



SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Appreciate your freedoms

The Founding Fathers of the United States thought freedom of religion and the press were so important they put them at the top of the Bill of Rights—they are included, together, in the First Amendment. Many countries haven't had these same freedoms, including Cuba. When, in 1960, the Cuban Catholic Church condemned the rise of communism, Fidel Castro banned all religious media. Thankfully today the church in Cuba has greater freedom, but there is still no religious media there. You are able to enjoy vibrant religious media that informs and enriches your life and faith. Take advantage of the print, digital, and broadcast offerings available to you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48 (117)*. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

MONDAY, AUGUST 8 MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST
Decade-to-decade Rosary devotion

There are many different types of rosaries: the Franciscan Rosary, the Servite Rosary, the chaplet, the wedding rosary—there are even rosaries that can be worn as bracelets and rings. They have different bead configurations and different accompanying prayers. But the traditional rosary you are most likely familiar with, and the prayers that go with it, is the Dominican Rosary. Saint Dominic was instrumental in spreading devotion to the Rosary, which is a hallmark of Catholic devotion. Let's join in this Dominican legacy by praying the Rosary today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27 (413)*. "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9
MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR
Pray for peace

Edith Stein, whose feast is today, said, "One cannot desire freedom from the Cross . . . when one is especially chosen for the Cross." Born a Jew, Stein converted to Catholicism as a young adult. Later as a Carmelite nun, she was captured by the Nazis and killed at Auschwitz. As a martyr of the Holocaust, Stein accepted the cross onto death—her sacrifice a witness to Christ's. Keep alive the memory of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, as she became known, and pray for an end to the horrible atrocities in today's world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414)*. "Obey me when I speak to you: be not rebellious . . . but open your mouth and eat what I shall give you."

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10
FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR
True measure of worth

The story goes that when a Roman leader ordered the early Christian Church to surrender its riches, Saint Lawrence brought a gathering of the poor to the prefect, saying they were the church's real treasure. For this bold act, Lawrence was put to death. Parts of his legend may be myth or fact, but Lawrence was indeed martyred, and his devotion to the poor remains a constant comment about his third-century life. You might not have his audacious courage, but you can embrace his care for the poor—and find in serving them how precious they are.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618)*. "But if it (grain of wheat) dies, it produces much fruit."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 MEMORIAL OF CLARE, VIRGIN
Undeniably God's

The process of canonization, of being officially declared a saint, can take decades or even centuries. Not so for Saint Clare of Assisi, founder of the religious order that bears her name (the Poor Clares) and companion of Saint Francis of Assisi. Clare was canonized within two years of her death in 1253. She led her community in devotion to prayer and austerity. "May God be with you always," she wrote, "and may you always be found in God." How can you follow Clare's saintly example and make God undeniably evident in your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1 (416)*. "I am a sign for you: as I have done, so shall it be done to them."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12
MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS
Change of plan

Jane Frances de Chantal probably had planned to pass her life as a wife and mother. She was married at 21 and had six children, and she was astute at managing a household. But she was widowed young and met Saint Francis de Sales, who became her spiritual director. At 45, she helped found the Sisters of the Visitation. Remain open to changing your plans if God has something else in mind for you—you never know what kind of second act you might have.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Matthew 19:3-12 (417)*. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cling to his wife."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 MEMORIAL OF PONTIAN, POPE
For the greater good

When Pope Benedict XVI resigned his papacy on February 28, 2013, he was criticized by some for not following the modern custom of holding his office until death. But he stepped down for the good of the church, and there was indeed precedent for what he did, going all the way back to the year 235 and Pope Pontian. During a persecution of the early church, Pontian was deported to labor mines, essentially a death sentence. He resigned for the good of the church so that the early community would not be without a pastor after his deportation. Sometimes the best thing we can do is make room for another. Pray for the wisdom to know when to step aside.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15 (418)*. "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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Today, we celebrate the **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We read from **Luke 12:32-48**.

In Luke's gospel reading for today, Jesus taught his disciples and those following them again about the importance of preparing for what is to come next after this earthly life. He told them,

"Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can

reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

We can never know absolutely what the future holds for us. But our faith and our Church teach us that what we do during this earthly life must be a preparation for what is to come next: the promise of an eternity spent forever with Jesus in heaven. Each day, we have so many ways to practice what Jesus was teaching his disciples. Through our prayers, reception of the Eucharist, and acts of love and mercy, we work to provide that "treasure in heaven" that Jesus mentions in this Gospel passage. But ultimately, it is our faith in God's great mercy that gives us such great hope in this life.

For More Fun:

- ✓ Read the **Gospel passage** in your family bible. Discuss as a family this week's parable. What "masters" do you serve? What heavenly preparations are you making as a family?
- ✓ List the names of the saints whose lives we celebrate this week (available at www.CatholicSaints.info)
- ✓ Check out the new "**Chime Travelers**" Catholic fiction series and our awesome new website for kids by Lisa Hendey at www.ChimeTravelerKids.com & learn about the lives of the Saints! Lisa is available to visit your classroom or group of young readers by Skype. **It's free and fun!** To learn more, email lisa@catholicmom.com.
- ✓ Our Gospel activities are shared free of charge and used around the world by parishes, schools and families. Please support our apostolate by purchasing Lisa Hendey's books Amazon, Barnes & Noble or your local Catholic bookstore or by making a small donation to the website. We love receiving your feedback!

“Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.”

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

For needy children in our area

How can you help?

1. **Purchase the school supplies listed
& drop off at Church.**

- Spiral notebooks (2)
- 1 pack wide rule filler paper
- 12" plastic ruler (inches/metric)
- #2 pencils (1 box)
- Blue or black pens (1 box)
- 4 oz. Elmer's glue stick
- Crayola crayons (16 count)
- Pre-sharpened colored pencils (12 count)
- box of 8 washable markers
- Pocket folders (3)
- pencil cap erasers (3)
- 5" blunt scissor



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Hi Everyone,

The monthly statistics for the Fr. Hilker Ozanam Center for the month of July, 2016 follow:

Food Pantry

Total number of people served was 940
Total number of households served was 298
Total number of children served was 378
Total number of seniors served was 86

Clothing Bank

Total number of families served was 247
Articles of clothing given away: 2297

Furniture Bank

Total number of clients served was 22
Couches given away: 8
Armchairs given away: 7
Mattresses/box springs: 9
Dressers given away: 9
Misc. given away: 63

The first week of July marked two significant changes at the Ozanam Center: operation hours changed to 9:30am to noon and we started using the PantrTrak system and computers to register clients who receive food. Both changes went very well. Thank you for your help in making all facets of the Ozanam Center work so well.

Jim and Cathie Perusek

Custodian/Maintenance Position

Part-Time Custodian/Maintenance Position: St. Hilary School in Fairlawn has an immediate opening for a full-time Custodian/Maintenance Worker. Previous custodial experience is preferred. Shift hours are 32+ hours per week during our evening shift 3pm to 10pm, Monday-Friday and occasional weekends. Please send or email resume to: Lou Camerato, St. Hilary Parish, 2750 West Market Street, Fairlawn, Ohio 44333 or lcamerato@sthilarychurch.org. If resume is not available, applicants can also complete an application for employment at the Parish Office in the Spiritual Center.

You are Invited!

Annunciation Church (Visitation of Mary Parish) presents the 8th Annual September Sensation 2016, "Make Eight Great!" Dinner, Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction on Saturday, September 10 at 6:08pm at St. George Fellowship Center (3204 Ridgewood Rd.) \$70 Donation - Open bar, 1 ticket and 1 dinner; \$100 Donation - Open bar, 1 ticket and 2 dinners; \$130 Donation - Open bar, 2 tickets and 2 dinners; GRAND PRIZE - \$2,000! Make your plans now! For more information, please call Jerry at 330-592-4155 or 330-535-4141 x12

50th Breakfast Celebration

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to our 50th Breakfast Celebration Saturday, September 10 at Walsh University, Barrette Center, 2020 East Maple St., North Canton, OH. Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. Bobbi Bankovich will be the guest speaker. Cost is \$18. Make checks payable to "Magnificat of Stark County" and send to Debby Bentivegna, 5575 East Blvd. NW, Canton, OH 44718. Seating is limited. Plan on getting your reservations early! Reservations cannot be accepted after September 3rd. Open seating. Doors open at 8:30am with Breakfast at 9am. There will be an optional Mass at 8am in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University. For further information, call Shirley DeOrio at 614-620-3169.

Friends of Camp Weekend

September 9th - 11th for ages 21 and over. Call up your old junior counselor group or cabin mates and make your way back to camp for a truly relaxing and memorable weekend. Whether you were a camper, staff member, or friend we welcome you to join us to reminisce about your camp memories. Register at www.campchris.org. Cost based on individual cabin rental rates plus \$75 per person.

Catholic Charities Summit Adult Day Services'

This group offers opportunities for education and support to caregivers in managing their own health and wellness while meeting the needs of their loved ones. Summit Adult Day Services is a community-based intervention designed to care for the aging population experiencing cognitive or functional limitations, as well as to address the needs of those at risk of social isolation. The caregiver support group is just one way the program serves both the participant and the caregiver by providing support to help manage the tasks of daily life and the associated stress of meeting these needs. Caregivers receive encouragement and guidance to bolster their own mental health and well-being which increases the likelihood for successful care for their loved one at home. Meetings are at 10am on the last Wednesday of each month at 812 Biruta St., Akron, OH 44307. For more info, call 330-762-2000. Additionally, free care provided for the older adult while caregivers attend the group meetings.

Infertility Seminar

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Infertility Seminar to be held Saturday, November 12, 2016 at St. Basil Church in Brecksville. Please see the flyer in the Church vestibule on the bulletin board or contact Kathy Patton at 216-334-2973 or at kapatton@ccdacle.org for more information.

Please check the vestibule for more information on upcoming events, registration forms, prayer cards, and notices.

39th Annual Walk Of Hope

The 39th Annual Walk of Hope will be held Saturday, October 1, at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St. in Cleveland in the Historic Tremont neighborhood). Registration begins at 8:30am; the walk is at 9am; a raffle at 10:30am; and then a special walk around Lincoln Park at 11am. For more info, contact Marilyn Scott (216-334-2963 or mjscott@ccdocle.org) or Dennis McNulty (216-334-2962 or dmcnulty@ccdocle.org), visit www.ccdocle.org/disability or find us on Facebook. Join us Saturday, October 1! This event is for persons with or without disabilities. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to both assist in supporting the ministerial needs of persons with disabilities in our Diocese while affirming the dignity of human life!

The Challenge

Are you ready for The Challenge? 16 teams will compete with all eyes on one goal - the prize money for their favorite Catholic non-profit organization. Coming soon to Living Bread Catholic Radio on AM1060. Listen 24x7 on the radio, online (www.livingbreadradio.com) or download an app for your phone.

World Wide Marriage Encounter

World Wide Marriage Encounter offers weekends to bring a husband and wife closer together. The next weekends are Oct. 8-9, at St. Paschal Baylon Parish, Highland Heights, OH; and Nov. 11-13, 2016, and Feb. 17-19, 2017, at the Clarion Inn & Conference Center, Hudson, OH. Call 330-305-9963 for more information.

Enrolling Now for Fall 2016

Our Lady of the Elms Preschool is a co-ed program serving children ages 2-5. We offer full and half day options. To schedule a tour or for more information, contact Sarah Hutzler-Psihountakis 330-867-0918 or spsihountakis@theelms.org.

Engaged Encounter

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a comprehensive weekend of marriage preparation held three times a year at the St. Leonard Retreat Center, 4076 Case Rd., Avon, OH 44011. Questions? Call Alex and Lily Fuentes at 216-849-3769. \$185 per couple. The next program is October 14-16. Visit www.clevelandencounter.com for more information and to register.

2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

You can still contribute to the 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal! To donate or for additional information, please call 800-869-6525 or visit www.catholiccommunity.org/2016Appeal. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

Prison Volunteer Meeting Kairos Ministry

Are you interested in a new or expanded volunteer opportunity within the prison environment? If so, mark your calendar to attend an informational morning meeting Saturday, September 10 at St. Aloysius Church at 10932 St. Clair Ave. Cleveland, OH 44108. The gathering will start at 9am with breakfast followed by a presentation on the Kairos Prison Ministry Program. Currently, Kairos is serving the women at the North East Reintegration Center on East 30th St., Cleveland. We need more servant-hearted Christians from the Cleveland area to join our team of volunteers. **Come learn how you can make an impact on lives within the prison walls.** There are many opportunities to serve either within the prison or outside. We also need volunteers for various men's prisons; therefore this meeting is for men and women. Kairos is an ecumenical program so you may invite your friends from other denominations. **For planning purposes please RSVP by September 6.** Please reply with your name, number attending and your phone number either by email at jwuerthele@neo.rr.com or by calling 330-361-7301 or 330-936-7784. *"I was in prison and you came to visit me" - Matthew 25:36.*

PREP - Relationship Skills Workshop

PREP fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement for engaged couples, and offers enrichment to married couples. Held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (410 Lear Rd., Avon Lake, 44012) Sunday, September 18 from 8:30am to 4:30pm (Mass at Noon). Please register by September 9th. Cost is \$125 per couple. For more information, please call 216-334-2978. Download registration forms at www.ccdocle.org/program/prep.

St. Mother Teresa Celebration

All are invited to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine (4106 State Route 269, Bellevue, OH 44811) for a Special Mass honoring St. Mother Teresa on Saturday, September 10 at 4pm, followed by a procession into the woods to dedicate and bless the St. Mother Teresa Grotto. Mass will be held in the outdoor Pieta Chapel. The Sorrowful Mother Shrine consists of 120 acres of beauty and peace with a beautiful Shrine Chapel built in 1914 and an outdoor Pieta Chapel built in 1968. Newly paved walkways lead through the woods to the Stations of the Cross and numerous grottos including replicas of Our Lady of Lourdes, Fatima, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the Sepulcher Grotto. Please come and make a day of it. A light luncheon will be served following the Dedication. The Gift Shop will be open 10am to 4pm on Saturday. For additional information, please visit www.sorrowfulmothershrine.org, call 419-483-3435 or email sorrowfulmother@yahoo.com.

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