

### PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, as we ask your help  
for our brothers and sisters who are ill,  
we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place.  
May your love touch others through us,  
and may I help all people to live in peace.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Frances of Assisi

### JESUS SPEAKS TO US

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he\* must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.<sup>o</sup>  
Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.”  
He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

Matthew 16:21-23

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## THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The **Gospel** is from Matt. 16:21-27. From all eternity this was God's plan for mankind. But because sin had entered into the world before the Incarnation took place, the Son of God in his human nature had to suffer the violent death of the cross at the hands of sinners. In this very suffering he became the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world, as the second-Isaiah had foretold in his "suffering servant" prophecies (Is. 53: 1-7; 42: 1-9 etc). His death, because he was God as well as man, was a sacrifice, an atonement, of infinite value, and therefore obtained forgiveness from the Father for all the sins of the human race.

In foretelling his sufferings and death, which took place some months later, Christ intended to prepare his disciples and other followers for what he knew would be for them a severe crisis of faith. He also took occasion from it to remind his disciples, and all others who would follow him, of what their attitude to suffering and death should be. He told them, and us too, that we must be ever ready to accept sufferings in this life, and even an untimely death if that should be demanded of us, rather than deny our Christian faith.

To prove their loyalty to their faith in Christ thousands of Christians in the early Church, and thousands more during persecutions in later centuries, gladly took him at his word and went joyfully to their martyrdom. It is to be hoped that, aided by God's grace, we would all be ready to imitate their example, if called on to prove our fidelity to Christ and our Christian faith. But at the moment what Christ expects and asks of us is that we should bear the sufferings and hardships of daily life cheerfully and gladly for his sake.

This daily carrying of our Christian cross can be, and is for many, a prolonged martyrdom. Poverty, ill-health, cruelty and hardheartedness met with in the home and in one's neighbors, are heavy crosses which only a truly Christian shoulder can bear. But, if we were offered health, happiness, peace, wealth and power for the next fifty or seventy years on this earth, in exchange for an eternal heaven after death, what rational one among us would accept that offer?

Christians know that this life is a period of training, which makes us ready hereafter to receive the eternal reward which Christ has won for us.

*Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*

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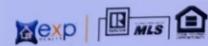
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### Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday — 7 a.m.

Saturday — 8 a.m.

Saturday — 5 p.m.

Sunday — 10 a.m.

Holy Day—see bulletin

### Reconciliation (Confession):

Friday & Saturday Confessions  
9:00 a.m. — noon

### Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, & Fri  
10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

**FATHER BART'S CORNER****My sisters and brothers:****Birth of Mary**

On Our Lady's birthday the Church celebrates the first dawning of redemption with the appearance in the world of the Savior's mother, Mary. The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation, and she has the highest mission ever commended to any creature. We rejoice that the Mother of God is our Mother, too. Let us often call upon the Blessed Virgin as "Cause of our joy", one of the most beautiful titles in her litany.

Since September 8 marks the end of summer and beginning of fall, this day has many thanksgiving celebrations and customs attached to it. In the older form of the *Roman Ritual* there is a blessing of the summer harvest and fall planting seeds for this day.

The winegrowers in France called this feast "Our Lady of the Grape Harvest." The best grapes are brought to the local church to be blessed and then some bunches are attached to hands of the statue of Mary. A festive meal which includes the new grapes is part of this day.

In the Alps section of Austria this day is "Drive-Down Day" during which the cattle and sheep are led from their summer pastures in the slopes and brought to their winter quarters in the valleys. This was usually a large caravan, with all the finery, decorations, and festivity. In some parts of Austria, milk from this day and all the leftover food are given to the poor in honor of Our Lady's Nativity.

Excerpted from *The Holyday Book*  
by Fr. Francis Weiser, SJ

**With prayers and love,**  
*Fr. Bart, S..U.D*

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Monday, September 7

Live Stream on  
our Church Website

Mass: 7 a.m.

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Tuesday, September 8

Live Stream on  
our Church Website

Mass: 7 a.m.

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Wednesday, September 9

Live Stream on  
our Church Website

Mass: 7 a.m.

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Thursday, September 10

Live Stream on  
our Church Website

Mass: 7 a.m.

Friday, September 11

Live Stream on  
our Church Website

Mass: 7 a.m.

Adoration: 8:00 a.m.—noon

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Saturday, September 12

Live Stream on  
our Church Website

Mass: 8 a.m.

Mass: 5 p.m.

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Sunday, September 13

Live Stream on  
our Church Website

Mass: 10 a.m.

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**Weekly Readings**

09/07— 1 COR 5:1-8; LK 6:6-11

09/08—MI 5:1-4a or ROM 8:28-30;

MT 1:1-16, 18-23 or MT 1:18-23

09/09—1 COR 7:25-31; LK 6:20-26

09/10—1 COR 8:1b-7, 11-13;

LK 6:27-38

09/11—1 COR 9:16-19, 22b-27;

LK 6:39-42

09/12 —1 COR 10:14-22;

LK 6:43-49

09/13—SIR 27:30-28:7;

ROM 14:7-9; MT 18:21-35

*Vocation View*

**"Where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them." Make Christ the center of your conversations and interactions with others.**

Matthew 18:20

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**PARISH CORNER**



The Knights of Peter Claver, a national Catholic fraternal organization which was founded in Mobile, Alabama on November 7, 1909, annually awards selected members of the Knights and Ladies divisions for outstanding service to God, church and community. This year, Donald Walker, Jr, Ed.D., received the Knights of Peter Claver's National Grand Knight of the Year Award.

Dr. Walker is the Grand Knight of Council 89, Knights of Peter Claver and member of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church. Through his leadership, Council 89 has been an integral influence in all spiritual, fraternal, organizational and social service activities, such as the Frank B. Staton Scholarship Fund, OMM Catholic Church's Feed the Homeless Program, OMM Legacy Gala and the City of Fort Worth Beautification Project. He is a member of the OMM Church Choir. Events such as the Diocesan Martin Luther King Celebration and the National Black Catholic Conference benefit from the melodious sounds of his horn. Under his guidance Council 89 also provides for the needs of the church and community.

Congratulations, Grand Knight Donald Walker!

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**Announcements**

**Saint Anne's Alter Society**

Ladies of Mother Mercy, do you need added purpose to your life? There is nothing like service to add purpose. St. Anne's Alter Society provides the opportunity to service you have been looking for. The Alter Society has served our church community for 83 years. Please join us in service to our church family, For more information or to join St. Anne's Alter society, please call Marie Guidry @817-800-8598. Please leave your name and number if I am unavailable to take your call. Thank you.

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**Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land**  
**September 12-13, 2020**  
**(Moved from Good Friday due to Pandemic)**

As previously announced, due to the COVID-19 pandemic concerns in many countries during Holy Week, Pope Francis approved a proposal to move the Collection for the Holy Land for the year 2020 from Good Friday to take place on Sunday, September 13, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Each year we have an opportunity to stand in solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by making a donation to the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**. This collection provides many types of support in the region such as humanitarian, pastoral, liturgical, charitable and archaeological. Your support this year will continue the good work of preserving the past and shaping the future in the Holy Land.

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**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

**God's Promise and the prayer of Faith**

**2573** God renews his promise to Jacob, the ancestor of the twelve tribes of Israel.<sup>17</sup> Before confronting his elder brother Esau, Jacob wrestles all night with a mysterious figure who refuses to reveal his name, but he blesses him before leaving him at dawn. From this account, the spiritual tradition of the Church has retained the symbol of prayer as a battle of faith and as the triumph of perseverance.<sup>18</sup>

**Moses and the prayer of the mediator**

**2574** Once the promise begins to be fulfilled (Passover, the Exodus, the gift of the Law, and the ratification of the covenant), the prayer of Moses becomes the most striking example of intercessory prayer, which will be fulfilled in "the one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."<sup>19</sup>

17 Cf. *Gen* 28:10-22.18 Cf. *Gen* 32:24-30; *Lk* 18:1-8.19 1 *Tim* 2:5.

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**Consecration to our Blessed Mother**

My Queen! My Mother! I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day, my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, most loving Mother, as I am your own, keep me, defend me as your property and possession. Amen.

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