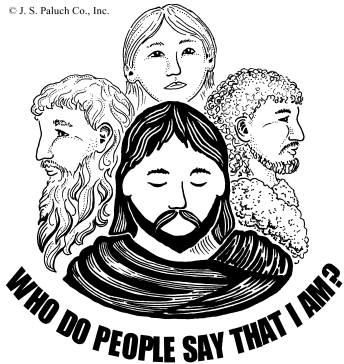


**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 13, 2009**

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced.  
— *Isaiah 50:7*

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Grandparents Day  
Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows  
Wednesday: St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian  
Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine  
Friday: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5770)  
begins at sunset  
Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15  
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

**LISTENING AND RESPONDING**

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

SUNDAY.....8:00AM	+Otto Appelberg	Req. by Betty Appelberg
SUNDAY.....10:00AM	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>	
MONDAY..... 6:45AM	Special Intention	Req. by Fred and Linda Faust
TUESDAY..... 6:45AM	Dr. and Helen Nass	Req. by STM Office
WEDNESDAY..... 6:45AM	Mary Fortney	Req. by Charles and Phyllis Nearn
THURSDAY..... 6:45AM	+Aubrey Tanner	Req. by Betty Jo Tanner
FRIDAY..... 6:45AM	Mary Fortney	Req. by Charles and Phyllis Nearn
SATURDAY..... 4:30PM	+Deacon Paul Honer	Req. by STM Parish

**Attention: The 2010 MASS INTENTION book has just arrived. Call or come by if you want to book any intentions for the coming year.**

**\*REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES WITH MASS INTENTIONS. THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2010**

**SANCTUARY DUTY** – September 18<sup>th</sup> - Susan Soule and Ruth Carpinella



Please keep in your prayers Mary Fortney and her husband Jim, Dr. William Nass and his wife Helen, Ashley Pace and his wife Judy, Regina Kaufman and her family, Margaret Miller's brother, Betty White, Betty Jo Kyte, and all of our parishioners, family and friends who are waiting for operations, in the hospital, sick at home, recovering at home, and in nursing homes and their caregivers.

**RCIA:** The next session will be on September 16, 2009. This session will be on "The Creed: Receive the Holy Spirit" and will be presented by Msgr. Michael Reed. All of the sessions will be on Wednesdays and will start at 7:00 p.m. in the STM Parish Hall.

27th Annual Charity Gala benefitting Catholic Charities Pensacola Regional Office, Saturday, October 10th at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Hospital's Greenhut Auditorium.

The Gala promises a night of entertainment and live auction with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and a chance to win \$10,000. Call 436-6410 to purchase a \$100 ticket for the grand prize drawing. The ticket includes admission into the Gala for one person. Admission tickets without the drawing are \$50 per person. Please save the date.

Call 850-436-6410 for more information. **UPDATE: Catholic Charities will be selling tickets to the Gala on September 26<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex at St. Thomas More Church.**

## ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

**St. Thomas More Men's Club:** The Men's Club meets at 8:00 a.m. in the parish hall on the first Sunday of every month. If you have any questions, please call Henry Pataky at 932-9514 or Ken McClure at 456-9888.

**The Ladies Altar Society:** All women in the Parish are invited to join in the good works of this group. Call Lynn Van Natter @ 456-1070 or Mary Williams @ 457-0173 for more information. The ladies meet the second Sunday of every month in the parish hall after the 8 AM Mass.

**Prayer Chain:** If you have a prayer request, please call Susan Soule at 455-1690, and she will activate the prayer chain.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The next meeting will be on October 11, 2009 at the Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m.

**The Rosary** is being recited on the first Saturday of each month at 4:10 p.m. Come and join the group at St. Thomas More.

**CCD Class :** Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

**Craft Group:** Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

**In Memory of Our Deacon**, Paul E. Honer, 5/5/1933-5/17/2008, Mass will be celebrated Saturday, September 19, 2009 by Monsignor John Cassidy, Pastor, followed by a reception in the parish hall. A Crepe Myrtle tree will be planted on the parish property with a ceremony conducted by Deacon Ken McClure. Everyone is invited to share in this memorial celebration.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHONERS:

Mr. and Mrs. Hollie (Carolyn) H. Merritt, Jr

Let's all pray that this Hurricane Season (June 1-November 31) is a quiet one.

**The Catholic Charities Food Pantry is in constant need of food items. If you have extra canned foods, drv foods. etc. please bring them to the parish hall and we will deliver them.**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called "Adam and Eve" after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Blessed Mother Teresa.—Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Our Condolences go out to the Family of Czeslaw "Chester" Wardzichoski who died September 7, 2009. The funeral was at St. Thomas More Church on September 10, 2009. May he rest in peace.

**Bulletin Announcement :**

The annual *Seton Fund Collection*, which benefits our Catholic schools and religious education programs, is scheduled for September 19-20, 2009. Your sacrificial contribution will help to pass on the light of faith to future generations. Please see Seton Response Form in bulletin and give generously. Thank You.

**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON FUND FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

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In the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee*

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