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22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekends:**

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

## GOSPEL MEDITATION: THE DEVIL AND DETAILS

We live in a world filled with rules and restrictions. The rules — especially the laws — that govern our day-to-day lives are ideally there for the order of society and the safety of others.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we're presented with a tense scene in which Jesus and his followers are being publicly criticized by certain religious leaders for disregarding rules of ritual washing. Although something like ritual washings — including handwashing — might seem unimportant to us today, this act was an essential part of daily, religious observance for certain Jews at the time of Jesus. The Pharisees and scribes (two Jewish groups that prided themselves on their faithful religious observance) attacked Jesus and his

disciples for not following the rules for purity that have been handed down to them. Jesus, a poor tradesman from a poor village, would have understood that these kind of rules would have been nearly impossible for poor farmers and fishermen, especially given the scarcity of water and the frequent contact they would have had with dead fish and other things that would make them "ritually unclean." Only a privileged few could live by the strict rules of the Pharisees and scribes, most of whom were well-off and living in cities. In response to the criticisms, Jesus reminded his critics of what is truly important by challenging them to change their focus: it isn't external realities that make us "unclean" or the observance of specific rules that ensures that we're in a

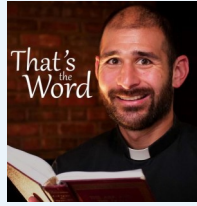
right relationship with God. Instead, it is our intentions and the purity of our hearts that matter most to God: "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile..."

Rules and traditions are incredibly important, as they help us solidify our identity as Catholic-Christians. At the same time, we have to be sure that we don't become so fixated on the details of certain traditions or teachings that we risk losing sight of what is most important: The Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rules and traditions — however important and venerable they may be — can never be an end in themselves.

*Excerpted: Br. Silas Henderson, S.D.S./LPI Sunday Connect*



<b>AUG. 28</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vince Scarbin†</b> <i>Suzanne &amp; Bruce Artimez</i>
<b>AUG. 29</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Paul Baum†</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Lew Melchiori†</b> <i>Diserio Family</i>
<b>AUG. 23</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Patsy Miller†</b> <i>Karen Robbins</i>
<b>AUG. 24</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Semon &amp; Phyllis Prado</b> <i>Danny Prado</i>
<b>AUG. 25</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Vince Scarbin†</b> <i>Phil &amp; Loretta Remke</i>
<b>AUG. 26</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mary &amp; Bill Stees</b> <i>Libby Magnone</i>
<b>AUG. 27</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Bernadine Miller</b> <i>Miller/Porter families</i>
<b>AUG. 28</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vince Scarbin†</b> <i>Oakland Family</i>
<b>AUG. 29</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Stephanie Phillips Eddy†</b> <i>Mom &amp; Dad</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Rodney Kerekes</b> <i>Rachel Kerekes</i>



## Podcast Evangelizes With Twist

Although he came from a Jewish family, his Catholic governess often took young Franz to Mass.

So years later, when he and his wife were refugees at a Catholic pilgrimage town, he was at least somewhat familiar with the beliefs and motivations of those who sheltered them. What he wasn't so familiar with, however, was the story of the girl who had experienced supernatural visions there. After finally escaping Nazi dominated Europe, Franz made good on his vow to write the girl's incredible story. The novel he published in his new home in America was made into a major motion picture, which introduced millions of people to the history of the miraculous visions.

*What is the rest of the story?*

It's the kind of tale that animates a new podcast bringing family friendly stories to listeners, and the inspiration behind it all is one of the most popular personalities of late 20th-century, Paul Harvey, who was known for his radio segments titled "The Rest of the Story." Harvey's storytelling was "delightful to hear," says Fr. James Yamauchi, who along with his brother, John Peter, realized telling such stories could be a way to carry out their mission to evangelize.

The stories the brothers adopt for the podcast have themes of virtue and moments of grace that might lead someone to think, 'I'm interested to learn more about what this priest is talking about,'" Fr. Yamauchi says. "And hopefully that leads them to want to learn more about Jesus."

*That's the Word*, which can be found on [Apple Podcasts](#) and [Spotify](#), as well as the brothers' [website](#), tells the

stories of well-known personalities, revealing their identity only after a tantalizing build-up of clues. The podcast is designed to be under 10 minutes and tell stories with enough punch to keep one's attention and be formative.

Here is the "rest of the story" about the man and his wife who were sheltered in the Catholic pilgrimage town that began this article. Author Franz Werfel and his wife spent time at Lourdes while escaping from the Nazis and learned about St. Bernadette Soubirous. "He was so impressed that he felt, 'As a writer, I will tell this story if I make it out of Europe,'" says Fr. Yamauchi. "He's able to escape, he goes to America and writes this story that is adapted into a movie that wins the inaugural Golden Globe Award for Best Picture [and four Oscars]. And that story is called *The Song of Bernadette*."

Says Fr. Yamauchi: "Here you have a Jewish intellectual who is basically trying to save his very life, and amid all of this he was able to reflect on how the Catholics — priests, nuns, people — in Lourdes cared for refugees and sent them on their way," the priest continues. "On so many levels there, that would give you pause to think, 'Who is Our Lady of Lourdes? What is this story? Why would someone who is not even Christian be so fascinated by this?' And on the flip side, how God used someone who is not even Christian to write something like this. Can you imagine nowadays something like *The Song of Bernadette* would win an Academy Award, let alone be produced in a traditional Hollywood market?" It's great fodder for *That's the Word*. And that, friends, is the rest of the story. *Excerpted: Aleteia.com*

### The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week for  
*Rodney Kerekes*  
From Rachel

### Prayer REQUESTS

**Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

**Recently Sick:** Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Sara Walters, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo, Mary Stees, Sue Riffle, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Mike Gardill, Richard Targosky Sr., Sandina Leonard.

**CALENDAR**

Monday Aug. 30 7 p.m.	<b>INFANT of PRAGUE NOVENA</b> St. Mary's Church Martins Ferry
Monday Aug. 30 6 p.m.	<b>BEREAVEMENT GATHERING</b> St. John Fellowship Hall 622 Main St., Benwood
Monday Sept. 13	<b>PSR (CCD) REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b> <a href="http://sfxmoundsville.org/PSR-Form">sfxmoundsville.org/ PSR-Form</a>
Tuesday Sept. 21 6:30 p.m.	<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b> Church Hall
Begins Sept. 29 & Sept. 30	<b>EIGHT-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ROMANS</b> Church Hall 6:30 p.m. <a href="http://sfxmoundsville.org/Romans_Registration.pdf">sfxmoundsville.org/ Romans_Registration.pdf</a>
Oct. 7,8,9	<b>CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS</b> <a href="http://instant-scheduling.com">instant-scheduling.com</a>

**SCHEDULES SEPT. 4 & 5**

**LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. **A. Wise / J. Fecat**  
8:00 a.m. **R. Hess / J. Hess**  
10:00 a.m. **L. Remke / P. Remke**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**ALL MASSES - Please Volunteer**

**SACRISTY - Please Volunteer**

Suzanne Artimez / Ellen McCormick

**OFFERING AUG. 15, 2021**

Envelopes	\$3,160.00
Loose Offering	\$485.00
Church Repair	\$230.00
Xavier Hall	\$90.00

**OTHER COLLECTIONS:**

Assumption	\$593.00
Memorial	\$105.00
Pennies for God	\$20.39
Online Giving	\$85.65
Attendance	219

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**THANK YOU**

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**OUR PICNIC**  
Last weekend was blessed with beautiful weather, a bounty of great food, and lovely fellowship!

Thank you to everyone who could come out to The Barn.



**THE FISH FRIES WE ANNOUNCED** in last week's bulletin will now begin Nov 12 and continue the second Friday of each month from there. Be sure to note the change!

**THE SEPTEMBER FIRST FRIDAY** Mass will be celebrated on the 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in the Bishop's Chapel at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Wheeling. Please invite family and friends. All are welcome.



**A COLLECTION FOR HAITI** prompted by the massive earthquake and tropical storm that devastated the island nation is being taken up next weekend, Sept. 4 & 5.

All the faithful are asked to consider donating to this special emergency collection to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from these disasters and ongoing political instability.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):**

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

**CELESTE AND DAVE EVANS ARE** asking for any extra paint we may have, including painting supplies, for Cameron homes damaged in June's flood. Items needed are: 4-inch paint brushes, trim brushes, rollers and covers, trays, plastic pails, rags, drop cloths, and any paint leftover but still good. Wednesday, Sept. 8, is the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley's Day of Caring, and volunteers will gather in Cameron to assist homeowners. For more information or if you would like to donate time or money toward this effort, call Celeste: 304-686-3740. There also will be a box in the vestibule for donations.

**PRINTED PASTORAL NEEDS**

surveys are in the vestibule for those who do not wish to complete one at our [website](#). You can return your completed survey in the vestibule until Sept. 19.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

**REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:**

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.