this teaching about these very important men whom Jesus called to follow Him, and continue His Work on earth, after His Death and Resurrection. The one main thing that you and I have in common with these First Disciples and Followers of Jesus is that JUST AS JESUS CALLED EACH OF THEM INTO A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIMSELF, SO TOO, DOES JESUS CALL US INTO THIS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM EVERYDAY. We develop this relationship by prayer, calling on the Lord for help, seeking Him in His Word, and serving Him, who also lives in other people, calling them to a friendship with Himself, just as He is constantly calling You and me.

God Bless, Father Mark

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