

## **Mass Intentions ~ September 9-15, 2019**

Monday @ 7:30 am — Greg Begonia (RIP)

Tuesday @ 7:30 am — Claude Tanner (RIP)

Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Patrick Hurley (RIP)

Thursday @ 7:30 am — Fr. Edwin Banach (RIP)

Friday @ 7:30 am — Joan Millington (RIP)

Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Barbara Ticknor (RIP)

Sunday @ 8:00 am — Fr. Patrick Noonan (RIP)

Sunday @ 10:30 am — People of the Parish

## **New Prayer Requests**

### ***Special Intentions:***

Betty Longo

Reneè Carpenter

Rich Walton, father-in-law of Monica Walton

Beverly Cazenave, friend of the Borne Family

### ***Rest of the Soul:***

Mary Antee, mother of Margie Delaney

Fr. Al Camp

**Sign up at the back counter to carry the Offertory Gifts this month.**

**Families & friends are invited to this special participation in Mass!**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** — Saturday @ 4:30-5:00 pm (or by appointment — call the Church office)

**Adoration this week:** Monday — Friday, 8 am - 12noon

## **ONLINE REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

### **RCIA — Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

- **What is it?** The study of Catholic beliefs and practices for adults, baptized and unbaptized, who are searching for a Faith instruction and a place of worship.
- **When is it?** Classes meet weekly on Tuesday evenings beginning October 15th @ 6:30 pm

**Small Group sign up is open on our website!** We will begin a new parish-wide Small Group study on September 22nd. The book title is "Walking the Disciple's Path." We have openings for to join an existing group, or you can form a new group! Stop by the information table or email [fellowship@spaulcc.org](mailto:fellowship@spaulcc.org) today!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Sunday, September 29th — Baptism class @ 9:15 am, Room 110** — All parents wishing to have a child baptized in the next few months must attend this class.

**Sunday, September 29th — 2nd annual Back to Religious Ed Family Fun Event** to be held immediately following 10:30 mass. Join us in the back parking lot for food, fun, and fellowship. Children bring a change of clothes to enjoy the fun & games!

**Saturday, October 26th — Habitat for Humanity Catholic Build** — watch for sign up information coming soon!

### **FINANCIAL REPORT — Second Collection THIS weekend for the Extension Society.**

**Offertory Collection for September 1/2: Regular collection \$20,639.00 Building Fund \$4,499.00**

**Extension Society \$45.00 Backpack Ministry \$20.00**

**Contact us: 601-992-9547 [www.saintpaulcatholicchurch.com](http://www.saintpaulcatholicchurch.com)**

**Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm**

**Helpful Hint for Visitors:** If you are not receiving Holy Communion, we invite you to come forward in the Communion Line with arms crossed to receive a special blessing.

**Helpful Hint for Everyone:** In reverence for God's Sacred Word in Scripture and His presence in the Eucharist, we ask everyone to remain in their places during the Readings and the Consecration. If you must step out during the service, please do not return to your seat when someone is speaking on the Altar. An usher may ask you to wait at the back.



***Our mission is to invite everyone into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.***

***September 8, 2019  
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***Welcome home, Fr. Gerry! We hope you had a great journey!***

Our journey with Jesus continues through the writings of Saint Luke. We missed hearing some interesting passages between the last few Sundays, including the Parable of the Great Feast, Luke 14:15-24. Read these strong words from Jesus in Luke 13:31-35:

*At that time some Pharisees came to him and said, "Go away, leave this area because Herod wants to kill you." He replied, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and I perform healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I accomplish my purpose. Yet I must continue on my way today, tomorrow, and the following day, for it is impossible that a prophet should die outside of Jerusalem.'*

*"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how many times I yearned to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were unwilling! Behold, your house will be abandoned. [But] I tell you, you will not see me until [the time comes when] you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"*

Jesus began His journey to Jerusalem with only His disciples. He has traveled a long way as we began reading in Luke 9:51. They had no place to stay, no welcoming committees; yet He quickly had 72 followers commissioned to go out and share His Peace. Unfortunately, everyone didn't follow Him faithfully. It's hard for us to imagine since we have the gift of the complete story, but The Savior of the World was doubted, belittled, and much worse. Through it all, Jesus was always teaching and lovingly caring for those He encountered.

He continued to add to His number of followers despite His often difficult teachings. In our Gospel Readings throughout the month of August, we hear Jesus speak about not storing up treasure, that much will be required of the faithful servant of God, Him coming to set the earth on fire and to bring division among families, having to enter the narrow gate in order to be saved.

Last Sunday, Jesus was the guest at a dinner in the home of a leading Pharisee. People from all walks of life were drawn to Him! At that dinner, Jesus warns the privileged host about wanting a place of honor and doing things for those who will definitely repay the favor. Despite all of these difficult, challenging, and uncomfortable teachings of Jesus, we hear this week that great crowds were traveling with Him! On the surface, that might seem surprising. Why did people want to follow Him? He was certainly not leading them down a rosey path to easy street!

Luke says Jesus turned to His followers as He was walking and paints them a not-so-attractive picture of the path of relationship and discipleship with Him. He says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

***Why did they follow Him? Why do we follow Him?***

This is a great question to pray over this week. We need to know why we are a disciple of Jesus before we can invite others into relationship with Him. "Why do you follow Jesus?" may be the first question a seeker may ask you. The answer is simply your own, personal life story of loving and living in Him. So, why do you?