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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

### Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

#### Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

#### Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)  
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)  
11:30am English (organ & cantor)  
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

### Weekdays

#### Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

#### Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

# 2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, September 8

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving to God Almighty, to the Holy Spirit, and to the Divine Mercy

### Tuesday, September 9

8:30 a.m.

12:00 pm

### Wednesday, September 10

9:00 a.m. Ana Felicita Hernandez - conversión y liberación, Fernando Hernandez, Anastacio Montero, Maria Josefa Parache (D), Cesar Augusto Rojas (D)

### Thursday, September 11

8:30 a.m.

12:00p.m.

### Friday, September 12

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Margaret Grossenbacher (D)

### Saturday, September 13

7:45 a.m. Phero Thong & Magarita Han (D)

7:00 p.m. Jesus Paulino (D). Carmen Luisa Rosario (D). Cesar Rojas (D), Gumercinda Fortunato (D). Anderlis DeJesus (D), Melinda Anelma Fortunato, Lucia Fortunato (D), Benditas almas del Purgatorio

### Sunday, September 14

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30: a.m. Carmen Marquez (D), Jorge Miguel Cabrera (D), Kadderlyn Rodriguez (L) - salud

11:30 am

1:30 pm Lorenzo Nguyen & Madalena (D)

## READINGS

### First Reading:

And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. (Wis 9:18)

### Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

### Second Reading:

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,

that you might have him back forever. (Phlm 1:15)

### Gospel:

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me

cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:27)

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## Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

SEPTEMBER 11  
NEVER FORGET

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Luke 14:25-33**

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— *Father John Muir*

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**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

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**MARTES 16 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025**  
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**PRIMER DIA DE CLASE**  
**MARTES 23 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025**

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Today, Jesus tells us the cost of true discipleship — and it turns out, it's everything. We must reject the world in order to love God. What attachments are holding us back from the relationship we could have — we *should* have — with our Lord?

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