

SEPTEMBER 6 - SATURDAY

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Bob Wuerth*

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**SEPTEMBER 7 – SUNDAY**

Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12 - 17; Lk 14:25-33

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Larry - *Tom Larson*12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**SEPTEMBER 8 – MONDAY**

Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

SEPTEMBER 9 – TUESDAY

Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

SEPTEMBER 10 – WEDNESDAY

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

SEPTEMBER 11 – THURSDAY

Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Memo**SEPTEMBER 12 - FRIDAY**

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *Pamela Hildebrand***SEPTEMBER 13 - SATURDAY**

1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Ralph Sheridan*

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Memo**SEPTEMBER 14 – SUNDAY**

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

*Sunday Readings:*9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Memo - *Bob Wuerth*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Memo**English Mass Ministry Schedule: September 13-14****Lectors:** 4:00 PM – P. Wesslerer

11:00 AM – B. Kramer

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – T. LeSaint/H. Wesslerer

11:00 AM – K. Gillespie/J. Ruter

Servers: 4:00 PM – S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein

11:00 AM – M. Crosby

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Keller

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$6,713

Offerings received to-date: \$67,261

Amount needed to catch up: \$12,739

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call

513-541-1563

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 2 winners: Mary Lietz, Laura Caldwell, and Jerry Kautzman. Each won \$25. It's not too late to get your entry, 513-541-1563, for details.

Happy Birthday!!**CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

David Prasse (06), Julia Schlaechter (06), Charles Wentzel (07), Robert Currens (07), Bob Kuriakose (07), Bill Nintrup (07), Melissa St. Clair (07), Linda Schnetzer (08), Rob Ogden (08), Jennifer Lemmink (08), Joe Ruter (08), Pat Mayer (09), Terri Rolfes (11), MaryEllen Yetter (11), Aaron Sachs (11).

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

Jesus issues a radical invitation in today's Gospel. As crowds follow him, he turns and delivers a startling message: "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."

Strong words. Jarring, even. But Jesus isn't promoting hatred; he's using the language of hyperbole, a common Jewish teaching method, to emphasize a deeper truth: nothing, not even the closest of human relationships, can take priority over our relationship with him. To "hate" in this context means to prefer less. Jesus is asking us to love him first, so that all other loves can flow rightly from that foundation.

This echoes the ancient Shema, the heart of Jewish prayer: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might" (Deut. 6:5). Discipleship isn't an add-on; it's a total reorientation.

Jesus makes this clear with two examples: a man building a tower and a king going to war. Both must first count the cost. So must we. Christianity is not comfortable or convenient; it demands sacrifice. It asks us to pick up our cross daily, to relinquish control, and to be prepared to lose everything for Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI once wrote: "He calls people of all times to count exclusively on him, to leave everything else behind, so as to be totally available for him, and hence totally available for others: to create oases of selfless love in a world where so often only power and wealth seem to count for anything."

Following Christ does not mean we love our families or our vocations any less. It means we love them better, because we love them through Him. Christ brings clarity, direction, and divine purpose to every other relationship and pursuit.

The question this Gospel demands of us is not rhetorical. It is deeply personal: If Jesus asked you to let go of the one thing you cling to most, would you?

JUBILEE YEAR 2025: The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has launched a web page with information for the Jubilee Year 2025. Visit <https://catholicaoc.org/jubilee-2025> to learn about the Church's celebration of an Ordinary Jubilee every 25 years, obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence, pilgrimage sites within the archdiocese, and a special pilgrimage to Italy in October 2025.

PARENT EDUCATION CLASSES: Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio offers Parent Education Classes on Monday evenings (excluding holidays) via Zoom. Classes cover normal child development, realistic expectations, communication skills, problem-solving, and more. If you would like more information or to register, contact Patsy Bolden at pbolden@ccswoh.org (513.867.7072).

FROM THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE: We would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the Decree on Child Protection. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed The Archdiocese of Cincinnati SafeParish™: Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse - Arch. of Cincinnati Edition. In addition, employees are required to complete an online background check, manual fingerprinting, and B4 form once prior to beginning employment. Ohio Department of Education licensees may have additional requirements, and school offices or athletic departments should be consulted if there are any questions. Volunteers are required to complete an online background check prior to volunteering with youth. Employees and volunteers are required to stay current in completing SafeParish™ quarterly bulletins. Please make sure you are up to date on completing the quarterly bulletins or you will not be able to work/volunteer with youth until your SafeParish™ account is approved. Please direct questions to your parish/school safe environment coordinator, Jenni Lindgren. Thank you for all you are doing and please stay safe and healthy!