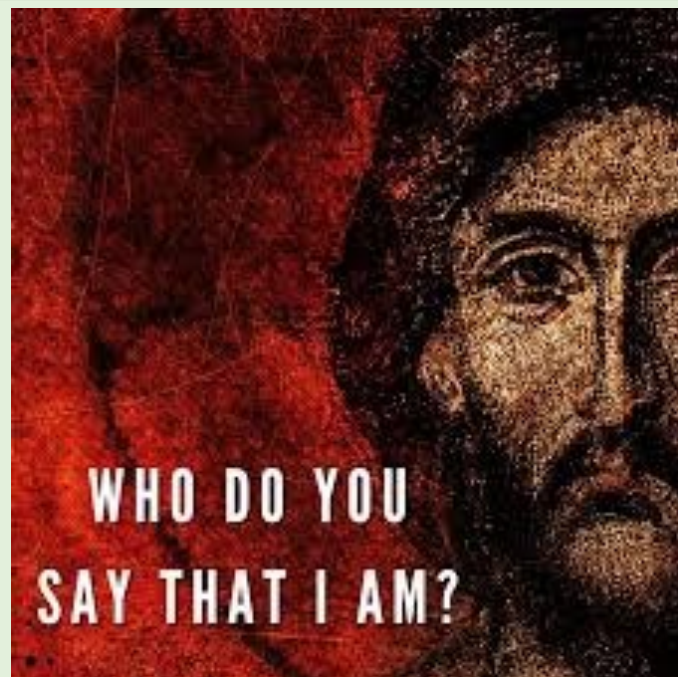


# St. Patrick Catholic Church



## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**T**he First Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 50:5-9. The prophet Isaiah describes some of the sufferings which the Messiah will endure.

The Second Reading is from the Letter of St. James 2:14-18 and is a continuation of the practical guidance we heard two Sundays ago. Christians must be "doers of the word not hearers only."

The Gospel is from St. Mark 8:27-35. We need not be surprised at the slowness of the Apostles in grasping the messiahship of Jesus. He did not want the crowds who flocked to him to know this until later — after his resurrection — because they had the idea that the Messiah would be a political leader who would set them free from their subjection to pagan Rome. It was not until this occasion, near Caesarea Philippi, somewhat over a year after he had called them, that he admitted to his Apostles that he was the Messiah. He charged them not to make this fact known outside of their own limited circle. To forestall and erase any wrong ideas of a political leader which some of the Apostles might have, he immediately foretold the sufferings and death he would have to endure at the hands of the leaders of the Jews. He would be conquered and humiliated by his enemies but their victory would be short-lived -- death would not hold him -- he would rise triumphant on the third day.

To the Apostles this seemed incredible and Peter, their spokesman, told him so. This outlook of the Apostles is also very understandable. They had seen him work many miracles, God was evidently very near to him: how could God let his enemies humiliate and kill him? They did not know God's plan, they were fishermen and knew little if anything of the Old Testament messianic prophecies. Had they read of the Suffering Servant in second-Isaiah they would not have disbelieved the prophecy of his forthcoming sufferings, death and resurrection. And his mention of his resurrection after three days, which would prove that it was he and not his enemies who conquered, fell on deaf ears, because the idea of a resurrection of that kind was incomprehensible to them. We know how slow they were to accept his resurrection even after it had happened.

Although the message was only vaguely and dubiously grasped, Christ had forewarned his Apostles (he repeated this twice later: Mk. 9: 9-10; 31-32 and 10: 32-34), so as to prepare them for the scandal of the cross. While it did not really prepare them because they were still too worldly-minded, it did help to strengthen their faith once the facts convinced them of the resurrection. They then realized that their beloved Master was more than Messiah, that he was in fact the Son of God, who with knowledge aforethought freely accepted his humiliations and shameful death for their sakes and ours. They gladly gave their lives to bringing this news of God's great love for men to all nations. From being a scandal the cross became the emblem and the proud standard of God's love for mankind.

We are in the happy position of the Apostles after the resurrection of Jesus. We know how much God loves us; we appreciate the humiliation that the incarnation brought on his beloved Son and the sufferings and cruel death which the sins of the world, ours included, brought on the Son of God. All of this took place because God wished to make us his adopted sons and worthy of the inheritance he had planned for us. For a faithful and grateful Christian, however, theoretical appreciation is not enough. Atonement has been made for our sins, but we have still a very important part to play. Our sins can be forgiven but we must truly repent of them before God will forgive them.

St. Mark adds some words of Christ which illustrate what practical form our appreciation and gratitude for Christ's sufferings should take. We must be ready to follow him on the road to Calvary. We must deny ourselves — deprive ourselves not only of sinful pleasure or gain, but even of lawful things at times, in order to be Christ-like. We must take up our cross and follow him. This does not mean that we must search for crosses — there are plenty of them in any good Christian's life — but we must gladly accept the crosses life brings us and see in them God's means of keeping us close to him.

Life on earth is very short, eternal life is endless. No thinking man, and certainly no true Christian, would risk losing the eternal life for the sake of a few paltry gains or a few extra years here below.

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

### Why Can't Non-Catholics Receive Communion?

The guidelines for receiving Communion, issued by the U.S. bishops and published in many missalettes, explain, "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are not admitted to Communion.

Scripture is clear that partaking of the Eucharist is among the highest signs of Christian unity: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17). For this reason, it is impossible for non-Catholic Christians to receive Holy Communion. Another reason that non-Catholics may not receive Communion is for their own protection since they reject the doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Scripture warns that it is very dangerous for one not believing in the Real Presence to receive Communion: "For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself" (1 Cor. 11:29).

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Tuesday, 9 - 4  
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Thursday, 9 - 1  
Friday, 9 - 1

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**Mass Schedule**

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

**Weekday Masses:**

Mon., 8:15 a.m.  
Wed., Immediately following  
benediction at 5:45 p.m.  
Thurs. & Fri., 8:15 a.m.  
*(See Weekly Schedule for any  
changes to times or location!)*

**Reconciliation:**

Wednesday, 5:00—5:40 p.m.  
Friday, Immediately following Mass  
Saturday, 5:00—5:20 p.m.  
Sunday, 10:00—10:20 a.m.  
Or by appointment.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.

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For last rites and anointing of the sick, please  
call 304-691-0537 to speak to Fr. Ondeck.

**Prayer List**

**Of your charity, please offer prayers for...**

- **Those who are sick:** Nick Bakas, Mike Blanchard, Jean Scott Chase, Courtney Clevenger, John Collins, Rose Determan, Sheila Folio, Lynne Fultineer, Marsha Garton, Robert Hamilton, Mary Jo Hull, Coretta Jefferson, Emyle Johnston, Ellen Ketron, Bernadette Law, Julia Marsh, Philomena Martin, Ed Murray, Sarah Murray, Susan Murray, Heather Haddix Nicholas, Delores Paugh, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, John Riley, Mike Riley, Sheila Sayre, John Smith, Dale Snyder, Special Intentions, Mary Taylor, Scott Walker
- **Those who have died:** May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- **All Veterans, and Military Personnel:** Rob Snuffer, Bobby Summers
- **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- **Former priests and religious of and from our parish**
- **Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.**
- **All police officers, health care workers, first responders, and mail carriers**

**Mass Intentions & Sanctuary  
Lamp**

Having the Holy Sacrifice of Mass offered is more effective than flowers or memorial gifts for your deceased loved ones or as a special intention for a living person or special occasion. Mass Intentions can be placed in a "Mass Intention" envelope and placed in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. Please indicate if the person is living or deceased and the date you would like the Mass to be said. Mass dates are filled on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. If you would like to memorialize the sanctuary lamp in honor/memory of someone for a two-week period, please contact the parish office. The donation is \$20.

**Parish Membership & Benefits:**

To be considered an "active" member of any parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the "Active Parishioner Rate of tuition" at a Catholic school), the parish takes into account the following things. First, to receive a discount at a Catholic School or to receive a sacrament, **the children MUST attend weekend Mass.** Second, family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries are taken into consideration. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 should register as a household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

**Attendance & Collections**

Saturday:	67	\$1191 ( 15envelope/check donors)
Sunday (10:30):	146	\$3103 (23 envelope/check donors)
Sunday (Latin):	N/A	\$0
Mail and Lockbox Donations:		\$1140 (7 donors)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5434</b>

School	\$745	Maintenance	\$4000
Votive Candles	\$61	Organ	\$35
Loan	\$270	Haiti	\$370
Restoration loan balance: \$71,900.11			

**Special and Second Collection**

Sept. 11&12, Diocesan Scholarship Association  
Sept. 25&26, Catholic University of America

***"Forward, always forward, everywhere forward! We must not be held back by debts, bad years or by difficulties of the times. Man's adversity is God's opportunity."*** Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, O.S.B.



## Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 11, 2021

- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

### Sunday, September 12, 2021,

- 10:00 a.m. Confessions
- 10:30 a.m. Mass for †Mike Linger by family

### Monday, September 13, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Tom Fealy by St. Patrick Class of 1968

### Wednesday, September 15, 2021

- 5:00 p.m. Confession
- 5:50 p.m. Mass for Margaret Fincham by Margaret Blake

### Thursday, September 16, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Mary Knight

### Friday, September 17, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. Mass in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Good Council
- 8:45 a.m. Confessions

### Saturday, September 18, 2021

- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

### Sunday, September 19, 2021,

- 10:00 a.m. Confessions
- 10:30 a.m. Mass for †Mary Ann Murray by Mary Ellen and Margaret Ann Lydon

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning August 29—September 11, in memory and honor of victims and survivors of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our country. September 19—25, it is in honor of Dan and Sandra Mick who celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on September 19.

### Discover your faith with the Best Catholic media at home or on the go at [formed.org](http://formed.org).

- Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
- Enter Weston's zip code—26452
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.



### SAVE the DATE

#### America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 16, 2021  
Noon

Parking lot next to the parish office.

### New Parking Signs

The parking signs for our rented spots and our “no parking” spots will be replaced in the future. Thank you, Johnny and Lesley White for your generous donation of all the signs. Johnny is also working on a sign for our pre-school building so people driving and walking past will know that it is a part of St. Pat's!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, September 13

- 5:30, p.m., SoulCore

### Monday, September 20

- 6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughters meeting

## Our Neighbor Collection

### September

- Cleaning Supplies

Items can be placed in the plastic tote on the back porch of the parish office.

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RCIA begins with Adoration and Mass on Wednesday evening, then we meet in the parish meeting room for our session. If you know someone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or if you just want a refresher, please join us. For more info, contact Megan White through email at [mwhite@stpatricks.school](mailto:mwhite@stpatricks.school) or at 304-203-9138.

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Bishop Brennan asks that all those in attendance at Mass wear a mask, other than those under the age of 2.



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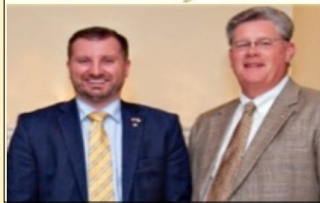


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## School News

**Kindergarten:** Recently, the kindergarten students learned about all the ways God made us unique. Their teachers helped them put their fingerprints to paper, and then they used magnifying glasses to inspect and compare their fingerprints with their friends' fingerprints. To finish the project they created paper versions of themselves to further show how we're all unique!



**2nd grade:** Last week our second grade students did a wonderful lesson on friendship. They ended their week by making friendship fruit salad and friendship bracelets.



**Mrs. Walsh's 5th and 6th grade:** Our 5th and 6th graders recently embarked upon their soil unit. They learned about decomposition, clay, loam, silt, and organic matter. The students examined their soil samples from home and made soil shakers to observe how the sediment layers form when suspended in water.



Yard Sale for  
St. Patrick School Library

First Weekend in October

If you have items sitting around you no longer need (or know someone who does) and would like to donate to the cause (clothes, bags, books, games, knickknacks, decorations, etc.), we would be thrilled to take them off your hands. Please call 304-452-0442 for more information.

We will be accepting donations until the 26th of September. Thank you in advance!

FYI: While all donations are appreciated, we can not take old printers, TVs, or large furniture pieces.





## September 12, 2001, Never Forget



It isn't just the terrible tragedy, uncertainty and shock of September 11, 2001 that we can't forget. But the love, unity, and patriotism of September 12, 2001 that we long for.

**Left:** *Firefighters Raising the Flag* photo, by Thomas E. Franklin, September 11, 2001

**Right:** *Flowers and tributes are left in New York City's Union Square on Sept. 12, 2001.*



## Saint of the Day for September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot.



*The Exaltation of the True Cross, anonymous Russian icon painter*

During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

### Reflection

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

## Saint of the Day for September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

### The Story of Our Lady of Sorrows

For a while there were two feasts in honor of the Sorrowful Mother: one going back to the 15th century, the other to the 17th century. For a while both were celebrated by the universal Church: one on the Friday before Palm Sunday, the other in September.

The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The Lucan passage is Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul; the Johannine passage relates Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the beloved disciple.

Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the cross. Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment.

Saint Ambrose in particular sees Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the cross while others fled. Mary looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world. As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed, but offered herself to her persecutors.

### Reflection

John's account of Jesus' death is highly symbolic. When Jesus gives the beloved disciple to Mary, we are invited to appreciate Mary's role in the Church: She symbolizes the Church; the beloved disciple represents all believers. As Mary mothered Jesus, she is now mother to all his followers. Furthermore, as Jesus died, he handed over his Spirit. Mary and the Spirit cooperate in begetting new children of God—almost an echo of Luke's account of Jesus' conception. Christians can trust that they will continue to experience the caring presence of Mary and Jesus' Spirit throughout their lives and throughout history.

## How You Can Help

The church and school collect different items to help local organizations and the environment.

In addition to the monthly supplies for "Our Neighbor," we collect the tabs from cans for Ronald McDonald House. However, Ronald McDonald House will no longer accept used ink cartridges, so we can not take them.

We also collect towels and blankets for animal shelters and rescues and vet offices. Items need to be clean and in decent shape. We don't want to give them things they cannot use.

We will also collect aluminum cans. Please remove the tab and rinse and drain the cans before bringing them to us. The money from the recycled cans will be given to the school. All items can be taken to the parish office or left in the tote at the back door.