

# The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2024

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org)

**Rectory Office Hours:**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**Parish Office:** 814-942-0371  
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

**Parish Secretary**  
Paula Hall

**Director of Music Ministry**  
Cathy McFee

**Eucharist: Sunday: 11:30 AM**

**Holy Days: 5:30 PM**

Holy Communion for the home bound - weekly:  
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603

**Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603**  
One Cathedral Square

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop**  
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator  
Paula Clemens, Secretary  
PH: 814-944-4603

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603  
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603  
Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick and Grieving - 944-4603

**Bishop Guilfoyle Academy**  
Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org)  
Eldorado (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-942-7835  
Fairview (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-381-7011

**Director of Religious Education:**  
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

**Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424**

**Director of Music Ministry**  
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO  
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044  
E-Mail: [lthayer@dioceseaj.org](mailto:lthayer@dioceseaj.org)

**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday  
12:30 PM Saturday**

**Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11**  
**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation  
First Communion  
Confirmation**

**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep  
Marriage Prep  
Christian Initiation**

**Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603**

**Cathedral Eucharist:**  
Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM  
Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM  
Weekdays: 12:00 PM  
Saturday: 12:00 PM 12:00 Noon

THE FATIMA TOWERS

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

Today, September 1, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John Kasun, Jr. (Carol Riggleman & Family)

Next Sunday, September 8,

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sara Quinlin (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

### Cathedral Mass Intentions

**September 1, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Barbara Knott Chisko (Linda Kutz)

10:00 AM +Etta Pastore (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

**September 2, Monday, Weekday, Labor Day**

9:00 AM +Sanctification of Human Labor

**September 3, Tuesday, St. Gregory the Great, P. & Dr.**

12:00 PM +Kathleen Duffy, Birth. (Husband, Jack)

**September 4, Wednesday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Raymond McCall (Karen Querry)

**September 5, Thursday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Ron Sheehan, Birth. (Wife, Jean)

**September 6, Friday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Jim Weaver, Anniv. (Family)

**September 7, Saturday, The Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral**

12:00 PM+Pro Popolo/For the People

**Vigil: The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/The Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Celebrated.**

5:00 PM +Robert J. Eckenrode (Tony & Anna Rose Eckenrode)

**September 8, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/The Solemnity of the Anniversary Of the Dedication of the Cathedral Celebrated.**

8:00 AM +Bill Anthony, Birth. (M/M Dennis Oswald)

10:00 AM +Rita McCloskey (Bob & Mary Suders)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M.  
at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.



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

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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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### Readings for the week of September 1, 2024

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

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

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

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

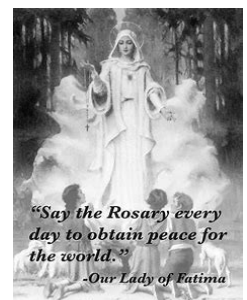
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

### Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated.

The contributions for Sunday, August 25, were \$1,276.80.

Thank you.



"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."

-Our Lady of Fatima



Join us at the **Church Picnic!**

Gratitude is extended to those who attended our parish's indoor picnic at the St. Stan's Club on Sunday, August 25. We are grateful for the Club's hospitality. We are particularly grateful to the Planning Committee: Helen Carper, Kathy Kasun, Connie McKnight, Eileen Starr, and Emma Kowalski.



This year's Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event is on Tuesday, October 22, from 8:00 AM to 11 PM. The \$5.00 Discount Pass is good for 25% off prices (exclusions apply). The passes are available after Mass and in the parish office. 100% of your \$5.00 donation goes to our parish.



The Sanctuary Candle for the month of September is in memory of John Kasun Jr. as requested by his wife, Kathy Kasun. Thank you.

### UPMC Needs Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Pastoral Care Department at UPMC Altoona is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for current openings on Saturdays. If you have a desire to bring the Blessed Sacrament to sick and suffering Catholic hospital patients, please contact Tony Conrad at 814-889-4323 for more information.



## Catholic Ministries Drive

DIocese of ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

The *2024 Catholic Ministries Drive* is taking place. Our sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of our priests and deacons.

Our diocese's ministries need our support. **Our parish's target is \$9,813. So far, \$9,674 has been received in pledges/gifts from 33 donors. \$139 is needed to reach our Target. Thank you.**



A note of gratitude was received from Precious Life, Inc. Our Lady of Fatima Parish raised \$517.00. A total of 135 parishes raised \$135,085! Thank you.

## Catholic Teaching on Labor

### Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

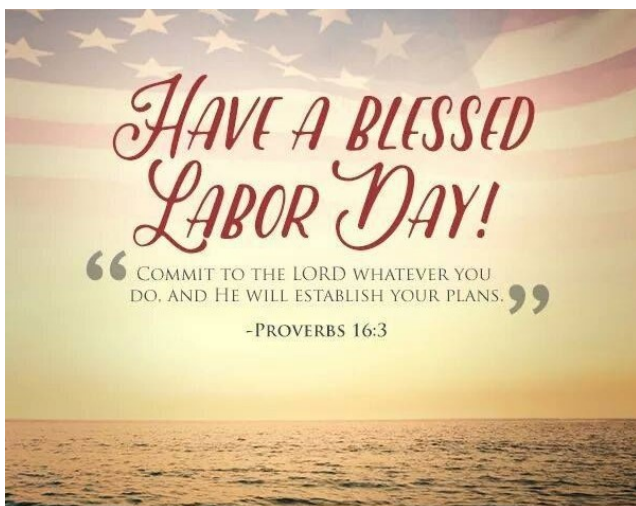
### Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 1, 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, "There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person" (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from within each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us. — Father John Muir  
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