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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."  
- Mt 18:15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1989 CCD

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

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### 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 5 — 6, 2020**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Robert Hunt request of Edward and Kathryn Wacienga

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

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, SEPTEMBER 7 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 — No MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the intentions of Nancy Wysacki request of Daryl and Bruce Bonadies

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the intentions of Steffanie Sarris request of Daryl and Bruce Bonadies

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 — No Mass**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**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 8 AM / Tuesday 9 AM / Wednesday 8 AM / Thursday 9 AM / Friday 8 AM / Saturday Vigil 5 PM / Sunday 10 AM**

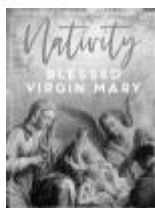
**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

<b>SUN 9/6</b>	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
<b>MON 9/7</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
<b>TUE 9/8</b>	Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
<b>WED 9/9</b>	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
<b>THR 9/10</b>	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
<b>FRI 9/11</b>	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
<b>SAT 9/12</b>	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
<b>SUN 9/13</b>	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

<b>Sunday:</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	Labor Day
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Peter Claver, Priest
<b>Friday:</b>	Patriot Day
<b>Saturday:</b>	The Most Holy Name of Mary



**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: Bob, David.

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.

**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.



**2020 ACA Update:** As of August 24th, **St. Maurice Parish, Bolton has donated \$9,225.00 or 93.67% of its goal, and 29.94% of our parishioners have donated.** We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. From a client of Catholic Charities, "There is absolutely no way that I would have been able to put enough food on the table and diapers on my baby during this terribly difficult COVID, if not for the help of Catholic Charities. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to the Annual Catholic Appeal." If you have not made your contribution to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).



**Thank you to everyone for your support!**



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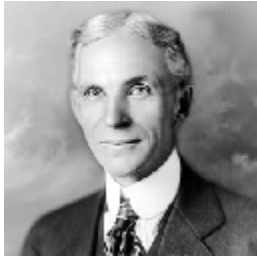
**Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

**Offertory: August 30 — \$3,094**

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..."* - EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

# REFLECTIONS



**God is in charge:** Henry Ford (1863-1947) was the famous American motor manufacturer who pioneered large-scale motor production. He was the founder of the Ford Motor Company. A man, who went to interview Mr. Ford when he was very old, was surprised to find him calm and serene. The interviewer asked him, "Sir, are you not worried in your life? You have to face so many problems every day and deal with so many workers. Don't you feel the strain on yourself?" Henry Ford replied, "No! I am not worried. I believe that God is managing the affairs and He doesn't need my advice. With God in charge, I believe that everything will work for the best in the end."  
(John Rose in John's Sunday Stories; quoted by Fr. Botelho).

## FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

### 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.

The following steps are taken to safeguard the health of our pastor and parishioners:

- Attendees are required to wear masks and are also asked to provide their own hand sanitizer. Appropriate seating for social distancing have been marked.
- For those wishing to receive communion, distribution will take place immediately after mass has ended. Those wearing gloves must remove them before receiving as the Eucharist must not be placed in a gloved hand.
- During this period there will be no choir.
- Those in vulnerable populations, e.g. the elderly, those with underlying health conditions, or those with any symptoms of illness are asked to remain at home. They are encouraged to watch Mass on television or via the internet

## FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



National Combined Collection

Today we will take up the **National Combined Collection (NCC)** which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please indicate on your NCC collection envelope how you wish your gift to be used. If you need a gift envelope, extra envelopes are available at the

ushers' tables in the back of the church. Please support our aging religious, join our Holy Father in providing essential relief to the most disadvantaged, connect people with Christ through communication resources, and help provide a Catholic based education to university students.

**Your generous support is greatly appreciated.**



Are you grieving from an Abortion? Trust in the mercy of God's love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: "The church is aware of the many factors which

may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope....The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord." (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99). Call Project Rachel, the church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: 860-861-4439.



## 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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