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Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
11:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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August 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition that all that we have is a gift from Him. While today's readings remind us that, of course, God is always in control of His creation and His creatures, they illustrate what amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives — in other words, what can happen when we embrace the stewardship way of life. When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is gift from Him, we lose trust in Him and we do not make our lives a grateful response to Him.



Peter makes this mistake in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus sends the disciples in a boat ahead of Him to the other side of the shore. Later that evening, Jesus casually strolls up to the boat, walking on the sea. He invites Peter to join Him. As Peter begins to walk on the water, he momentarily takes his eyes off Jesus to notice the strong wind surrounding them. With that, he sinks.

But what if Peter had not taken his eyes off Christ? What a grand adventure he could have had out there walking on the sea with Jesus! When we take our eyes off Christ, the many blessings He has given us, and the loving way He treats us, we sink, too.

But when we embrace the stewardship way of life, letting go of a tight hold over our money, time, and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

Parish Calendar

Monday, August 14

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Basil Markle †
Maxine Goss † | Patrick Divers †
Annie Carroll † | Francis Carroll †

Tuesday, August 15

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) -
Pierette & Georges Cote †

Wednesday, August 16

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - David Easingwood †
Special Intention

Thursday, August 17 - No Mass

Friday, August 18

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Anointing of the Sick
Jean Dalicandro † | Special Intention

Saturday, August 19

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Marlene DeRose †
O'Neill Family †

Sunday, August 20

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People
11:00 a.m. - Vincent Dugo †
Pierette & Georges Cote †
Martin & Josephine Kobe †
Special Intention

CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!

Catholic Women's League Corner

- Our Diocesan Council is sponsoring a "Welcome Back" meet and greet social on Sept 9 at St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church.
- Doors open at 5:30 pm.
- Members of our council and their significant others are invited to attend.
- Join others from across the diocese for pierogis, chicken and salad.
- There will be a cash bar.
- Tickets are \$20 in advance.
- Your cheque made out to St. Julia CWL in a clearly marked envelope (CWL Welcome Back) can be left in the collection basket or in the parish office by August 23.

Are You Being Called?

"Take courage, it is I. Do not be afraid!"

Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust.

If you are discerning your vocation, contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.



August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Gospel today from Matthew reminds us to trust in Him even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.. God wants to lead us to the joy of heaven to spend eternity with Him. For that, we must be strong in faith and live our lives as an act of love and gratitude to Him. In other words, we must allow Him to transform us into saints. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to do. Sometimes, that will feel painful to us. Often, it will be challenging.



Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a demon. What did Jesus do in reply to this mother's desperate plea? Nothing. He "did not say a word in answer to her." Undeterred, the woman continues to call out to Him, yet He still does not give her what she asks for. Instead, He continues to challenge her faith. And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, "O woman [a term of deep respect in that day], great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God. Truly there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us.

So we must accept the difficulties that come with the stewardship way of life. Some days will be a true challenge to our trust in God. But those are the days when God is making saints of us. Let's embrace the hard days during these difficult times. The deep joy that eventually comes, the eternal reward He promises, will be so worth it. But when we embrace the stewardship way of life, letting go of a tight hold over our money, time, and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

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Monday, August 21

8:30 a.m. - Rita Markle †

Tuesday, August 22

8:30 a.m. - Souls in Purgatory †

Wednesday, August 23

8:30 a.m. - Souls in Purgatory †

Thursday, August 24 - No Mass

Friday, August 25

8:30 a.m. - Joseph Cassidy † | Special Intention

Saturday, August 26

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Jim Vandervoort †
Ronald & Joan MacDonald † | John Buckley †

Sunday, August 27

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

11:00 a.m. - Betty Smith †

Vincent Dugo † | Rev. Lawrence Dugo †
Michael Morra † | David Easingwood †

**"Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight.
It enables us to see God in all things
as well as all things in God."**

St. Francis de Sales

Finding God in the Everyday



Led by: Anna Racine

Sat. Aug. 26, 2023

Cost: \$70 (includes lunch)

9:30am-3:30pm

Do you feel like you can't find God? What if he is waiting for you right where you are? The most amazing thing happens when we decide to search for God in the everyday. We find Him in the most unexpected places. God is always there, waiting for us to seek Him.

In this Workshop learn how to search for God in the little things, the small moments, the everyday. Be amazed what you will find when you commit to search for God in your everyday life.

Presenter bio at www.annaracine.org

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