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AUGUST 30, 2026 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 4:00 pm
Sunday | 8:30 am and 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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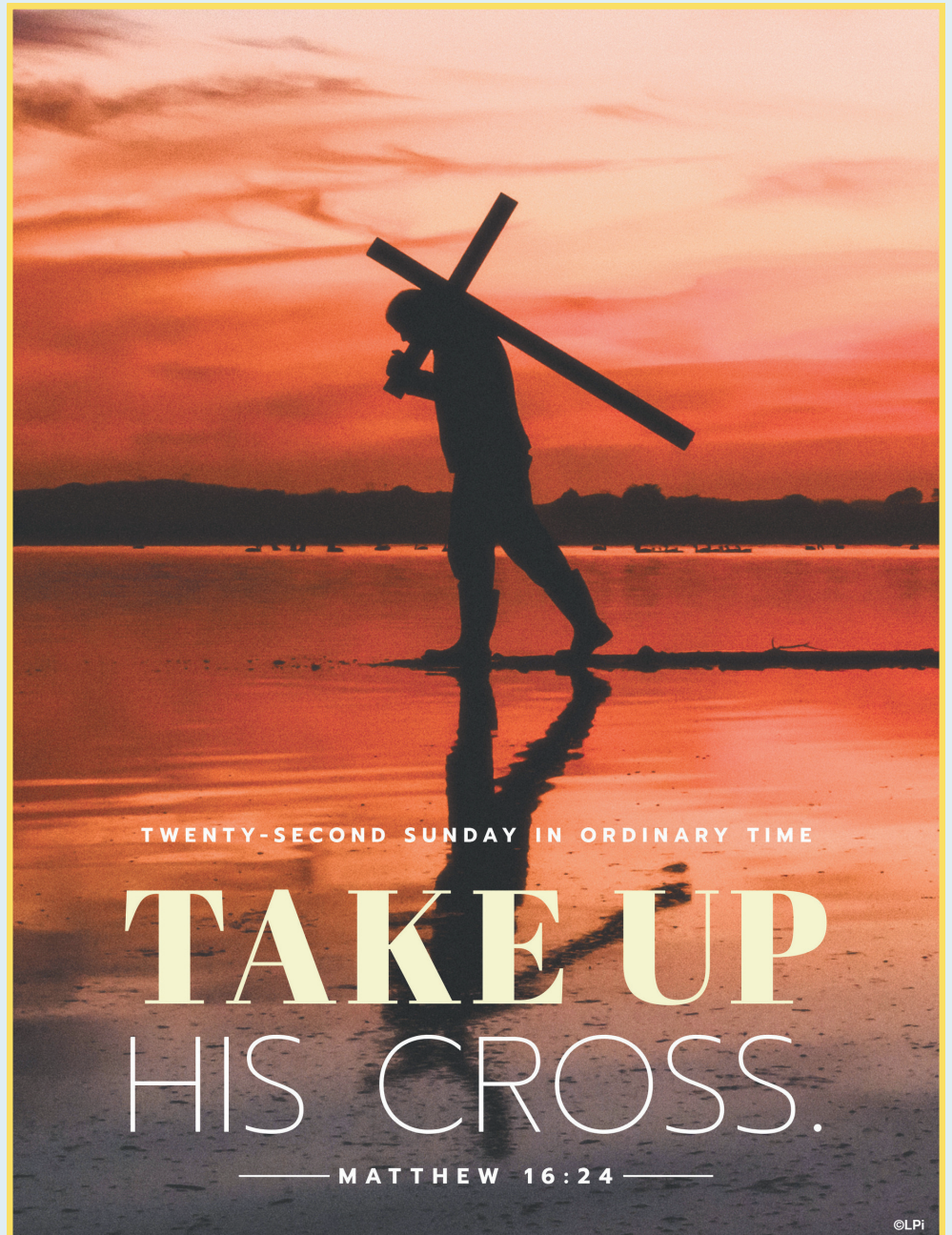
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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.





(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Carry the cross? Absolutely. I'm happy to! Hand it over. Here's the thing: I just might...set it down for a second, from time to time. That's okay, right?

How else am I supposed to have both hands free to gesture in anger? I can't do that if I'm carrying the cross. Well, fine, then let me just shift its weight, so I can catch my breath and say what I think about this person who's got it all wrong — I'll just lean it against the wall here. No? Okay, fine, I won't put it down! I'll keep holding it. That's better, actually. Then I can use it as a weapon.

What? Am I doing this "Christian" thing wrong?

"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it," Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. "But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

This is not an affirmation of the paradox that if you no longer care about something, you can finally have it once and for all. It's not a judgment about the worthlessness of life in this fallen world or the futility of trying to preserve that life.

It's merely a statement about priorities.

When Peter says, "God forbid!" at the thought of suffering, God is not his priority. His own safety is.

When I say, "God forbid!" at anything that comes from the mouth of God, it's a reminder to look at my hands — because they've probably put down the cross.

How merciful is our Lord — he never takes my cross from me, even when I walk far away from it. He always lets me pick it back up. In his dear and sweet goodness, he even helps me lift its weight. And he gestures, in case I've forgotten: "This way. Follow me."

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RETREAT – The Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will sponsor a retreat titled "Walking with Mary through the Light and Darkness of Our Daily Life" with Melannie Svoboda, SND. It runs from Friday, October 9 to Sunday, October 11, 2026. This retreat weaves together prayer, music, scripture, input sessions, videos, art, personal reflection time, and sharing. This time together will help us to know Mary better as our mother, sister, companion, and fellow disciple of Jesus.

For more information on this program, go to:
<https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1080>



SIGNING HEAD, LIPS & HEART AT THE GOSPEL

Q. Why do we make the Sign of the Cross on our heads, lips, and chests before listening to the Gospel at Mass?

A. The first and simplest answer to this question comes to us from the rubrics. The rubrics for the Mass are the instructions given to us in the Roman Missal, and they tell us the structure of the Mass. They tell us when to stand, sit, kneel, respond, etc. They also tell us that we are to make the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads, lips, and hearts just prior to the reading of the Gospel.

But your question is probably more about the "why" we do this. The answer is simple. This gesture of signing ourselves with the Cross is a way of praying, "May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart." It is said prior to the reading of the Gospel as a way of prayerfully inviting Christ to come to us in these ways as His sacred Word is proclaimed. The hearing of the Gospel must change our minds, it must be proclaimed by our lips, and it must affect our hearts. By our hearts, we especially mean our wills, affections, emotions, and passions.

The next time you sign yourself with the Cross before the Gospel, make sure that it's more than just an external gesture; make sure it is also a prayer and an invitation to Christ.

From www.mycatholic.life.com



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! ZEAL

Zeal gets a bad rap these days, as we most often hear this word associated with extremists whose adherence to a belief system leads them to violence. In Scripture, we hear Paul condemn those whose "zeal for God" lacks discernment (Romans 10:2), so we know this was a problem in ancient times as well.

But no one acting in violence or hatred is practicing virtuous zeal, which refers to an all-consuming love for the Lord: "Zeal for your house has consumed me," writes the Psalmist (Psalm 69:10), referring to a religious devotion that has deprived him of all his worldly status.

If anyone's "love" of God leads him to sin, he is not actually motivated by love of God. A burning and all-consuming love of God has, for its object, God Himself — and closeness with God is impeded by anything contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

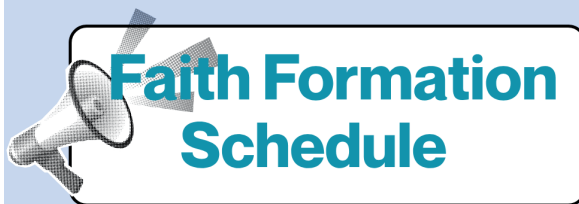
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2026

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SUN

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EDGE KICKOFF
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27
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9:45am - 10:55am

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6:00PM - 7:30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday - August 31

11:00 am | † Bob and Joan Donahue
by Jim and Mary Lou Delaney

Tuesday - September 1

8:30 am | † Gene and Jean Heinrich
by Kristi and Jerry Wolbert

Wednesday - September 2

7:30 am | † James and Barbara Fiscus
by Christian and Karen Harsch

Thursday - September 3 - Pope Saint Gregory the Great

8:30 am | † Monica Reed by Ray and Helen Bell

Friday - September 4

7:30 am | † Jane D. Cyphert by the Estate
After Mass until 12:10 pm | Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament followed by Benediction at 12:10 pm

Saturday - September 5

3:00 pm to 3:40 pm | *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:00 pm | † Tom Smail by Carol and Steve Smail

Sunday - September 6 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am | † For the People

8:30 am **RADIO MASS** | † Deceased Members of the
Richard and Helen Wolbert Family by the Family
11:00 am | † David Love by Frank Nancy Wolbert

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

for Father Monty Sayers and Father Tom Hartle
by Dave and Theresa Aaron

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

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

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10
/Mt 18:15-20



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