

# ST. MARY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024

“The Lord upholds my life.” Ps. 54:6

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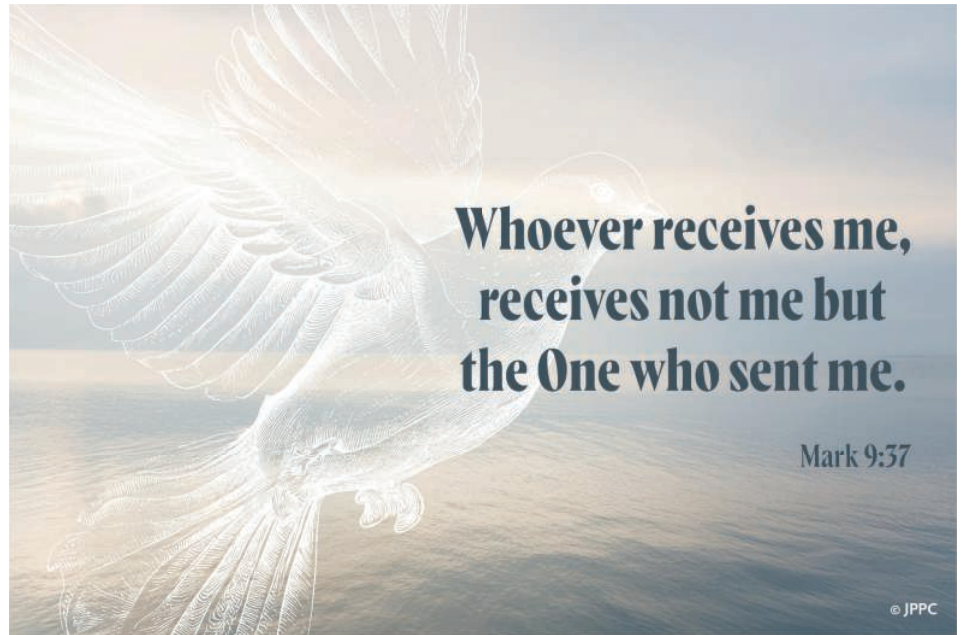
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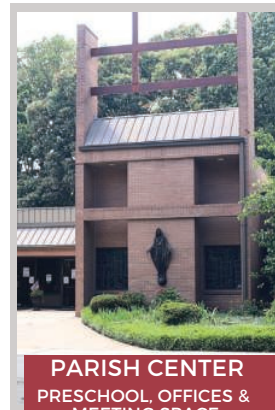
### Counselor

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OUR CHURCH

10500 Zion Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22032



PARISH CENTER  
PRESCHOOL, OFFICES &  
MEETING SPACE

5222 Sideburn Road Fairfax, VA 22032  
Parish Center Office Hours  
M-F 8:30am-5:00pm



HISTORIC CHURCH  
CEMETERY & OLD HALL

5612 Ox Road  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

## MASS, ADORATION, AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

### Weekend Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am  
11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Ghana Catholic Community 1:30 pm

### Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 6:30 & 9:15 am  
Saturday 9:15 am

### Holy Day

Vigil Mass : check bulletin  
Holy Day 6:30 & 9:15 am, 7:00 pm

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm  
Monday 10:00 am  
Wednesday 6:30 pm

### Adoration

Monday-Thursday 10:00am-7:00 pm  
Friday 10:00am-8:00 pm

### Holy Hour

Friday 7:00-8:00 pm

### Anointing/Visits to the sick

Duty priest 703-978-4141, press \*  
Anointing of the sick after the  
11:30 am Mass on the last Sunday  
of the month.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, September 22**

7:30 am George Gillen †, 9:30 am For the People  
 11:30 am Caryl Finnerty †  
 5:00 pm Joanne Kathleen Clarke Mikell †

**Monday, September 23**

6:30 am Ruben Andrada †, 9:15 am Mark Anthony Pompei †

**Tuesday, September 24**

6:30 am Joy Chace †, 9:15 am John Heavey †

**Wednesday, September 25**

6:30 am Kathy Coleman, 9:15 am Vivian Spendley †

**Thursday, September 26**

6:30 am Dennis Halpin †, 9:15 am Bernard Kamara †

**Friday, September 27**

6:30 am Adolph A. "Ad" Fiore †, 9:15 am Col. Frank Tilton †

**Saturday, September 28**

9:15 am Micaela Olivera  
 5:00 pm Marilou Abundo Calvario †

**Sunday, September 29**

7:30 am For the People, 9:30 am Stan Urynowicz †  
 11:30 am Michael Danielson †  
 5:00 pm Caryl Finnerty †



**READINGS**

Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20.....	Jas 3:16-4:3
	Mk 9:30-37	
Mon:	Prv 3:27-34.....	Lk 8:16-18
Tues:	Prv 21:1-6.....	Lk 8:19-21
Wed:	Prv 30:5-9.....	Lk 9:1-6
Thu:	Ecc 1:2-11.....	Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Ecc 3:1-11.....	Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Ecc 11:9-12:8.....	Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29.....	Jas 5:1-6
	Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	

**DONATIONS**

Donations for the Week of August 25

Sunday Collection	\$32,670.25
Building Fund	\$3,660.300
Capital Improvements	\$275.00
Samaritan Fund	\$1,972.91
Food Pantry	\$2,380.00

**Parish Giving**  
 simple. secure. convenient.  
 If you would like to make an offering to the parish, please scan the QR code. Thank you!

**PARISH LIFE**

**From the Pastor..**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 40 Hours' Devotion – Exposition and Adoration! As the word, 'Eucharist,' means, 'thanksgiving,' Eucharistic Adoration is a tremendous way to thank Our Lord for our parish.

40 Hours' Devotion ended on Saturday, 9/14, the Eve of our patronal feast, Our Lady of Sorrows. Thank you to our Knights of Columbus who provided the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday night as well as the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning!

All in all, the weekend provided many opportunities for our parish family to be together.

As we close out the month of September, it is good to consider a great saint whose feast is September 23rd. It is said of Padre Pio that the extraordinary became the ordinary.

Padre Pio would speak languages he had never studied in the confessional. Many penitents, particularly American servicemen attest to his perfect English. They, and others, also tell of Padre Pio's ability to read souls; to tell the penitents their sins that they had omitted from confession! Padre Pio was known to levitate into the clouds and even turn U.S. bombers away from bombing his town of San Giovanni Rotonda! At other times, he would be seen praying in the chapel and later people would speak of having seen him elsewhere (bilocation).

This holy Franciscan survived on the Holy Eucharist for years. He ate nothing else.

Perhaps, Padre Pio's greatest gift was the Stigmata, Jesus' wounds. He bled from his hands, feet and side for fifty years until his death in 1968. As he felt the pain of those wounds, he went through particular suffering every Good Friday between 12pm – 3pm. Doctors would not be able to discern his heartbeat as 3pm approached!

Padre Pio is one for all of us to know. His life is a proof to God's existence and love for us!

God bless,  
 Fr. Vander Woude

**Hymns for September 22**

- 429 Christ is made the Sure Foundation
- 485 What Wondrous Love
- 214 Soul of my Savior
- 733 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Sister Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz, OP is one of four foundresses of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, MI. She travels extensively giving talks, writes for various Catholic publications, and leads retreats for students, parishes, priests and seminarians.

She has appeared in media including EWTN, Oprah, NPR, CBS, and Fox & Friends. Sister has written and compiled two volumes of And Mary's 'Yes' Continues, concerning Religious Life today. Over 28 years, the Community has grown to over 130 members, with women coming from throughout the USA and internationally. The average age of the Sisters is 37 years old. These past 2 years, Sister has been assigned as the Community's "Eucharistic and Marian Revival Preacher," an obedience that both humbles and excites her immensely!



# BEHOLD THE LAMB OF EUCCHARISTIC AMAZEMENT

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL

October 8th - 10th  
7:00 - 8:30 pm

WITH SR. JOSEPH ANDREW, OP



## Financial Seminar & Social

Join us for an informative live presentation from The Knights of Columbus. Learn about insurance and other financial products from an organization that is aligned with your faith.

*All are invited to better understand the benefits available to Catholics through the Knights of Columbus. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to learn and to enjoy good company during the social! It is open to the entire community.*

Our agency has been a consistent high performer for the Knights of Columbus and its members, offers the knowledge and experience to help you best leverage our insurance products' and fraternal benefits.

The Knights of Columbus has once again earned AM Best's A+ (Superior) Rating for Financial Strength<sup>1</sup>. In addition, Knights of Columbus was designated by Forbes as one of "America's Best Insurance Companies"<sup>2</sup> and Standard & Poor's ranked us among the strongest life insurers financially in North America<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>As of December 2022

September 24th  
Old St. Mary's Hall  
6:30PM

No purchase necessary.



You will also learn about how Catholics now have an opportunity to work with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA) through one of our Financial Advisors.<sup>4</sup>

Bob Canter, LUTCF  
571-669-4170

<sup>1</sup>Insurance products are offered through Knights of Columbus, One Columbus Place, New Haven, CT 06510. Knights of Columbus is not an insurance company. <sup>2</sup>Forbes 2024 America's Best Insurance Companies list. <sup>3</sup>Forbes published with Standard & Poor's independently survey more than 15,000 customers who ranked their own insurance policy across 7 insurance product categories. <sup>4</sup>Standard & Poor's A.M. Besting North American Life Insurance Companies from Strongest to Weakest by S&P Global Ratings. As of January 25, 2023. <sup>5</sup>Investments are offered through Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, information found on www.koCAAadvisors.com.

700 St. Mary 3

## The Chosen

Season 5 Episode 6

September 28 after 5:00

Mass

Parish Center

- Fellowship,
- Delicious meal
- Film on the big screen
- Opportunity to explore your faith with others through a discussion of the episode

Doesn't get much better!



Destination:  
Sainthood  
Presents...

## LABOR DAY PICNIC COUNTRY STORE

THE COUNTRY STORE THANKS EVERYONE WHO BAKED, DONATED TREASURES AND PLANTS FOR OUR SALE AND TO ALL THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND TALENTS. THE LADIES HEADING UP THESE SALES AREAS DID A FANTASTIC JOB OF ORGANIZING AND SELLING. THANKS TO THE PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARISH PICNIC.

## LITURGY & MUSIC

### Please Pray for the Sick

Barbara Alberse, Patricia Allen, Joanne Ames, David Anderson, Diane Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Rose Andrada, Andrea Baker, Ercole Barone, Michael Barrett, Isabella Benavides, Connor Broussard, Stephen Brown, Jim & Caroline Carnazza, Courtney Cella, Jim Cella, Jesse Ces, James Copenhagen, Heide Cornwell, Matthew Cosgrove, Kevin Cropp, Renee Davis, Marge Demarall, Linda Depew, Mary Ellen Elmore, Diane Erlandson, Marion Essig, Alexander Favor, Joe Fleming, Jim Fostek, Kate Frederick, Francisco Fredrickson, Sandra Furbee, Megan Gallagher, Jean Giambalvo, Kelly Gifford, Jeannette Godlewski, Ingrid Goetz, Debra Grauert, Cathy Gulac, Alty Gutierrez, Jim Jacobs, Cathy Jones, Lynn Jones, Nolan Kelly, Samuel Kittrell, Susan Leary, Dick Lee, Maria Leitao, Larry Liedtke, Carmen Lilley, Ginny MacLauchlan, Makayla Mastal, Elaine McDermott, Pauline Merlo, Bob Moderacki, John Morris, Lilly Morris, Toni Morris, Brendan Murphy, Maureen Murray, Greg Neifert, Luis Perales Jr., Charles Perks, Ida Portland, Ed Reinsel, Edie Reinsel, Raymond Remeika, Joan Sachs, Kathleen Schaad, Mickie Shea, John Shivik, Esther Silva, Ann & Norbert Stingle, Mary Storch, Geoff Suiter, Mary Alma Sullivan, Rebecca Sullivan, Carol Theys, John & Cecilia Thieman, Elissa Vavrinc, Dennis Wagner, Cathy Withers, Joseph Witter, Joyce Zoromski and those in our book of prayers.



# SMOS Children's Choir

The St. Mary children's choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 25th at 5pm. The choir is open to children in grades 1 through 8. For more information, or to register your child, contact Jacob Temple, the Director of Sacred Music at [jacobt@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:jacobt@stmaryofsorrows.org).



## Animal Blessing on Feast of St. Francis

Bring your pets for the annual animal blessing on Friday, October 4th at 10:00 am on the Church lawn.

ST. MARY OF SORROWS  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**K-8th Register Here**



**CLASSES STARTED  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**

Kindergarten: 9-10:00am  
1st-6th: 9-10:30am  
1st-6th: 11am-12:30pm  
7th & 8th : 6:30-8pm

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

1st -6th: 5:15 - 6:45pm

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

7th & 8th: 6:30-8pm

For more information on  
space availability or  
Confirmation for older teens:



[aidaw@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:aidaw@stmaryofsorrows.org)



Preschool

**OPENINGS  
FOR 2.5 TO  
5-YEAR  
OLDS**

**DO YOU HAVE A 2.5 TO 5 YEAR OLD LOOKING TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND EXPLORE THE WORLD AROUND THEM IN A CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENT? WE HAVE A FEW SPOTS OPEN IN OUR MORNING AND AFTERNOON PROGRAMS.**  
[PRESCHOOL@STMARYOFSORROWS.ORG](mailto:PRESCHOOL@STMARYOFSORROWS.ORG)

**YOUTH  
MINISTRY  
KICK OFF**

**SUNDAY  
SEPT  
22**  
High School  
6pm-8pm

**MONDAY  
SEPT  
23**  
Junior High School  
6pm-8pm

**START IN ST. JOSEPH'S HALL THEN MOVE OUTSIDE!**

COME FOR FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN!

## PARISH OUTREACH

### Knights of Columbus Diaper Collection

The Knights of Columbus are collecting diapers, wipes, and formula after all Masses this weekend of **September 21th-22th, 2024**. The need is greater for diaper sizes newborn and 1, although all diaper sizes, wipes, and formula - in any amount - are appreciated. Please place donations in the crib in the Parish Center foyer. Your donations directly support babies and families in our community. God bless your generosity.

**Marian Homes Inc. presents**

Tickets are now on sale for an evening of high stakes and heart-pounding excitement! Marian Homes, Inc. invites you to the Casino Night Gala, a fundraiser supporting the Capital Campaign. Buy your tickets now and join us at the Country Club of Fairfax. Scan the QR code, buy at marianhomes.org, or mail a check to P.O. Box 7003 Fairfax Station, VA 22039.

**Friday, September 27 at 7:00 pm**



Casino Night Gala

Location: Country Club of Fairfax  
5110 Ox Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
Suggested attire: Cocktail  
Ticket price: \$125 \$100 discount extended!

**Shepherd Center - Volunteers Needed**

"Volunteers make the lives of our older adult clients better by providing bi-monthly luncheons, friendly caller and visitor programs, a book club, handy helper services, and by providing transportation for medical appointments and shopping needs." Would you like to give back and make a difference in our community? Do you have a few hours a month available to volunteer? Please contact 703-323-4788 or visit <https://www.scfbva.org/> for more info!

*Catholic Charities*  
**Coat Collection**  
St. Mary of Sorrows  
in partnership with  
**Holy Spirit Parish**



is collecting clean, new and gently used coats (only) of all sizes to support the Catholic Charities Coat Collection for those in need

There will be a collection box in the Parish Center entrance foyer

**Now through  
September 22**

Thank you for your generous support!

**Sandwich Collection**

**Martha's Table**  
EDUCATION • FOOD • OPPORTUNITY

Back to school and need service hours, or just want to help? Make sandwiches at home to help feed the hungry in DC, drop off 1-3 PM this Sunday, September 22 at back of Farrell Hall (Door 4). Sign up for reminders and view full instructions at [tinyurl.com/MTSandwiches](http://tinyurl.com/MTSandwiches). Contact Michelle Gilles [mgilles866@gmail.com](mailto:mgilles866@gmail.com) with questions.

To volunteer on the van to distribute food at parks in DC as part of the St. Mary's team (3:30-7:30 PM on 4th Sundays), contact Bill Seiler, [pbseiler@verizon.net](mailto:pbseiler@verizon.net). Thank you for helping to feed our neighbors in need!

**IMPORTANT UPDATE** for Martha's Table collection (9/22, 1-3 PM, Door 4).

Due to the recent listeria outbreak in lunchmeat, we cannot accept sandwiches with meat at this time. Please bring **SUNBUTTER AND JELLY** (no peanut butter due to allergies) or **CHEESE ONLY** (prepackaged cheese, not sliced at deli counter).

Saint Mary of Sorrows  
Gabriel Project Baby Shower Brunch  
**Saturday, October 5th!**

All Saint Mary of Sorrows parishioners are invited to join us for our annual Gabriel Project Baby Shower Brunch on Saturday, October 5th from 10am until noon in Farrell Hall. Please join us to celebrate the Gabriel Project moms and enjoy the brunch!

We created a baby registry on Amazon this year. Please consider donating an item from this list - or a gift of your choice.

Please email Martha Mellor at [smos.gabrielproject@gmail.com](mailto:smos.gabrielproject@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with the brunch.


This QR code will take you to the Amazon Baby Registry!



## Saint Mary of Sorrows Parish FY24 Financial Report

		Church	School
<b>Balance Sheet</b>	<b>ASSETS</b>		
	Operating Accounts	299,779	-
	DIAL Savings	2,753,764	-
	Fixed Assets	-	-
	Endowment Investments	-	-
	Other Assets	1,500	250
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 3,055,043</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>
	<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
	Accounts Payable	-	-
	Loans Payable	4,675,284	-
	Deferred Revenue	13,472	31,056
	Other Liabilities	153,159	-
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 4,841,915</b>	<b>\$ 31,056</b>
	<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
	<b>Without donor restrictions</b>		
	Unrestricted	(4,457,655)	-
<b>With donor restrictions</b>			
Temporarily Restricted	2,639,978	-	
Permanently Restricted	-	-	
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ (1,817,677)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 3,024,238</b>	<b>\$ 31,056</b>	
<b>Income Statement</b>	<b>REVENUE SOURCES</b>		
	Offertory/Tuition Related Income	2,114,506	244,498
	Ministry	481,078	-
	School	-	27,106
	Other Sources	437,078	-
	<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,032,662</b>	<b>\$ 271,604</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
	Clergy	187,939	-
	Staffing	1,547,391	258,726
	Ministry	299,187	-
	School	27,106	12,878
	Buildings	523,909	-
	Admin	336,010	-
	<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 2,921,543</b>	<b>\$ 271,604</b>
	<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 111,119</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
	<b>OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE</b>		
Campaign/Extraordinary Income	339,625	-	
Capital Expenditures/Renovations	391,211	-	
<b>NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>	<b>\$ (51,586)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 59,533</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH



*Meet Mary,  
our Mother*  
**A Marian Mini - series**

September 23: Listening to Mary talking in Scripture  
September 30: Understanding Marian Apparitions

**Come and join Deacon Nick in learning more about our Mother Mary.**  
Mondays 7:00 - 8:15 pm  
**St. Joseph Hall**  
Live stream is available.

*Prepare to Teach Future Saints!*  
**CATECHIST CERTIFICATION COURSES 2024-2025**



with Deacon Gerard Marie Anthony

**St. Mary of Sorrows**  
St. Joseph Hall, Parish Center  
5222 Sideburn Road  
Fairfax, VA 22032

**FREE ENTRY**  
Bring your own bag lunch..



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

CAT101: Catholic Education: What Every Teacher Needs to Know	CAT102: Teaching the Creed Mass at 9:15 SATURDAYS 10:15-1:35	CAT103: Teaching the Sacraments Mass at 9:15 SATURDAYS 10:15-1:35	CAT105: Teaching the Life of Prayer Mass at 9:15 SATURDAYS 10:15-1:00	CAT104: Teaching the Moral Life Mass at 9:15 SATURDAYS 10:15-1:35
FRIDAYS 6-8 p.m.				
bring your own dinner.				
October 4 October 25 November 1 November 15 November 22	December 7 December 14 December 21	January 11 January 25 February 15	March 15 March 22 March 29 April 12	May 3 May 10 May 17

Missed courses may be made up online.  
[www.catholiceducationcenter.com](http://www.catholiceducationcenter.com)

*Come as you are.*  
**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE**

**Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God**

Join us for **Grounded in Hope**, based on the book of Hebrews, to encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He can become your lifeline.

**St. Mary's Parish Center**  
**A WWP Bible Study Starting Thursdays this October**

To register - <https://forms.gle/6E6F2ro7JEGrX7hD8>

Questions? Contact:  
**Morning Sessions (10-11:15am) - Mary Alice - matdrag38@earthlink.net 703-220-8761**  
**Evening Sessions (7:30-8:45pm) - Katie mastersonka@gmail.com 804-405-0439**



walking with purpose  
[www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Olivewood Carvings from Bethlehem**  
This weekend of **September 21st - 22nd, 2024**, there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in our church. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their main source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships specially now because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass. For more information, please contact us at 202-302-5889 or visit [www.BethlehemCarvings.org](http://www.BethlehemCarvings.org).

College Visit

Come out to Christendom College in Front Royal, VA, and see an authentically Catholic college right here in the Arlington Diocese on one of our visit days on **November 23rd** and a homeschool visit day on **October 12th**! Register in advance at [www.christendom.edu/visit](http://www.christendom.edu/visit).

# The Kids' Bulletin

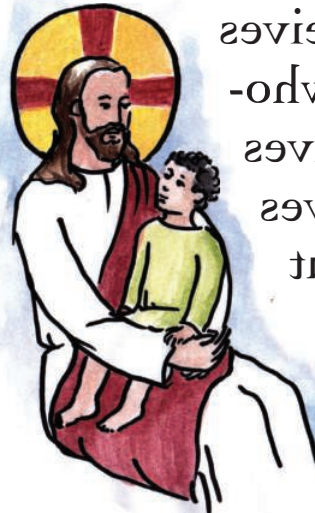
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 22nd, 2024

What did Jesus say to the apostles after He told them that anyone who wanted to be great must be the servant?  
Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

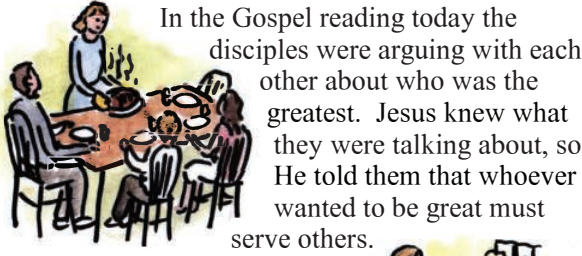
Whoever receives one

such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.

Mark 9:30-37



## Who is the Greatest?



In the Gospel reading today the disciples were arguing with each other about who was the greatest. Jesus knew what they were talking about, so He told them that whoever wanted to be great must serve others.

Can you think of anyone who serves you? What about your parents? Priests, teachers and doctors also serve us. How can you serve others?

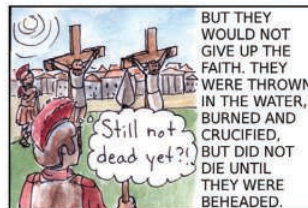
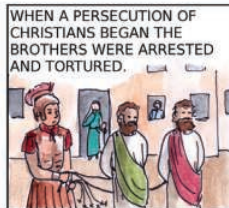
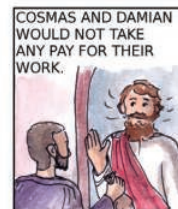
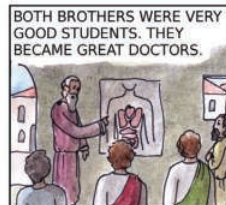


What would you like to do when you grow up? How will you be able to serve people then?



Answers to Cross-Word: ACROSS: 1. prayer, 2. might, 3. me, 5. goodness, 6. defend, 8. men, 10. Lord, 13. set.  
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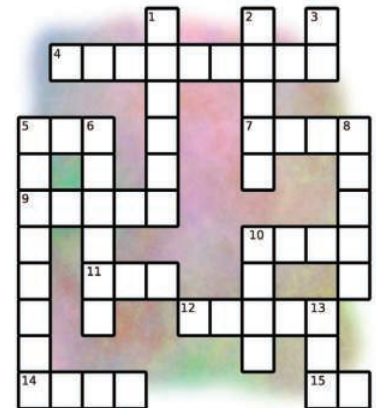
## SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN SEPTEMBER 26



SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN IMITATED JESUS IN HIS CARE FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING PEOPLE. THEY ARE PATRON SAINTS OF DOCTORS AND SURGEONS. WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM TO CARE FOR OTHERS LIKE JESUS DID. WE SHOULD ALSO IMITATE THEIR PERSEVERANCE IN THE FAITH IN SPITE OF PERSECUTION.

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## Psalm 54 Cross-Word



Unscramble the words in today's Psalm to fit them into the puzzle.  
a=Across d=Down

O God, by your name (ESAV 14a) me,  
and by your (THGMI 2d) (FENDEd 6d) my cause.

O God, (ERHA 7a) my (YREPRA 1d);  
hearken (OT 15a) the (DROWS 12a) of my mouth.

For the haughty have (NERIS 8d) up against (EM 3d),  
the ruthless seek my (FLEI 10a);  
they (TES 13d) (NTO 11a) God before their eyes.

Behold, (DGO 5a) is my helper;  
the (DOLR 10d) sustains my life.

Freely will I (EFFOR 9a) you (FICESACIR 4a);  
I will praise your name, O Lord,  
for its (NSSEGDOO 5d).





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Sun	22	OCA Ghana CC Meeting Martha's Table La Salette Recollection Ghana Natal Group Troop 1465	8:00 am 12:15 pm 12:45 pm 2:00 pm 3:30 pm 4:00 pm	HC/OSMH SJH/CH/CR FH(b) CH CR OSMH
Mon	23	Marian Series with Dcn. Nick Finance Council Meeting	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	SJH CR
Tues	24	Diocesan Group Boutique Bible Study Cursillo Group KoC Santa Maria Dolorosa	10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	HC/OSMH FH(b) CR CR OSMH CR
Wed	25	Ignatian Adventure AA Mtg. Logs of Fire Prayer Group Diocesan Group Food Pantry OCA Vespers Quad Mtg. (Carlota U) OCIA Church Choir Practice Legion of Mary Stephen Ministries	10:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 12:15 pm 2:00 pm 4:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm 10:00 am	CR OSMH SJH HC/OSMH SJH OSMH 5L FH NC CR 8L
Thu	26	Quad Mtg. (Mary) Food Pantry (Burke Distribution) Troop 697 Country Club View Meeting NSS Practice TMIY COR Meeting	2:30 pm 4:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm 8:00 pm	8L FH(b) OSMH FH MR SJH CR
Fri	27	Piano Tuning Diocesan Group IHS Meeting	7:15 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	NC HC/OSMH FH
Sat	28	TMIY Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study Organ Practice Diocesan Group Bible Study Ghana Retreat Yard Sale Luncheon OCA Chosen Show/Pizza Ghana Choir Practice	7:15 am 7:30 am 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	SJH 8L CR SJH HC/OSMH 8L SJH FH HC SJH/FH MR
Sun	29	OCA Ghana CC Meeting La Salette Tea Ghana Natal Group Troop 1356	8:00 am 12:15 pm 2:00 pm 3:30 pm 2:00 pm	HC/OSMH SJH/CH/CR SJH CR OSMH

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2 Thessalonians 2:14



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