

# THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## September 11, 2022



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**Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM**  
**\* Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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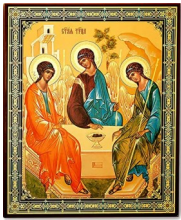
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## *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

### *Partners in Faith & Mission*



**September 11, 2022**  
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Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).”

#### **Readings for the week of September 11, 2022**

Sunday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32  
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15  
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

**Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation** programs are hosted at Saint Luke’s Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke’s Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

# *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

## *Partners in Faith & Mission*

### **"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY**

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

### **"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY**

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452.3395) from St. Stanislaus, or Kathy (392-8974) at Holy Trinity.

### **PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)**

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

### **"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY**

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Sue (450-2987).

### **THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"**

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray (882-1032).

### **PROLIFE COMMUNITY**

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

### **"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY**

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

### **ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.  
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome*



# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Sept. 12th - Private Intention  
 Tues., Sept. 13th - Ron Wieczorek & Henry Dudkiewicz (Jim Macie)  
 Wed., Sept. 14th - Martin Stella & Florence Radomski (Family)  
 Thurs., Sept. 15th - All Souls in Purgatory (H. Angeloff)  
 Fri., Sept. 16th - Sr. Anthonille Tyczkowski, C.S.S.F (Bobby Sulecki)  
 Sat., Sept. 17th, 4:00PM - Tom Konkol (Matt & Marcie Senita)  
 Sun., Sept. 18th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ZIMMERMAN FAMILY**, as gifted by the Helen.



## WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The Women's Society will meet today, Sunday, September 11, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

## PARISH DAY PREPARATIONS

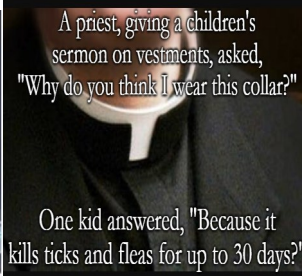
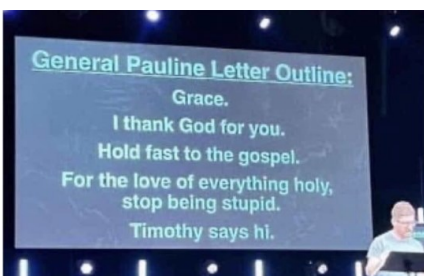
The Women's Society is in need of donations of *new* items for the Parish Day gift auction. Your donations are very much appreciated and can be dropped off at the Parish Office/Nazareth Center. Thank you for your ongoing support!

## PIEROGI MAKING

Volunteers are needed to assist our kitchen crew in making pierogi for our annual Parish Day/A Taste of Poland. The crew will gather in the Parish Hall at 9AM on Tuesday, September 13th and Wednesday, September 14th. All are welcome to help; no experience is necessary!

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Parents are like that shepherd in today's gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a window to the Divine.



## WEEKLY OFFERING (SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$X.00	\$X.00
Amount Received	\$X.00	\$X.00
Net over/under	\$X.00	\$X.00

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = X; 9:00AM = X  
 Envelopes: X/168



## SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

The next time we will be collecting donated goods for the SSJ Soup Kitchen (individually wrapped items like Little Debbie's and Hostess) will be on the weekend of **SEPTEMBER 19TH**. They can also be brought to the Nazareth Center between 2:00-3:00PM on Monday, September 20th.

## SSJ THANK YOU DINNER

For all who generously gave desserts to the SSJ soup kitchen this past year, the Volunteer Appreciation dinner will be held on Thursday, September 22 at 5:00PM. The dinner will be hosted at the Saint Paul Center. RSVPs can be made with Joanne (814.454.7814). Please do so by September 16th.

## RISE, AND GO TO YOUR FATHER

"If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you're sure not picking anything up." I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron's "8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter," (that's Rule No. 5, by the way). There's a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearances is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it's not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled. I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace? Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship? The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. I haven't been given half of that, he thinks, and I've worked so hard. But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder: did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn? God wants to ask. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

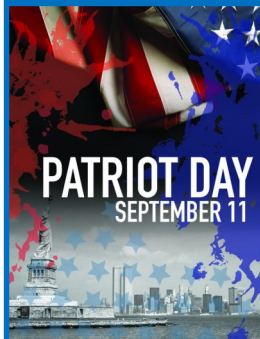
# Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **DON BENCZKOWSKI**, as gifted by his neighbors.



9/18 - Jozef Sperka



## Prayer for Peace

I think we all remember where we were on 9/11. We saw the tower fall and we saw the selfless first responders run toward the falling towers and debris without concern for their well-being, but for that of the fallen men and women. This is the model of patriotism, and why we now celebrate Patriot Day. Let us pray...

O God of selfless love, we are a blest people to have a god like you. You instill your love for us into the hearts of your human creatures. Even if those human creatures do not acknowledge you, your love for us still shines through. We ask your blessing upon all first responders today and ask you to protect them and their families. Help us love people of all nations, races, and creeds, which will bring about the end to wars and terrorism. We ask all this in your peace. Amen.

## BULLETIN CORRECTION

Last weekend's bulletin incorrectly reported Mass attendance numbers over Zabawa weekend. Saturday's Polka Mass was attended by 512 people. Sunday's Polish Heritage Mass was attended by 183 people. Wonderful turnout for both Masses! Apologies for the oversight.

## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR AUGUST 28th, 2022

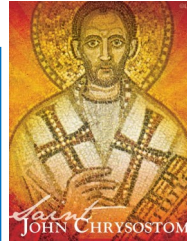
Regular Offering: \$X.00 (X/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$X.00	\$X.00
Budgeted:	\$X.00	\$X.00
Total Offertory:	\$X.00	\$X.00
Net (over/under):	\$X.00	\$X.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = X; 10:30AM = X

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Sept. 12th - NO MASS  
 Tues., Sept. 13th - Rick Kinross (Ed Czulewicz)  
 Wed., Sept. 14th - All Deceased Fathers  
 Thurs., Sept. 15th - All Deceased Mothers  
 Fri., Sept. 16th - Renee Sova Lorei (Patty Czulewicz)  
 Sat., Sept. 17th, 5:15PM - Kathyeen Benes (Ray, Eddie, Roman)  
 Sun., Sept. 18th, 10:30AM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)

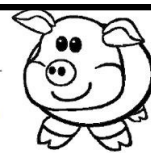


Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover. Saint John was ordained in 298.

He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed." In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops. Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

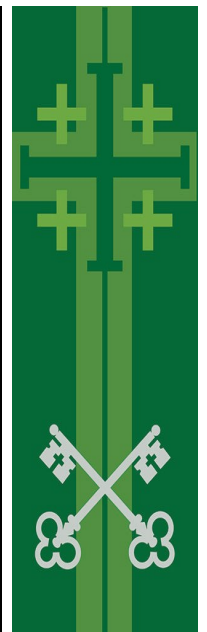
## The Parable of the Lost Son

Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24 (NIV)  
 The puzzle is based on Luke 15:11-32 (NIV).



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"This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

- Luke 15:2

## *News for Our Partnership*

### **MEN'S CURSILLO: OCTOBER 14-16, 2022**

All men of the parish who would like to make Cursillo for a spiritual experience you won't forget. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact someone who has made one to sponsor you.

***All are welcome for a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that is filled with Praise and Worship Music, Scripture, and Silence every Thursday (except for the First Thursday of the Month) at St. Francis Xavier (8880 Main St., McKean Pa). This is a great way to grow in Eucharistic Revival! Please Join us!***

### **EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL**

Saint Gregory Parish (48 South Pearl Street, North East) is inviting everyone to "Days of Eucharistic Renewal" on September 26-28. Mass will be celebrated at 8AM on Monday, September 26. At 6:30PM, there will be an evening presentation entitled "You Satisfy a Hungry Heart... With the Word of God," with hospitality to follow. Tuesday, September 27, Mass will be at 9:30AM with the school children. The evening session is at 6:30PM and is entitled "You Satisfy a Hungry Heart... With God's Mercy." Opportunities for confession will follow. Wednesday, September 28, Mass will be at 8:00AM and at 6:30PM. Hospitality will follow. Fr. Kevin McDonald, CSSr will be the presenter.

### **RESPECT LIFE MASS**

All are invited to celebrate life on October 2 at 11:30am at The Epiphany of the Lord Parish, 353 Pine Street Meadville, PA 16335. There will be a reception to follow immediately after. ProLife Groups are encouraged to RSVP and attend together. Groups can RSVP by visiting the Social Justice and Life webpage at [www.ErieRCD.org/socialjusticelife](http://www.ErieRCD.org/socialjusticelife) or by calling 814-824-1250.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Sunday, September 18: St. Benedict alumnae bingo at Polish Falcons (431 East 3rd). Doors open noon; Bingo at 1PM. Kitchen and Bar will be open. Packet \$25.00. Bring a pair gloves, hat, or scarf for a child, and get another packet free. 50/50, \$100.00 lottery wreath, tips/instant.

### **ST. MARK SEMINARY AUXILIARY**

All men and women parishioners of the Diocese of Erie are welcome to join the St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary, an organization established in 1945 to provide spiritual support to young men who have chosen a life of sacred service. The first meeting of the auxiliary this year is Sept. 13th beginning with a Mass at 7 p.m. in the chapel of St. Mark Seminary, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, followed by a brief meeting. Meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of the month. Participation in the auxiliary is not demanding, but the mission is fulfilling. For information, contact Kathy Holland at 814-440-3406.

### **ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER**

The Marriage and Family Life Office is hosting an Engagement Encounter weekend this October 14-16, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here's what folks have loved in the past: Time as a couple to focus on their relationship, a community that prays and has fun together, a non-judgmental atmosphere, the chance to set a good foundation for their marriage, and the opportunity to retreat from busy wedding details and enjoy each other. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this October!



### **FAITH FORMATION AT ST. LUKE'S**

Our faith formation program is for children in Kindergarten through 10th grade, for children wanting to receive the sacraments, and for adults wanting to join the Catholic Church. For more information or any questions, contact Sr. Carmen Maldonado. She can be reached at 814-825-6020 (ext. 5), or email [faithformation@slerie.org](mailto:faithformation@slerie.org). All public school students should register now for their religious education sessions this coming year.

### **THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS**

9/12) Elizabeth Dalton & Debbie Oldenski; 9/13) Mary Brocius & Shirley Widomski; 9/14) Julie Slomski & Katherine Krainski; 9/15) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, Nancy & Art Kujawinski, & Carol Clark; 9/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, Kay Stankiewicz, & Richard Valahovic; 9/17) Ed Korytowski & Barbara Tuszynski; 9/18) Pearl Wisniewski

### **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

9/12) Fr. David Perry; 9/13) All Vocations; 9/14) Fr. David Baetzold; 9/15) Fr. John Santor; 9/16) Fr. Tom Tyler; 9/17) Fr. Mark Nowak; 9/18) Bishop Persico



### **Sunday, Sep 11, 2022**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32  
"What [person] among... would not... go after the lost one?"

#### **Forget them not**

The commemoration of Grandparents' Day the second Sunday of September was signed into law by President Carter in 1978. On this day we honor elders who fill in as parents. The designated flowers for this day are forget-me-nots, a clever reference to how elders can be overlooked in a fast-paced world. These elders also reclaim the overlooked, providing encouragement for the lost sheep in our family systems. Honor your grandparents, living and deceased.

### **Monday, Sep 12, 2022**

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10

"I did not consider myself worthy to come to you..."

#### **A name for the ages**

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is known to us by many names and titles: Virgin Mary, Blessed Mother, Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, —and the list goes on. Catholics venerate her actual name "Mary" because it belongs to the mother of God. In the Aramaic language that she and Jesus spoke, her name was pronounced "Mariam," and by some accounts it meant "bitterness." Mary knew terrible suffering as well as great joy. Whatever you are going through, you can bring it to Mary and call on her for help—by any and all of her names. Say a Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary today.

### **Tuesday, Sep 13, 2022**

MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17

"Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

#### **Nearer my God to Thee**

Saint John Chrysostom's preaching was so beautiful that he earned the name Chrysostomos, meaning "golden mouth." As archbishop of Constantinople, he exemplified goodness by using his household budget to take care of the poor and build hospitals. But it was John's tapping of biblical truth—admonishing the wealthy and politicians for abuses of privilege and prestige—that got him into hot water with the powers that be, ultimately contributing to his death. Which of these transcendentals speaks most to your heart?

### **Wednesday, Sep 14, 2022**

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

"He humbled himself... Because of this, God greatly exalted him."

#### **Cross purposes**

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrating three historic events in early church history: the finding of the True Cross in the Holy Land in the early fourth century by Saint Helena, the mother of Constantine (himself a saint in the calendars of the Eastern Catholic Churches); the dedication of what would become the Church of the Holy Sepulchre that same year; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem after it was taken by the Persians in 614. The feast is most obvious in the Eastern Churches (Catholic, Orthodox, and otherwise) and features small processions and veneration of a large cross during and after the liturgy. Make sure to pay special attention to the Passion of Christ today, regardless of your tradition!

### **Thursday, Sep 15, 2022**

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

"Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene."

#### **Mary understands your pain**

In scripture, when Jesus is presented in the temple, Simeon notes that Mary's heart will be pierced. Later when Jesus recognizes her presence at the foot of the cross as he is dying, Simeon's prediction is fulfilled. Mary's steadfast faith during the ordeal of the Crucifixion serves as a beacon for anyone who suffers. Because today is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, it's an appropriate moment to ask Mary—who understands pain so well—to pray for our suffering loved ones and all who are enduring great trials.

### **Friday, Sep 16, 2022**

MEMORIAL OF CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3

"Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news."

#### **¡Vivan las buenas noticias!**

On Sept. 16, 1810, after being stymied in his efforts to promote economic advancement for his parishioners, Jesuit Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla stood in the town square of Dolores in New Spain and declared what became known as El Grito de Dolores ("The Cry of Dolores"): "Long live religion! Long live our Blessed Mother of Guadalupe! Long live America and death to bad government!" Thus, the Mexican War for Independence began. Today is a good day to continue the fight for economic justice. Consider beginning with morning Mass, for as Saint Cyprian wrote to his friend Pope Cornelius: "It is not only the weak but the strong who need defense . . . strengthening them for combat with the Body and Blood of Christ!"

### **Saturday, Sep 17, 2022**

MEMORIAL OF HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, ABBESS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15

"Knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you."

#### **Worth the wait**

To be named a saint, one must complete the official Roman canonization process, right? Well, not exactly. Today's saint, Hildegard of Bingen, was entered into the process four times. But all the lengthy examinations and documentations were never completed. So she remained beatified but not canonized for almost a thousand years! Yet, many popes, including John Paul II, referred to her as Saint Hildegard. Finally, in 2012, Benedict XVI promoted her to sainthood in a process called "equivalent canonization" that cuts through all the red tape. And he named her a doctor of the church to boot. Your faithful witness will be recognized—even if it takes a thousand years!

