

We know that everyone has a birthday. The Bible doesn't say anything about Mary's birth, but we know that she was born. Like all parents, Mary's parents—we call them Joachim and Ann—probably took one look at their newborn daughter and knew that she was special.

Joachim and Ann loved God very much, and they were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. We cannot be certain what the future holds for any newborn infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose. When Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes others—and maybe even you—don't see how special you are. Maybe you forget that God is calling you, too, right now, to do what Mary did—to bring Jesus into the world.

When we celebrate his mother's birth, we honor Jesus too. Today thank God for the gift of life, and give honor to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another—remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to something very special in life.

## The Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary September 8



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish



SEPTEMBER 8  
2019  
23RD SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME

## MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY  
VIGIL MASS  
5:30PM

SUNDAY  
MASS  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

MONDAY  
COMMUNION SERVICE  
8:00AM

TUESDAY  
MASS  
5:30PM

WEDNESDAY  
MASS  
8:00AM

THURSDAY  
MASS  
8:00AM

FRIDAY  
MASS  
8:00AM

### MONTHLY

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION  
8:30AM TO NOON

FIRST SATURDAY  
MASS  
8AM

FIRST WEEKEND  
ALL MASSES

LITANY TO THE SACRED  
HEART OF JESUS

HOLY DAYS & SOLEMNITIES  
8:00AM & 6:00PM

SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION  
SATURDAY  
4:30PM-5:15PM  
OR BY APPOINTMENT

## A Love of First Preference

Jesus is radical and absolute when speaking of his first preference for love. In saying *hating* in today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to place God first in our hearts. And when God is first, we will actually love everyone else more and better. Saint Gregory comments on this passage: "In this world let us love everyone, even though he be our enemy; but let us hate him who opposes us on our way to God, though he be our relative. We should...love our neighbor; we should have charity towards all—towards relatives and towards strangers—but without separating ourselves from the love of God out of love for them" (*Evangelia homiliae*, 37, 3).

Jesus' words mean that we cannot be halfhearted in our love for God or neighbors—even if our neighbor is an enemy. The very nature of love is to put others first, and that first "other" is God himself.

The painting from the Vatican Hall of Saints shows St. Anthony, head of a large monastery, meeting in the desert with St. Paul, a poor hermit who lived off the land. Both represented two ways of totally responding to God's call—one as a religious monk living in a thriving community and another as a hermit, living separated from the world as testimony to what really matters.

Religious brothers and sisters living by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—as monks, hermits,

or other forms of consecrated life—testify to the world that this radical, loving God is first above all things. They deserve our support and our imitation!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

Is there something the Holy Spirit is asking of me so my following of Jesus becomes more sincere and committed?

How do I support religious vocations?

*[Jesus said,] "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."*

Luke 14:27

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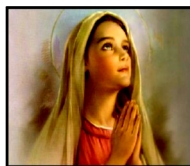
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Tuesday  
at 6PM





# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
September 8, 2019

## Planning, Flexibility, and Discipleship

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In my family, three members like to plan for what's ahead: What are we going to do? How will it get done? How are we going to get there? What will happen when we do? I can tolerate certain changes up until the day we leave, but after that, change is difficult for me. My daughter hates change at any point and doesn't rest until a revised plan is made. My husband lies somewhere in between. Our other daughter is a much more freewheeling spirit. "I never make plans that far in

advance," she would say when I asked her what she was doing that evening. We would often just stare at each other in wonder. After thirty years, we have also rubbed off on each other in some ways.

Becoming a disciple of Christ takes both planning and flexibility. The planning comes in preparing ourselves to let go of anything that gets in the way of our service to the Lord. For most of us, that will not be our parents, but it might be something or someone in our society or culture. Jesus' challenge comes in the realization that nothing can come between Christ and us—not even our parents—and if they did, we would need to turn from them in order to follow him. The flexibility comes in the understanding that we don't know what or who we might have to give up, or the moment and manner in which Christ will ask us to pick up our cross and follow in his footsteps. All we can do is pray for the grace and courage to do what he asks when he asks it. +

## Sunday Readings

**Wisdom 9:13–18**

For who knows God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends?

**Philemon 9–10, 12–17**

I rather urge you out of love, being as I am, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus.

**Luke 14:25–33**

[Jesus said,] "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

## A Word from Pope Francis

I would like to reflect on nonviolence as a style of politics for peace....May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking.

—Fiftieth World Day of Peace, January 1, 2017



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Am I prepared to give up anything that interferes with my service to the Lord?
- Am I flexible enough to follow God's call when I hear it?

*We don't know what, or who, we might have to give up to follow in Christ's footsteps.*

## Why Do We Talk to God?

By Phyllis Zagano

First we need to believe that prayer—any type of prayer—is real, and that God knows our needs and always answers our prayers. Usually when we think of prayer, the prayer of petition comes to mind. It's common to say that sometimes God's answer to our prayerful pleas is no but that, come to

think of it, the no we hear is actually a yes. God always affirms who we are as humans. That is, when we pray in petition for things we want, God kindly teaches us who we are by supplying what we truly need. In other words, we may want a new car to impress others, but what we need is secure knowledge that we are God's beloved. Once we accept that gift, then the rest becomes easy.

So the first petition we must present to the Lord is a petition to see ourselves as God sees us. And God always sees us as perfect for what we do and how we are, so long as we cooperate in God's plan.

Often, people want to know what is the best type of prayer. I don't believe there is any "best" prayer, provided that every prayer is rooted in an understanding of our dependence on God and his unconditional love for us.

There are four essential movements of the heart that follow our acceptance of God's existence and love for us.



They are adoration, petition, contrition, and thanksgiving. Each is a separate movement of the heart and mind, and each is "best" for certain times.

### Loving and Being Loved

Adoration is the easiest and the hardest type of prayer, requiring that we do nothing but love and

be loved. That means giving up control, which most of us don't like. But think of the wonder in a baby's eyes as she looks at you. Think of the wonder in your eyes as you look at her. This is how you are with God, and God with you, in the prayer of adoration. Few words—just a sharing of love between two beings for whom there is nothing and no one else in the world at that moment.

Contrition is another familiar type of prayer. With contrition we acknowledge we have made mistakes, denied God's perfect creation of us, and tried to remedy the pain of that denial.

Sometimes we do this with excessive alcohol or food. Sometimes we misuse our sexual faculties. Sometimes our insecurities cause us to lie, cheat, or steal. These are real forces in everyone's life, and we need to apologize to God for denying who we are and forgetting that our real security is with God—not with worldly comforts. So we sincerely say "sorry" and move on.

### Answered in Love

Petition, as stated earlier, involves simply asking God a favor. Sometimes the favor can't be granted—the loved one dies, the job ends, the illness returns. We can feel angry with God. That is actually very healthy, for we have the right as God's beloved to complain—and loudly. As we do, we may hear more clearly how God has answered our prayers in love (albeit in the negative), and how God wants us to have lives that mirror his love for the world.

Thanksgiving is the final prayer mode, one deserving more attention. Thanksgiving is more than simple manners, like thank-you notes after birthdays and Christmas. Thanksgiving is a minute-by-minute attitude that brings us to a place of conscious dependence upon the Lord and joyful acceptance of God's will. "Thank you" must always be in our hearts.

This attitude of gratitude makes sense of adoration, petition, contrition, and thanksgiving, and brings us to joyful understanding that everything we have is given by God in love. So, when we pray, we find God's gift of joy in life—without even asking for it. +

## PRAYER

*Lord, I am grateful for your call to discipleship. Give me the grace to respond to your call with courage, love, and humility.*

—From Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## WEEKDAY READINGS

September 9–14

**Monday**, St. Peter Claver:  
Col 1:24–2:3 / Lk 6:6–11

**Tuesday**, Weekday:  
Col 2:6–15 / Lk 6:12–19

**Wednesday**, Weekday:  
Col 3:1–11 / Lk 6:20–26

**Thursday**, Weekday:  
Col 3:12–17 / Lk 6:27–38

**Friday**, St. John Chrysostom:  
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14 / Lk 6:39–42

**Saturday**, Exaltation of the Holy Cross:  
Nm 21:4b–9 / Phil 2:6–11 / Jn 3:13–17

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## September 21st and 22nd (A Fundraiser for Benefit Night 2019)

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to let her know what you'll be able to provide. If  
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then, be sure to come to the Masses the weekend of  
the 21st and 22nd to purchase the bakes!

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are October 8th or the 15th and the trip would be  
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### MINISTER'S SCHEDULE 9/14/19 9/15/19

Sat. 9/14 5:30pm

#### Ushers

D. O'Rourke  
B. Kenny

#### Lectors

- 1) L. Thompson
- 2) I. Vrazel

#### Extraordinary Ministers

A. Kenny  
B. Burton  
J C Martin  
S. Washington  
B. Cooper  
A. Cooper

Sun. 9/15 8:30am

#### Ushers

A. Forward  
D. Dumas

#### Lectors

- 1) J. Arnett
- 2) K. Arnett

#### Extraordinary Ministers

K. Kleinschrodt  
A. Kleinschrodt  
J. Dickinson  
H. Golemon  
M. Fletcher  
L. Loftin

Sun. 9/15 11:00am

#### Ushers

L. Lavallais  
B. Williams

#### Lectors

- 1) R. Thompson
- 2) A. Tomas

#### Extraordinary Ministers

B. Gonzales  
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P. Thompson  
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### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 AM  
COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY 10  
SEPTEMBER

5:30 PM  
FATHER'S DAY  
REMEMBRANCES

WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 AM  
FATHER'S DAY  
REMEMBRANCES

THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 AM  
FATHER'S DAY  
REMEMBRANCES

FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 13

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SEPTEMBER 14

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SEPTEMBER 15

8:30AM  
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11:00 AM  
FOR PARISHIONERS



### Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30 pm

Lunch Daily at 1:00pm

### Pastor's Office Hours

By Appointment

### Prayer List

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Corie Demetri Mitchell  
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Sam Schoolfield Jr.  
Marine Reserves

Sam Schoolfield Sr.  
Marines

Jerrick Thompson  
Army Reserves

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#### Regular & Holy Days Collection

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2019 Total Regular Collection  
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9/1/19 \$30.00

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\$23,013.00



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# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Mass 8:30am and 11:00am	2 Communion Service 8am	3 Altar Society Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 9:00am 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	4 Mass 8:00am	5 Mass 8:00am	6 Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30am—noon 8:00am	7 1st Saturday Mass 1621 Drawing Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass 8:00am 9:00am 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
8 Mass K of C Monthly Breakfast 8:30am and 11:00am 9:30am	9 Communion Service 8am	10 Young at Heart Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 12:00noon 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	11 Mass Liturgy Committee 8:00am 6:00pm	12 Mass 8:00am	13 Mass 8:00am	14 Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
15 Mass K of C Monthly Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 8:30am and 11:00am 9:45am 9:45am	16 Communion Service 8am	17 Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	18 Mass Benefit Night Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Parish Hall 8:00am	19 Mass Family Life 8:00am 6:00pm	20 Mass 8:00am	21 Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass Bake Sale Benefit Night Fundraiser (After Mass) 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
22 Mass Bake Sale Benefit Night Fundraiser (After Each Mass) 8:30am and 11:00am	23 Communion Service 8am	24 Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	25 Mass St. Vincent de Paul 8:00am 6:00pm	26 Mass 8:00am	27 Mass 8:00am	28 Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
29 Mass 8:30am and 11:00am	30 Communion Service 8am					