



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 7-SEPTEMBER 15**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7** –Reconciliation 3-3:30pm

Lucernemines- 4pm ..... †John (Lefty) & Mary Popp (Janice & Jack Bell)

Coral- 6pm..... †Evelyn Irene Dean (Grandparents, Len & Carol Black)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8- GRANDPARENTS DAY**—Reconciliation 8:30am

Coral- 9am..... †Living & Deceased Members of the Yanoscsik Family (Mimi & family)

Lucernemines- 11am..... †Regis Troxell (Maryanne & family)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**—NO MASS

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**..... †Stanley Lucas (Mary Kay Yarchak)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**..... †Robert Ciranni (Mr & Mrs Dennis Chutorich)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**..... †Thomas Boske (Sam & Betsy Arone)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**..... †Scott Golinsky (Mom & Dad)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**–Reconciliation 3-3:30pm

Lucernemines 4pm..... †Father Gilmary Tallman, OFM Cap (Suffragia)

Coral 6pm..... †Mildred Thomas (Daughter, Peggy)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**—Reconciliation 8:30am

Coral 9am..... †John J Fetchko, Jr. (John Fetchko, Father & family)

Lucernemines 11am..... ProPopulo

**\*\*\*Due to technical issues, this weekend's bulletin could not be printed in its usual format.\*\*\***

The September Spiritual Calendar  
Dear Parishioners,

After Labor Day, September's calendar seems to be loaded with events, festive days, and memorials. Today, Sunday, that is, our local community celebrates the annual *Hoodlebug Festival* where this year our Christian Mothers are selling stuffed cabbages, *holupki*, one of our best loved ethnic comfort foods, and our Knights of Columbus will again squeeze lemons for lemonade. Hope you can drop by for a visit at the booths there.

Here at church this weekend, on Sunday, in our Catholic worship calendar, in addition to the *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary time* in the second cycle, or B, we keep the Memorial of the Nativity or Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary (September 8), before we observe another memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary on Thursday (September 12). Thinking about the date, you might catch the rationale for celebrating the birth of Mary on September 8 if you think about the date of her conception, *the Immaculate Conception*, in December.

Although our secular calendar shows Grandparents' Day on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, Pope Francis, aware of the most helpful role of elders in raising up children, urged us to honor our grandparents' right after the feast day of Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, in late July. Either way, Happy Grandparents' Day! We honor you.

So, the calendar shows some interesting connections and references. The **feast of the birth of Mary** refers to something that happened in real clock/calendar time. Obviously, Mary comes of real human parents, very likely born in Jerusalem, not too far from the Temple Mount where there stands an ancient church dedicated to St. Anne rebuilt by the Knights Templar or Crusaders who sought to protect the various Holy Sites from destruction by the Muslim invaders.

The **Most Holy Name of Mary** refers to **the friend and mother** that we have found spiritually in Mary, as we invoke her by name and ask her to take our pleas to Jesus because Jesus always hears the voice of his beloved Mother.

Our Catholic worship calendar takes a turn towards the central "mystery of faith," when we celebrate "**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**" on Saturday, September 14. Commentary for this day says this: "The feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, Constantine erected a round church, the *Anastasis*, above the empty grave of Jesus, and a basilica, the *Martyrium*; in the square between the two churches, he erected a shrine, *Calvarium*, marking the place of the crucifixion. Dedicated in 335, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The two churches were rebuilt by Patriarch Modestus of Jerusalem around 626 but were later destroyed by the Muslims in 1009. The present church of the Holy Sepulcher, rebuilt by the Crusaders, was dedicated in 1149." The Orthodox call this church "the holiest ground on earth."

The day following the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** commemorates the **Sorrows of Mary** September 15, which incidentally became a patronal feast for Slovakia.

Amazing, isn't it, that our spiritual heritage recalled in September carries such a mixture of divine blessings along with sufferings endured by Jesus, Mary, and all believers for the sake of a witness to God working out our eternal salvation.

Next week I hope to write about two faithful followers of Christ who strongly witnessed to Jesus and brought to our eyes again the price Jesus paid for our salvation.

*Father John*

**8/31-9/1**

Adult, loose, children & online giving	\$7464.00
Votives	\$206.00
Maintenance	\$80.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$0.00
Accent	\$19.00
Diocesan Collections	\$70.00
Special Collections	30.00
Cemetery	\$252.00
Families receiving envelopes	462
Envelopes used this week	180
Online giving this week	32

**Mass Attendance  
8/31 & 9/1**

Lucerne 4pm – 106

11am – 84

Coral 6pm—68

9am--105

**The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:**

Coral-Gasper & Pauline Vilcek by the Gatskie Family

Lucernemines-Stan Lucas by Vince & Pam Gaudio

**The Host is in memory of:**

Coral-Brian Gatskie by Mother, Patty Call

Lucernemines-Stan Lucas by Vince & Pam Gaudio

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