

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

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Memo – *Bob Wuerth*12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Memo**SEPTEMBER 15 – MONDAY**

1 Tm 2:1-8; Jn 19:25-27

SEPTEMBER 16 – TUESDAY

1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

SEPTEMBER 17 – WEDNESDAY

1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

SEPTEMBER 18 – THURSDAY

1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Memo – *Intention of Mary Pat Lienhart***SEPTEMBER 19 - FRIDAY**

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *Fr. Joe Robinson***SEPTEMBER 20 - SATURDAY**

1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Intention of Margaret Lienhart*

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**SEPTEMBER 21 – SUNDAY**

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

*Sunday Readings:*9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Franciscan Priest – *Jane Weber*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Memo**English Mass Ministry Schedule: September 20-21****Lectors:** 4:00 PM – R. Ogden

11:00 AM – C. Roosa

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – R. McCoy/D. Mercer

11:00 AM – J. Chesher/L. Washam

Servers: 4:00 PM – Z. & M. Nintrup

11:00 AM – J. Ruter

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: LeSaint

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$7,134

Offerings received to-date: \$74,395

Amount needed to catch up: \$21,605

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 3 winners: David Crosby, Jo Ann Boland, and Mr. & Mrs. John Butz. Each won \$25. It's not too late to get your entry, 513-541-1563, for details.

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

Sr. Mary Ann Trotta (13), Jeffrey Erwin (13), Casey Hebenstreit (14), Jessica Dunham (15), Gredil Salazar (16), Adriel Zapata (16), Jackie Chesher (17), Amber Wright (17), Albert Eilers (18), Bob Roellig (18), Mary Pat Lienhart (18), Al Krismer (19).

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

Self-giving love is a living reflection of today's Gospel, one of the most recognized and profound passages in all of Scripture: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16)

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Church lifts up the cross not as a symbol of defeat, but as the glorious sign of victory and love. The cross is not merely an instrument of suffering; it is the place where divine love met human sin and transformed it. Jesus, the Son of Man, was lifted up just as Moses lifted the bronze serpent in the desert (John 3:14–15). Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, those who gaze upon the crucified Christ with faith are given eternal life.

This is the heart of Catholic faith: that God's love is not abstract. It is sacrificial. God did not send His Son to condemn the world but to save it. This is not the love of one who stands apart, judging from a distance. It is the love of one who enters our brokenness, who carries our wounds, who takes on the weight of our sin to lift us up.

Pope Benedict XVI captured this mystery when he said: "By raising our eyes towards the crucified one, we adore him who came to take upon himself the sin of the world and to give us eternal life. And the Church invites us proudly to lift up this glorious cross so that the world can see the full extent of the love of the crucified one for all, for us men."

The feast we celebrate today invites us not only to venerate the cross but to embody its meaning. We are called to lift high the cross in our lives, not through grand gestures, but through daily acts of faith, mercy, and love.

We might ask ourselves: Do I truly believe that Christ was lifted up for me? And if I believe it, how am I living in response to that love? Am I, too, willing to be lifted up, to pour myself out, for the salvation of others?

In the shadow of the cross, the world sees suffering. But through the eyes of faith, we see salvation. Let us lift our eyes and our lives toward the one who was lifted up for love.

YOUNG ADULT SACRAMENTAL HUB: The archdiocese Young Adult Evangelization team is hosting Adoration, Mass, and Confessions every other Tuesday night at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains starting at 7:00 p.m. The Sacramental Hub is a place for young adults to come together and worship our Lord. Having regular access to the sacraments and finding community are crucial parts of the Catholic faith; Sacramental Hubs are a place to find both. Come encounter the Lord through Adoration, Confession, Mass, and Praise & Worship. Stick around afterwards to meet other young adults in the area – grab dinner or head to a local brewery to keep the community going. To learn more and to see the full schedule, go to <https://queencitycatholic.org/sacramental-hub>.

CATHOLIC INNER CITY SCHOOLS COLLECTION: The yearly collection for the support of Catholic Inner-City Schools (CISE) is this weekend. The mission of CISE is to provide access to a strong Catholic education for urban children in a safe, nurturing environment at designated Catholic schools and high schools. Our St. Boniface school is one of the schools benefitting from this ministry so please consider making a donation. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE: On Saturday, September 13, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., you are invited to meet at the Saint Charles Center (2860 U.S. 127, Carthagen) to do a pilgrimage to learn about a piece of the history of racial injustice and integration in our archdiocese. We'll celebrate a Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m., followed by a light supper and camaraderie. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/RJpilgrimage

**For GOD So loved The WORLD
That He Gave His Only Begotten
SON.
JOHN 3:16**