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Mass Intentions

Sept 5th, 9:00 am: James Michie +  
by Eleanor Michie  
Sept 6th: Parishioners of St Andrew  
and St Regina  
  
Sept 7th: Harold Segerson +  
by Khuyen Segerson  
  
Sept 13th: Parishioners of St Andrew  
and St Regina

Liturgical Ministers

**September 13, 2020**  
**Lectors** — Marshall Mize  
**Gift Bearers** —  
**Eucharistic Ministers** —  
**Sacristans**— Mary Alyce Fiechtl  
**Altar Linens** — Sheri Parkinson and Susan Boothe  
**Ushers**—Men of the Parish

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 6, 2020

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”  
— *Matthew 18:19*

A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today’s Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.  
Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he “does not speak out” to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.  
We live in a “do your own thing” age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10).  
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the early years of the church, most people never availed themselves of once-in-a-lifetime penance. Yet penitents were highly visible. They wore distinctive garments or chains, and they were relegated to special zones in the church. They might be dismissed from the Sunday assembly after the Word, forbidden to join in the Prayer of the Faithful or the Eucharist. This dismissal was done with great affection and tenderness as the bishop laid his hands on the heads of the sinners. During Lent almost everyone would identify with penitents by clothing, insignia, or by following the penitents’ regular diet. Rather than sit in judgment over them, the church desired to intercede for them before the Lord. “Let Mother Church weep for you and wash away your sins with her tears,” said St. Ambrose to his penitents in Milan. Ambrose liked to think of them as Jonah in the whale, meditating on his errors. In a letter to his sister he said that Jonah is also a sign of Christ in the tomb, and so he had great faith in the penitents’ future proclamation of the Resurrection with their reclaimed status in the assembly.  
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WEEKLY OFFERING	
Aug 30th	
Budget	\$2100
Actual	\$1408
Bldg.	\$100
Short	\$592

TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR A

**First Reading** — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).  
**Psalms** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).  
**Second Reading** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).  
**Gospel** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).  
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER  
Parishioners

Gary Adams, Grant Adams, Joe Bobak,  
Ethel Huffman, MaryAnn Maness

Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

We are in need of a teacher for PreK/K and for Communion 2 classes. Please contact Lois Freeland at 770-714-7167 if you can donate an hour of your time each week during the school year.

LABOR

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.  
—Grover Cleveland

REIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRE Classes

Classes will resume September 13th, after Labor Day Holiday.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911  
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49  
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



Mass Schedule  
Monday: 9:00 am  
Wednesday: 11:30 am  
Thursday: 9:00 am  
Friday: 11:30 am  
Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am

Coming Events

**Labor Day:** The office will be closed on Monday for the holiday. Mass will be at 9:00 am

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Labor Day  
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wednesday: St. Peter Claver  
Friday: Patriot Day  
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary