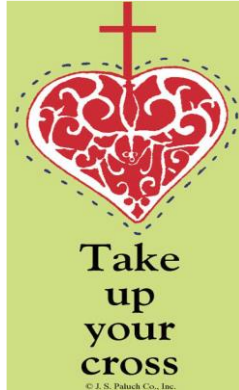


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September 15, 2024 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:4c-9a).

PSALM: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

SECOND READING: Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

GOSPEL: Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: For many Christians around the world today, the cross might involve punishment or imprisonment, possibly even death, for declaring oneself a follower of Christ. But for most of us, the cross is very different, almost abstract. It isn't necessarily made of wood. To be a Christian can mean carrying the cross of mercy — forgiving others and praying for them, when it is so much easier and gratifying to hate. It can mean carrying the cross of patience — living with a thousand small setbacks and annoyances to perform acts of kindness, generosity or love for another. Maybe it means carrying the cross of self-sacrifice — caring for others who might hunger for food or friendship or who yearn simply for someone to lend a hand or lend an ear. A great old hymn tells us that the cross, whatever it may be for each of us, isn't something to be borne like a heavy weight, but to be raised in triumph. "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, 'til all the world adore his sacred name..." In ways large and small, we are compelled to face the central question at the heart of Mark's Gospel — "Who do you say that I am?" — and answer it not only with words, but with our lives. We are called to do nothing less than to proclaim the love of Christ. Are we doing it? Are we doing it enough? It's worth taking the time this week to consider it and act on it.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

5:30PM Saturday – Sept 21st
Lector Volunteer

9:00AM Sunday – Sept 22nd
Lector: Denise Lakatos



Mass Intentions for the Week: (Sept 16th – Sept 22nd)

MON 09/16 7:00AM. . . + M/M Joseph & Mary Tri Tran – (M/M Thien Tran)
TUES 09/17 7:00AM. . . + Jean Krupa – (Susan & Brian Ryba)
WED 09/18 7:00AM. . . . For Living & Deceased Members of the Kamnikar/Gardill Family-(Family)
THURS 09/19 7:00AM. . . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirila Graicar
FRI 09/20 7:00AM. . . + M/M John & Theresa That Nguyen – (M/M Thien Tran)
SAT 09/21 5:30PM. . . + Jean Ann Houlik – (Sister, Karen & Shane Cruse)
SUN 09/22 9:00AM. . . + Holy Souls of Purgatory – (Bob Kuhns)

September 15, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Jesus’ words in our Gospel today challenge us to become imitators of Christ. This is not an easy request. It takes sacrifice, endurance, and commitment. Yet, it is profoundly rewarding.

Jesus encourages us to think, not as human beings, but as God. He is calling us not to look at life in relation to ourselves. Rather, He wants us to be open-minded and look at life in relation to God. This requires acceptance on our part – accepting the will of God and allowing it to mold us into Christ-like people. Jesus re-echoes this message as He addresses His disciples saying, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

This week let us sit in Jesus’ presence and listen to what He is calling us to at this point in our lives. Let us rise each day with a commitment to follow Him, carry our daily crosses with Him, and live in total gratitude and service to God, family and neighbor.

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS
Sept 7th & Sept 8th, 2024**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,491.00
Monthly	\$ 25.00
Mission	\$ 479.00
Catholic University	\$ 50.00
Retired Priests Medical	\$ 10.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne’s Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!



Novena to Honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Opens on **Monday, Sept 23rd** and will end on **Tuesday, Oct 1st**, the Feast of St. Therese.

Mass Schedule –

Weekday Masses at 7:50AM, 9AM and 7PM;
Saturday Masses at 9AM, 4PM, and 7PM;
Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 10:30AM, and 7:00PM.

Sunday, Sept 29th at 2PM Anointing of the sick

**Catholic Ministries Drive
Encountering Christ.**

Thank you to all the families who have pledged through **August 31st** a total of **\$4,550** towards our target goal of **\$8,276**. Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on Ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. **All funds over our target will be returned to St. Anne’s Parish.**

Community News & Events



CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA:

Thank you for your generous support during the last week of the collection for The Catholic University of America! Monies raised support Catholic education and form tomorrow’s Catholic leaders. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Visit collection.catholic.edu.



Fall Festival at St Patrick Sept 20th & 21st -
Join us for our Fall Festival Sept 20-21 8AM-PM
Gigantic Basement Sale, Bake Sale, Gobs, Pies!
Hot food including: BBQ Pulled Pork, Haluski, Hot Sausage Sandwich, Burgers, and Hot Dogs!
Hope to see you there!



A Catechesis for Adults and Youth

Come and Listen!

Beginning Sept 16th Mondays & Wednesdays
@7PM

St John Gualbert Cathedral Activity Center
110 Adams St.

Free parking and babysitting

Families and the Gospel - (Mk 8: 27-35)

If we want to be happy at home we must commit (“lose ourselves”) to our family. If we try to be independent from others (“save ourselves”) we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!



ABORTION: Respect Life

“Children are a sign. Today children are a sign. They are a sign of hope, a sign of life, but also a ‘diagnostic sign, a marker indication the health of families, society, and the entire world. Whenever children are accepted, loved, cared for, and protected, the family is health, society is healthier, and the world is more human.”

****Pope Francis****