

August 30, 2020 • Twenty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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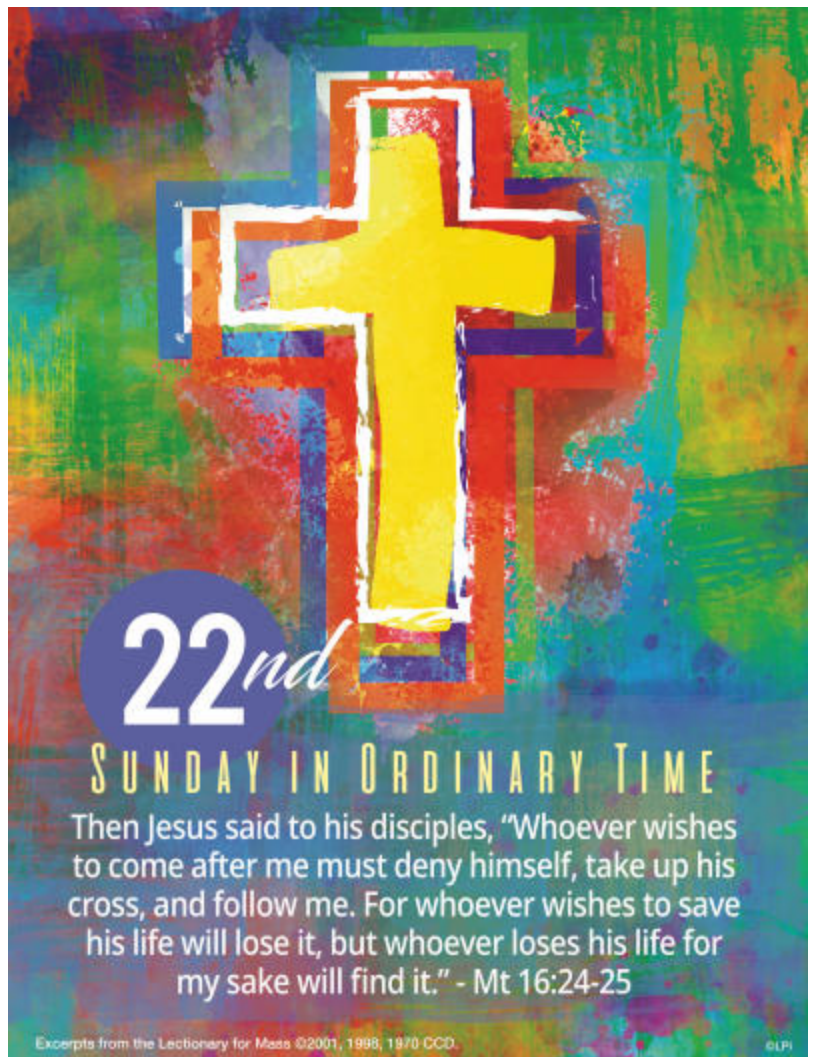
THE COMMUNITY OF

Saint Denis

*Celebrating God's Love
for All People*

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Our St. Denis Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Christian Community of St. Denis, as followers of Jesus Christ, call ourselves: to create a prayerful environment; to provide for spiritual, educational and social growth; to promote hospitality; to ensure the evangelization of our faith; and to minister to the people of our parish, our Ashburn community and our world.

Declaración de Misión de San Denis

Nosotros, la Comunidad Católica Cristiana de San Denis, como seguidores de Jesucristo, nos llamamos a: Crear un ambiente de oración; prever el crecimiento espiritual, educacional y social; promover la hospitalidad; asegurar la evangelización de nuestra fe; y atender a las personas de nuestra parroquia, de nuestra comunidad de Ashburn, y de nuestro mundo.

THIS AND THAT

Who do you need to thank today? Sure, I know life's tough these days and you are worrying about a lot of things, but who do you need to thank today? Who are the people who have influenced and shaped your life? Today is the time to thank them. Some of them you can call, write, text, or video message. You should thank them today because you have not thanked them before or have not done so in a long time.

I remember a woman telling me the story of how she had sent a thank you card to her fourth grade teacher. The teacher had pounded into her students the need for excellence in all they did. The teacher wrote back to tell her how happy she was to hear from her former student. She was nearing the end of her life. She was cheered to know that her former student had learned so well the lessons of excellence.

Some of the people you should thank are gone from your life. They may have died or you may simply have lost track of them over the years. How can you thank them?

Here's a recipe for thanking those who are gone from your life but need to be thanked. Take some time to remember them and how they have influenced you. Remember their support, encouragement, their gentle challenge and witness to you. This is the beginning of your prayer for them. Prayer is how we thank those we have lost.

Then take a little more time to thank God for putting those people in your life. What a gift they have been to you! They are all His gifts to you: your mom, your niece, the next door neighbor, the high school class mate, the co-worker, or even the boss. Ask God to bless them as they have blessed you. Do it today.

Who do you need to thank today?

May God bless us all,
Fr. Ted



Those who are ill...
Rita Brice, Elida Diaz

Those who serve our country...
Patrick Brice, Ryan Danielian,
Patrick Leamy, Antonio Worthy Jr.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	August 29, 2020 Rosemary LaCoy
Sunday	August 30, 2020 David Buban
Monday	August 31, 2020 Sandra Stellato
Tuesday	September 1, 2020 Miguel Arellano
Wednesday	September 2, 2020 Patrick Brice
Thursday	September 3, 2020 Gary Reider
Friday	September 4, 2020 Ruth Rajewski

A Call to Prayer – Providing a Light in the Darkness

Volunteer prayer partners from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are providing accompaniment to anyone feeling the need to pray with someone during this time of uncertainty and isolation. The prayer partners are available via a phone line staffed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, as well as 24-hour voicemail and e-mail connections. See the new webpage for [A Call to Prayer](#) with more information, as well as our social media posts on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), to share with family and friends.



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

SUN 8/30	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
MON 8/31	1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
TUE 9/1	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
WED 9/2	1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
THR 9/3	1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
FRI 9/4	1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
SAT 9/5	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
SUN 9/7	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday:	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Secular problems require savvy secular solutions. We are trained to solve problems, be successful and productive, and find our way through all that life presents to us. Corporations value those who can decipher the best avenue to take in order to resolve an issue. How do you train and renew your mind? Facts, figures, scientific tools, analytical processes, best practices, and models of varying kinds are at our disposal. If we don't know the full and proper course of action, we can easily find it. But there is a knowledge that goes far beyond all these things that makes a direct claim on the essence of our being. It satisfies a deeper thirst and hunger that keeps us restless until it is satisfied. Our minds, hearts, and souls cannot only be nurtured purely by secular and temporal things. We must seek the enlightenment that comes from God. This allows us to see the value of suffering in order to achieve a greater good and the losing of our very self in the service of something greater. Faith only makes sense if it can bring us to this heightened awareness.

**I AM
NOTHING;
I AM BUT AN
INSTRUMENT,
A TINY PENCIL
IN THE HANDS OF
THE LORD**
WITH WHICH HE
WRITES WHAT HE LIKES.

HOWEVER IMPERFECT
WE ARE,


HE WRITES
Beautifully.

— MOTHER TERESA
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*Lord,
make us
turn to
you.*

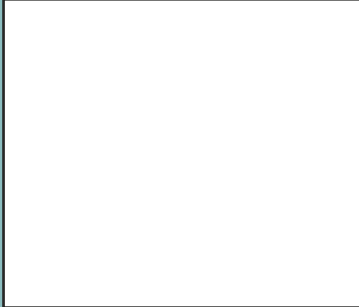
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