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TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 30, 2020



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come  
after me must deny  
himself, take up his cross,  
and follow me. For whoever  
wishes to save his life  
will lose it, but whoever  
loses his life for my  
sake will find it."  
- Mt 16:24b-25

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make. To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

### Prayer Line

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Note: during the pandemic office hours are not regular as stated above, but you can continue to call the telephone number and leave a message.

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### Website

[www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org)

### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday 4:20 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643- 9553 ) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

### VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-9553.



## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**AUGUST 29 — 30, 2020**

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the soul Carolyn Dixon  
request of Bruce and Bernice Dixon

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

11:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

6:00 P.M. ROSARY

**MONDAY, AUGUST 31 — No Mass**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 — No Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 — No Mass**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

### Livestream Masses:

From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>

Sunday 9AM

Daily Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish

<https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/>

Monday 8AM / Tuesday 9AM / Wednesday 8AM / Thursday  
9AM / Friday 8AM and Sunday 10AM

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

SUN 8/30 Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

MON 8/31 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30

TUE 9/1 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37

WED 9/2 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44

THR 9/3 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11

FRI 9/4 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39

SAT 9/5 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5

SUN 9/7 Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

#### St. MAURICE PRAYER LINE



Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Kathy, Cecile, Steven, Erica, Joan, John

Thank you, Mary Ann

#### CD FUNDRAISER REPORT



The Fellowship Circle is pleased to announce that our St. Maurice CD Fundraiser has been completed. Donations for 200 CD's totaling \$7,710.00 have been received. We wish to thank you all for your very generous donations.

### The Bible Commission Meeting



There will be a meeting of  
The Bible Commission  
on Thursday, September 3rd,  
at 7:00 pm in the Church.

The purpose of this meeting:

1. To discuss restarting Bible Study which could be held in the Church, socially distancing.
2. To discuss a 33 Day preparation to Consecration to St. Joseph as a parish starting Wednesday, Sept 30th to Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Day.
3. The Coast to Coast Rosary Rally on Sunday, October 11th
4. I have a DVD of the movie, Love and Mercy: Faustina; which was released last year for a one day showing in theatres. It could be viewed as a "Special Events."
5. Anything else you want to discuss related to this Commission.

#### USHERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in being an usher please contact  
Kathy Perlitz

[kcperlitz@comcast.net](mailto:kcperlitz@comcast.net)

or by phone at 860-649-1210.

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday — 5:00 p.m.

Sunday — 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

#### Weekday Masses:

Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

The celebration of Mass will continue Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday throughout September. Several steps have been taken to safeguard the health of our pastor and parishioners.



#### STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

Offertory: August 23 — \$3,443

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

- MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

# REFLECTIONS



The Cullinan Diamond: This is a true story - no matter how much like a fairy tale it may sound. A totally unsuspecting man literally stumbled upon the world's largest diamond – all 3,106 carats of it. It happened in Premier Mine #2, near Pretoria, South Africa, in early 1905. This amazing stone was then sent in an ordinary cardboard box to England. One hundred and five stones were cut from this diamond, known as the Cullinan diamond. Two of the largest stones which it produced, the 530-carat Star of Africa and the 317-carat Cullinan II, are mounted on the *Scepter with the Cross* of the British King/Queen as royal Crown Jewels. Cullinan is the second largest polished gem and Cullinan II is the fourth largest polished diamond in the world.

[Isaac Asimov, Book of Facts, (New York: Wings Books, 1979), pp.1,6-17.]



Dr. Williamson was a geologist doing some archeological excavation work in Tanzania. One day he found himself driving in a deserted area, slipping and sliding along a rain-soaked road. Suddenly his four-wheel drive vehicle sank up to its axles in the mud and got stuck. Pulling out his shovel, Dr. Williamson began the unpleasant task of digging the car out of a mud hole. He had been at it for a while when his shovel uncovered something strange. It was a pinkish stone of some sort. Being a geologist and naturally curious about rock formations, he picked it up and wiped away the mud. The more mud he removed, the more excited he became, and he could hardly believe what he saw. When the stone was finally clean, Dr. Williamson was beside himself with joy. He had discovered the diamond which became known as the famous Pink Diamond of Tanzania and is now set in the royal scepter of Great Britain.

## FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



National  
Combined  
Collection

**Next weekend** our parish will take up the **National Combined Collection** which benefits: The Catholic Communication Campaign, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence), The Retirement Fund for Religious, and Catholic University of America. These collections provide the Holy Father with the funds he needs to reach out to people suffering in our world; helps religious communities struggling to provide for aging members; and offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere grounded in Catholic intellectual tradition. The communication campaign, of which half the proceeds stay in our Diocese, helps spread the gospel here and around the world through Internet, television, radio, and print media. Registered parishioners will receive a mailing with more detailed information. Please read the material and if you are so inclined, bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend. (Gift envelopes and an informational brochure are also available at the church.) **Your support of these needs of the Universal Church will truly make a difference.**

**Please be as generous as your means allow.**



**The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, September 5 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood.



**ANNIVERSARY MASS** – Because of uncertainties surrounding Covid-19, the Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will not take place this year. Bishop Cote will offer a private Mass for the intentions of all couples celebrating specific anniversaries this year. Each couple who registers will receive a signed certificate from the Bishop. The names of all registrants and their anniversary dates will also be listed on a special Anniversary Page on the Diocese of Norwich Website. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year and would like to be recognized by Bishop Cote, please register by sending the following information: **husband and**

**wife's name, address, telephone number, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated and parish** to: Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, telephone at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or by email at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net). Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves to this address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website. The registration deadline is September 2, 2020.

## An Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed for all the faithful in the Diocese of Norwich until further notice. Those who are considered "high risk" due to age or underlying health condition, are encouraged to stay home. Stay home also if you are experiencing symptoms of illness or not feeling well. Since Sunday is still the Lord's Day, the faithful are encouraged to do one of the following while unable to attend Mass: Read and reflect on the Sunday scriptures; Pray the rosary reflecting on the Glorious Mysteries; Watch the Sunday Mass on TV, or via the internet.





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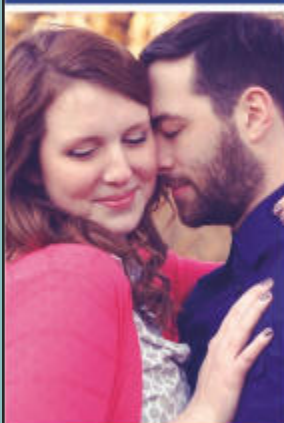
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