



## This Week In Our Parish LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, September 15</b>	<b>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm mass: †Father Josef Schmelz / Fraser Family
<b>Sunday, September 16</b>	<b>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 am mass: 11:00 am mass: †Esmeraldo Dayrit / Alfonso family †Vern McLeod / Ross and Elaine
<b>Monday, September 17</b>	<b>Ferial / Saint Robert Bellarmine</b> 9:00 am mass: 10:30 am mass: 11:00 am mass: †Tyrone Deane - Bible Study <b>Southwood Care Centre: Pro Populo</b> <b>Funeral Mass for †Mary DeBruyn</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 18</b>	<b>Ferial</b> 9:00 am mass: †Alex and Jeanette Sereda / Paul and Evelyn †Father Josef Schmelz / Maureen Barton
<b>Wednesday, September 19</b>	<b>Ferial / Saint Januarius</b> 7:00 am mass: 9:00 am mass: 6:30 pm: †Orest Pidskolny / Al & Catherine Wolfe †Frank Schatz / Collette McGowan Prayers for the Sick
<b>Thursday, September 20</b>	<b>Memorial of Saints Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions</b> 7:00 am mass: 9:00 am mass 7:00 pm mass: Grant Madin / CWL In thanksgiving / Patricia Bradley Father Bruce Schute / K of C 4th Degree
<b>Friday, September 21</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Matthew</b> 7:00 am mass: 9:00 am mass: John Dyck / Family Special Intention / Zubot Family
<b>Saturday, September 22</b>	<b>Ferial / Our Lady's Saturday</b> 9:00 am mass: Special Intention / Zubot Family
<b>Saturday, September 22</b>	<b>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm mass: †Frank Schatz / Fraser Family
<b>Sunday, September 23</b>	<b>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 am mass: 11:00 am mass: Health of Sandra Eldridge / Paul and Evelyn †Concordia Reyes / George and Tess



Dear Parishioners,

A man bumps into the local pastor at the corner store and they chat a bit about the weather, politics and the state of the world. Toward the end of the conversation, the man, feeling a little guilty for never coming to Church, says, "You know, Father, the reason I never come to Church is because I feel the Church is full of hypocrites!" The pastor answers back, "You know, Tom, you're right, it is ... and there is always room for one more."

Today's readings are truly "The Good News" proclaimed! Good News for sinners, hypocrites and anyone else who is willing to admit as a people, we are all in need of a Saviour, a redeemer, one who will stand in our place and take our sins upon himself, for left on our own, we would have no hope for salvation. Today's readings proclaim boldly that the gift of our salvation is the forgiveness of our sins! Jesus truly is *the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and happy are we who are called to his banquet of Love*, not because we deserve to be there, but rather because *He alone has paid the price for our transgressions and by His wounds we are healed!*

The Church is not a "museum for saints." It is a "hospital for sinners." Jesus is the divine physician come to heal us from our transgressions, come to reconcile us back to the Father. Like Israel, we are all children who have gone astray, have bowed down before idol gods and worshipped them, in whatever form they may take in our lives. However, like the prodigal son, we are forgiven even before we utter the words "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you!" God our Father, Jesus teaches us, is like the Father of a son gone astray, longing, hoping for the son's return, regardless of how great the abyss of separation seems. Jesus, the Saviour is able to bridge the gap and bring us back into the Father's arms. Having arrived there, the Father will kiss us, embrace us and welcome us home. He will host a grand banquet and celebrate, for "we were dead and have come back to life; we were lost and have been found!"

Truly, "Good News" is for anyone willing to recognize that we are all in need of God's mercy, forgiveness and love. "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see!"



Deacon Michael Soentgerath

"If you are reluctant to change, consider the beauty of autumn."

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Application forms for our Sacramental Preparation Registration are now available at the back of the church until the deadline date. The deadline date for each sacrament is printed in the blue Sacramental Preparation brochure, along with the dates for classes, parent meetings and retreats. Please attach a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Following are the dates for the sacraments:

**First Reconciliation:** Saturday, December 8th, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.  
**Confirmation:** Sunday, April 20th, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Mass  
**First Holy Communion:** Sunday, May 4th, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Mass