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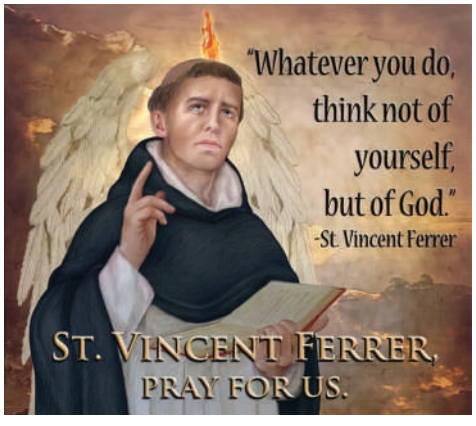

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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19th Week in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, August 9th **5:00 p.m.**
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Michelle Williams
— Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
Requested by Joan Williams

Sunday, August 10th **8:00 a.m.**
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Novena in Honor of The Feast of the Assumption
Arlene Farber — In Memoriam — First Anniversary
Requested by Claudia Hooper

11:00 a.m.
Lorenzo Jenkins Family — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Yvette Lubin and Family
Anthony Romain Sr. — In Memoriam
Requested by The Romain Family
Phillip Augustin Bacchus — Birthday Blessings

Monday, August 11th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Clare, Virgin
Novena in Honor of The Feast of the Assumption
Lucille Anthony — Blessings

Tuesday, August 12th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Novena in Honor of The Feast of the Assumption
Lucienne Previl — Blessings

Wednesday, August 13th **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Novena in Honor of The Feast of the Assumption
Roy Redhead — Blessings

Thursday, August 14th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
Novena in Honor of The Feast of the Assumption
Helen Matthew — In Memoriam
Requested Alison Matthew

Friday, August 15th **9:00 a.m.**
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Marie Bernier — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Yvette Lubin and Family

Saturday, August 16th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Stephen of Hungary
Rose-Marie Maryse Volcy — In Memoriam
Requested by Joeanne Volcy

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Shirley Parris — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Altar Flowers
Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam

Altar Candles
Rev. Father Coman V. Brady — In Memoriam

Sanctuary Candle
Rev. Father John J. O'Sullivan — In Memoriam

Mary's Chapel
Rev. Father William F. Carr — In Memoriam

Annunciation Chapel
Rev. Msgr. William J. Gately — In Memoriam

MASS INTENTIONS

THE MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2025

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers.

Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date.

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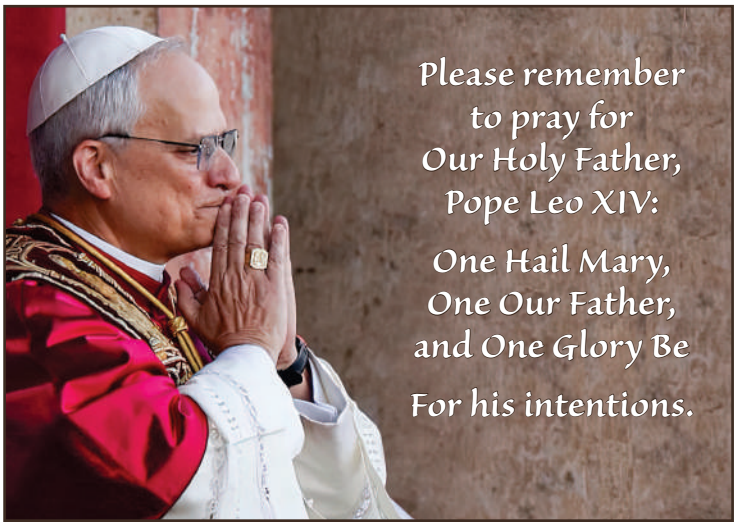

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Luke 12:32-48.

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. What are my greatest fears? How does my faith in God's kingdom help me to address those fears?

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. How am I preparing for Christ to come again? How will my life be different if I realize that this life is transitory?

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more. How is God calling me to serve him this week? With what gifts has God entrusted me?

Closing Prayer

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

(From Psalm 33)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE 19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, August 10
Wisdom 18:6-9 Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48
The author of Wisdom speaks of "that night" of exodus from bondage in Egypt (1) when the Lord delivered his chosen people from death (Ps). The Lord will come again, perhaps in the midst of night. Let us be prepared for his return (3). As we walk in darkness, our journey to our heavenly homeland is illumined by faith (2).

Monday, August 11
Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20
Matthew 17:22-27
The Lord has made known his ordinances (Ps): love the Lord with all your heart (1). Jesus speaks of his passion and cautions against giving scandal (2).

Tuesday, August 12
Deuteronomy 31:1-8,
(Psalm) Deuteronomy 32:3-4b, 7-9, 12 Matthew 17:22-27
The Lord will lead (Ps) Joshua in bringing the Israelites to the promised land (1). All are deserving of love and respect, especially the lowly and sinners (2).

Wednesday, August 13
Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 66:1-3a, 5,8, 16-17
Matthew 18:15-20
Moses dies, praising the Lord (Ps) and is succeeded by Joshua (1). Pardon and the power to forgive sin and both duty and gift. (2).

Thursday, August 14
Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Psalm 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 18:21–19:1
The crossing of the Jordan river is described (1, Ps). Forgiveness has no limits (2).

Friday, August 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56
Because she belonged to Christ (2), Mary , our queen (Ps), is raised on high (3), a great sign (1) for all who believe in her Son.

Saturday, August 16
Joshua 24:14-29 Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
Matthew 19:13-15
At Schechem, the people profess their allegiance to the Lord, and to him alone (1, Ps). No one, not even the smallest child, is excluded from the kingdom of heaven. (2).

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Scripture Reflection

Sacrifice and Gift

As if one parable was not enough, the author of the third Gospel has Jesus using three parables to make his point in today's Gospel: the parable of the master who returns from his wedding (12:36-38), the parable of the thief who forces his way into the house (12:39), and the parable of the faithful and prudent steward (12:42-48). So, what is Jesus' point and why does it take three parables to make it?

Consider the householder returning from a wedding, the thief, and the steward. The householder returns and the celebration continues at home with the roles reversed—now the master serves the servants. The thief breaks in successfully when the householder is asleep and non-vigilant. The steward who stands ready and prudent is put in charge of all the householder's property.

Could it be that there is a progression in the meaning of the three parables—that the reign of God is already here and always to be celebrated, that drowsiness and non-vigilance toward God's presence are risky, and that discipleship carries with it both sacrifice and gift? "Do not be afraid any longer. . . . Sell your belongings and give alms . . . [for you have] an inexhaustible treasure in heaven" (12:32-33). Today's Gospel, I believe, is about prioritizing, preparing, and responding in discipleship.

How aware am I of celebrating the ever-present God in our midst? Am I awake and vigilant so as not to miss God breaking into my life in a myriad of ways? How do I steward what God has placed in my charge?

—Sr. Ephrem Hollermann

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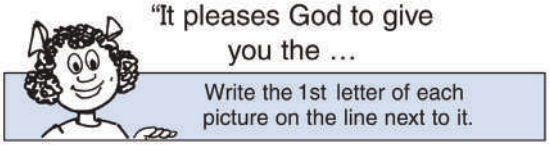

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Use this code to find out what the Lord said.

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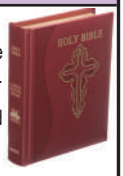

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