

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

† - For the repose of the soul / in memory of the person(s) indicated

#### Sunday, September 5

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.  
10:30 a.m. † Santos Marquez by Molly Miramon.  
† Leslie Marran by Ma. Lourdes Aguisanda.  
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

#### Monday, September 6

(Private Mass) -----

#### Tuesday, September 7

9:00 a.m. † Gloria Pereira by her family.

#### Wednesday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory.

#### Thursday, September 9

NO MASS.

#### Thursday, September 10

(Private Mass). † Freda Mitchell by Don Mitchell.

#### Saturday, September 11

4:30 p.m. † Gloria Pereira by her family.

### PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Nickie Shaw, Lynn Webb, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Patricia McNamara, Norbert Dacquay, Raechal McIntyre, Marcelo Pimentel, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki and Melchisedec Candido.

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

**Universal:** *An environmentally sustainable lifestyle ~ We pray that we will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.*

### ADDITIONAL WEEKDAY MASSES

Starting this week, Fr. Vincent will be celebrating three weekday Masses at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until further notice. Fr. Vincent will keep an eye on the attendance numbers and gage the situation before making any other changes.

Please note that the 9 a.m. Mass is cancelled this Thursday ONLY.

### READINGS (Year B):

#### Sunday, September 5

(Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35.4-7

*The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.*

**Second Reading:** James 2.1-5

*Has not God chosen the poor to be rich in faith, and be heirs of the kingdom?*

**Gospel:** Mark 7.31-37

*He makes the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.*

#### Tuesday, September 7

**First Reading:** Colossians 2.6-15

*God made you alive together with Christ when he forgave all our trespasses.*

**Gospel:** Luke 6.12-19

*Jesus spent the night in prayer, and he chose twelve of the disciples and named them apostles.*

#### Wednesday, September 8

**First Reading:** Romans 8.28-30

*God predestined those whom he knew beforehand.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 1.1-16, 18-23

*Joseph, it is the Holy Spirit who has given Mary a child.*

#### Saturday, September 11

(Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50.5-9

*To those who struck me I gave my back.*

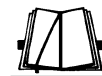
**Second Reading:** James 2.14-18

*Faith, if it has no works, is dead.*

**Gospel:** Mark 8.27-35

*You are the Christ.*

*The Son of Man must undergo great suffering.*



Lectors & Commentators

#### Saturday, September 11

4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong

#### Sunday, September 12

9:00 a.m. Darrell Herauf

10:30 a.m. Miguel Planas

*"The future starts today, not tomorrow".*

St. John Paul II

### ORGANIST

St. Theresa Parish is very pleased to welcome our new organist and soloist, Danielle Binette. Danielle will play at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. She is also our new choir director. The choir will start up again once the Covid rules are relaxed.

### ARCHDIOCESE CEMETRIES COMMEMORATIVES

Notre Dame Cemetery: Sunday, Sept. 12, 1:00 p.m.  
Hope Cemetery: Sunday, Sept. 19, 2:30 p.m.

### ANNUAL WALKATHON FUNDRAISER

The annual fundraiser for our local Centretown Emergency Food Centre (CEFC) will take place on **Sunday, October 3, 2021**. The walk will be virtual this year. Everyone is encouraged to support our local food bank as donors and walkers. Details to follow.

### CNEWA CANADA

CNEWA Canada Relaunches Appeal for Help and Prayer: The International charity is inviting Canadians to continue to stand in solidarity with the Lebanese people in prayer and in whatever donations are possible. Since the explosion which destroyed a part of Beirut on August 4, 2020, CNEWA has sent over 6 million dollars, in which 1 million was from Canadian donations. For further details info on how you can help: <https://cnewa.org/ca>

### OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

An inter-denominational program affiliated with the Christian Council of the Capital Area. All Fall programs offered via Zoom. Two 9-week basic training courses in Pastoral Care (one in afternoon & one in evening) starting in September. Advanced course (4 sessions) in October. Continuing Education Event in November on 'Pastoral Care for those in Vulnerable Situations'.

Further info: [www.ottawapastoralcare.com](http://www.ottawapastoralcare.com);  
[ottawapastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:ottawapastoralcare@gmail.com).

### VIEW FROM THE PEW

A lay person's appreciation of Sunday Eucharist (cont'd):

We have much to be thankful for and I truly believe that has resulted from our belief in God and the power of Prayer. You well know that without the timeliness of Prayer, I would not be here with you today given my heart issues. God and His Son were with me then and are with you always.

We all need to come together as a strong and faithful Community or the Day will come when it is simply too late and it could be argued that that time has already past. But I have faith in You and God has Faith in All of You so I know that it is never too late to turn things around, but it does bring to mind the adage from post war Germany which I have taken the Liberty of Paraphrasing:

*They came for the Jews but I did not speak out since I was not Jewish;*

*Then they came for the Muslims but again I did not speak out since I was not Muslim;*

*Then they came for the Christians but again I did not speak out since I was not a practicing Christian;*

*Then they came for me but there was no one left willing to defend me.*

My Father and Your Mother's Father both fought for Our Freedom in World War Two some 75 years ago. My Father's Father and his Grandfather did the same for You and Me some 100 years ago in World War One. We...You and I, Owe it to Our Ancestors' Memories and to Ourselves to do whatever we each can to help restore the Values and Principles that Modern Day Society has so frivolously frittered away. And a sure fire way to help restore the balance is by going to your nearest House of God on a Regular and Faithful Basis.

In closing, my time here with you is fading but know, I have no fear whatsoever in dying. And I am content with my own efforts in life - so far - to try to keep alive the values for which our Ancestors fought and for which your Great Uncle Bob paid the ultimate price ...with one of the most important being Freedom of Religion. Indeed, without that Freedom to Instill Basic Values, all the other Freedoms will Continue to Wither on the Vine.

**With this Blog....I Pass The Torch To Each of You.**

Keith Bell