## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

It's said that we never really grow up until both of our parents have died. I suspect that most who have had to walk that path recognize some truth there. So when the Gospel advises us to turn our back on father and mother and family and even on ourselves—maybe it's not about rejecting but about becoming able to live the gospel more maturely, about releasing our grip on the past and growing up. Maybe letting go of childish things is the cost and also the wisdom of the God who waits patiently for us.

One of life's tasks, it seems, is to learn the balancing act between loving without possessiveness and relinquishing without indifference or abandonment. In truth, perhaps we never really learn to balance the two. We mostly lean in the direction opposite where we are at the time, until we suspect we may have leaned too far and switch directions. It's a wisdom we come to that's worthwhile for parenting but also for marriage and one's profession and growing old and just about everything else that life serves up.

This balancing is also at the heart of faith and discipleship. It's how we come to recognize the hand of God in our lives, by living in such a way that God has the freedom to rearrange the pieces and so bring us to fuller life. It's the wisdom that teaches us how to be a disciple but also the sort of discipleship that brings us to wisdom. It's also the light shining forth in today's reading from the book of Wisdom. —Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

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### 08/30-31, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

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| ENVELOPES/CHECKS | $3526.00 |
| LOOSE PLATE | 1096.57 |
| College and University Campus | 1017.00 |
| Mission Appeal | 1204.00 |
| TOTAL COLLECTION | $6843.57 |

*Thank you for your generosity*

### FOOD DRIVE

The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to one of our local food pantries. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses during the month of September. Let us share what we have with those in need.

*God Bless you – Thank you!*

### COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS

La parroquia recolectará alimentos no-perecederos para donar a una de nuestras despensas de alimentos locales. Puede traer sus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas durante el mes de septiembre. Compartamos lo que tenemos con los necesitados. *Dios lo Bendiga - Gracias!*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 6th -**
**5:00PM-IHM–** For Guadalupanas living and deceased; +David Garcia; +Asuncion Martinez
**7:00PM – St. Albert -** Por la Gente de Nolan County

**Sunday, September 7th**
**8:00AM –** +Adela Villanueva; Martina Herrera; Aurelia Garza
**11:00AM –** +Juliana Falana; In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Jenny Medellin & Genesis Montealvo

**Tuesday, September 9th 9:00AM - HF**
Communion Service

**Wednesday, September 10th 6:00PM–IHM**
Communion Service

**Thursday, September 11th 9:00AM HF**
Communion Service

**Friday, September 12th 9:00AM– HF**
Communion Service

**Saturday, September 13th -**
**5:00PM-IHM**– +Belinda Gomez, Tomas & Guadalupe Morales; +Alma & Frances Solano; in thanksgiving for Matthew Falana's birthday

**Sunday, September 14th**
**8:00AM – +**Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; Por Grupo Misionero y en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Lisa Martinez-Soto, Lily Ensenia y Martin Luna
**11:00AM** – For the People of Nolan County

## JAMAICA September 28, 2025

Holy Spirit Jamaica Committee is getting ready for our annual festival! Once again, we are asking for donations for the bingo prizes, cakes for the cake walk, 2 liter soft drinks, and stuffed animals for game prizes. All donations may be dropped off at the parish office and the cakes the day before the Jamaica. If you would like to help in any other way, please contact Ellie Mendez @ 725-0671. Please remember to pick up your raffle tickets and to return them to Patty Torres (finance). Someone from the finance council will be outside after all the masses. The raffle is the biggest money maker of the Jamaica! Thank you for your help!

- **SELL 100 Tickets** to have your name entered in a drawing for a CHANCE to win a NINTENDO SWITCH 2"
- **"BE A JAMAICA SPONSOR"** – Contact Patty Torres @325-733-8252

**Please sponsor by September 20th!**

*Only 3 Weeks before our Jamaica*
*We NEED Sponsors!*
*Sponsor Information is on back page of this bulletin*

God's Blessings and Prayers for all our Grandparents & the Elderly! The theme chosen by the Holy Father, "Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (see Sir 14:2).

## CCD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

- Sunday classes start ***this*** Sunday, September 7th - Pre-K to 6th Grade; Class Time: 9:30-10:40am
- Wednesday Classes started last week, September 3rd and continue on Wednesdays for 7th to 11th Grades; Class Time: 7:00-8:30pm
- **PLEASE NOTE**: NO REGISTRATION on WEDNESDAYS or SUNDAYS when CLASSES start

**OCIA** – Need Sacraments? Looking to grow closer to God through baptism, communion or confirmation? Classes have started but you may still go by the parish office to sign up. Classes are held on Thursdays, 6:00pm at Holy Family Hall, 507 Crane St.

**WEDNESDAY** – Communion Service at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm at IHM.

**WHY AM I CATHOLIC?** Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

**ULTREYA**– meets Monday, September 8th , 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

**GRUPO MISIONERO** will meet Thursday IHM hall @7:00pm.

**PARISH MOVIE GROUP** – will meet this Sunday, September 7th, at 4:00pm, Holy Family parish hall.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 |
| Tuesday: | Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19 |
| Wednesday: | Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26 |
| Thursday: | Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38 |
| Friday: | 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42 |
| Saturday: | 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49 |
| Sunday: | Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17 |

## HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

September 13–Finance September 20–Grupo Misionero

# 2025

## Be a Jamaica Sponsor

### HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

With YOUR help, we're going to have a great festival this year! There is much to prepare for and we need your help to purchase the festival food, entertainment and game prizes so that all raffle ticket sales and festival food sales goes straight to Holy Spirit Catholic Parish.

It's time for the **Holy Spirit Catholic Parish's Annual Jamaica Festival** which will be held Sunday, September 28, 2025. We are asking for monetary donations to help defray the cost of festival expenses.

Please contact Patty Torres at 325-733-8252 or any of the finance committee members passing out raffle Tickets every Saturday and Sunday. Please Sponsor by September 20th so that your contribution will make this year's Jamaica a success!

Name:_____

Address:_____

Date Paid_____

Amount Paid by Check (Payable to Holy Spirit Parish) #_____$_____ or Cash $_____

FOOD COSTS_____ ENTERTAINMENT_____RAFFLE & GAME PRIZES_____

Do you want to be listed as our generous sponsor on our Facebook page and in our weekly bulletin?
Yes____ or No____

On behalf of Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, we thank you for your sponsorship. Your Sponsorship goes to support and maintain the parish churches and activities.