

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SCRIPTURE MESSAGE:** Today's readings explain what true religion is. It is not simply a scrupulous, external observance of rules, laws, traditions and rituals. It is a loving, obedient relationship with God expressed in obeying His Commandments, worshipping Him, recognizing His presence in other human beings and rendering them loving and humble service. Prayers, rituals, Sacraments and religious practices only help us to practice this true religion in our daily lives. **Scripture lessons:** The first reading explains that religion is a Covenant relationship with a caring, providing and protecting God, fostered by keeping His Commandments given through Moses. God gave Israel the Law so that the Israelites might keep their Covenant with Yahweh and thank Him for His love and fidelity to His Chosen People. The Law was also intended to keep them a united, holy and intelligent nation, proud of their powerful, protective, single God. **In the second reading,** St. James defines true religion as keeping the word of God and doing His will by helping the needy, the poor and the weak in the community. He challenges Christians to become doers of the word, not merely hearers. **Today's Gospel,** explains the encounter of Jesus with the Sanhedrin observers and the Pharisees who had been sent to assess his unique, controversial teachings. These experts had found Jesus' teachings an open violation of the "Traditions of the Elders, and his implied and spoken claims "blasphemous. They also noticed that Jesus' disciples omitted the required ritual washing before meals. It was in the fifth century BC that the scribes started adding *oral traditions* as interpretations and practical applications of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees observed them and insisted that all the Jews should do so. The original noble purpose was to sanctify the daily lives of the people, making them "holy as God is holy" ("*You are a priestly kingdom, a holy nation*" -- Ex 19: 6), and different in lifestyle from their pagan neighbors. Jesus uses the occasion as a teachable moment to give them the following lessons: 1) Don't teach human doctrines as dogmas of Faith. 2) Sincerity of heart, internal disposition, purity and holiness are more important than mere external ritual observances. 3) Keep your heart holy as it is the source of sins, vices and evil habits. The observance of traditions and of washing rituals does not correct the internal motivations and inclinations that really defile people. 4) External piety without internal holiness is hypocrisy.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Reggie Bernardo, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Dorothy Meaney, Stella Alberly, Heidi Reid, Gerald & Irene Moriarty, Bibin John, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice and Madeleine Belec, Margaret Smith, Margrite Dezainde, John Beriau, Debbie Freer, Shelley McCaffrey, Nelly Kester, Brian Brougham, Ronald Roy, and Nieves Bonucchi.

**PAPAL PRAYERS FOR SEPTEMBER:** Let us pray that young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries

<b>MASS SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 1 - 9, 2018</b>		
Saturday, September 1	5:15 p.m.	Tom Barr
Sunday, September 2	8:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Tom Kenney
Friday, September 7	9:40 a.m.	Deceased members of the French and Parker families
Saturday, September 8	5:15 p.m.	Deceased members of the Cyr family
Sunday, September 9	8:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	David Noel
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: <i>Harry Brand</i></b>		

<b>Weekly Target:</b> \$3500.00	<b>Actual Offering:</b> August 26: \$3665.80	<b>Operating SURPLUS:</b> \$165.80
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**FATHER PHIL'S ANNIVERSARY MASS:** A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Eucharist and reception for Father Phil Horrigan. Your help was very much appreciated.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, September 3		Labour Day – Office Closed
Tuesday – Thursday, September 4-6		Priests Convocation in Kingston
Thursday, September 6	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 7 <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Holy Hour in the Chapel

**PRIESTS CONVOCATION – SEPTEMBER 4-6, 2018:** During the fall convocation, the priests of the Archdiocese will gather with Archbishop O'Brien for Mass at **Holy Family Parish, Kingston (130 Wiley Street) on Wednesday, September 5 at 11:30 a.m.** The parishioners of all Kingston and area parishes are invited to attend the Celebration of the Eucharist. Those who require a priest during the Priests' Convocation are requested to call the Ramada Kingston Hotels & Conference Centre at 613-546-3661. **There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. Also there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday.**

***"You abandon the commandment of God and hold to the human tradition." – Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23***

## SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

MINISTRY SCHEDULES				
MASS TIMES	HOSPITALITY	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, September 8 5:15 p.m.	Theresa Houston Carol Ravnaas	Camille Ballantyne Dave McCrae	Cecile Houle Melinda Condon	Sarah and Lauren McDonald
Sunday, September 9 8:30 a.m.	Marguerite and Jill Whiteland	Marc and Phyllis Dennis	Judith Hart Noreen Shepherd	Grace Whiteland
Sunday, September 9 10:00 a.m.	Mary Gilliard Carmen Hampel	Robin Reil Mark Grant	Deacon Shawn Souder Doug Roughton	Christopher Logstrup Joshua O'Keefe Nik Cindric-Myers

**LABOUR DAY WEEKEND:** Labour Day Weekend marks the end of the summer vacation period and the resumption of activities in home, parish and school. Parishes could take this as an opportunity to encourage active and renewed participation in the community.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** The next choir rehearsal will be on **Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.** If you are interested in helping with the music ministry, please come and join in the fun. New members are welcome.

**JUNIOR LITURGY NEEDS YOUR HELP:** During the summer months, we had two members of our Junior Liturgy team retire. We would like to thank them for their assistance in the past years. We are in need of volunteers to help us continue this program at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. No experience is needed – the lesson plans and craft ideas for each Sunday are provided. If you have the love of God and children and are willing to help out, please contact Father Jacob or the parish office at 613-342-5095.

**REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION (students in Grade 2) AND CONFIRMATION (students in Grade 6):** These Sacraments will take place in the spring of 2019. **All information including the registration forms will be available at the parents meeting – Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m. for First Communion and Tuesday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m. for Confirmation. These forms are not available from the schools, or by fax or mail. We remind everyone that registration is not the responsibility of the schools, but of the parents/guardians.**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in September:

<i>Susan and Michael McMahon</i>	<i>40 years</i>	<i>September 2</i>
<i>Mary and Doug Roughton</i>	<i>39 years</i>	<i>September 8</i>
<i>Sylvia and Bob Shackles</i>	<i>39 years</i>	<i>September 8</i>
<i>Eileen and Dave McCrae</i>	<i>33 years</i>	<i>September 15</i>
<i>Maxine and Brian Enright</i>	<i>29 years</i>	<i>September 23</i>
<i>Norah and Wallace White</i>	<i>56 years</i>	<i>September 29</i>

**JOHN SANDS CONCERT:** The Knights of Columbus Council 1049 are having a fundraising concert with **John Sands at St. John Bosco Parish Centre on September 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** A reception will be held following the concert. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Tickets are available through Al Minifie at 613-342-6845 or at the parish office.

**SHOEBOXES FOR SENIORS:** The 2018 campaign began on August 15 and runs until December 31. This program which consists of shoeboxes filled with essential hygiene items for seniors are offered under the Canadian Aid for Chernobyl, a charitable organization based in Brockville. For further information, contact Mary Bernard at 613-342-6589.

**MASS AT ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:** St. Joseph's Parish will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery on **Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., at 718 Division Street, Kingston.** Archbishop O'Brien will preside. Please invite others who might wish to join you; and bring a hat and lawn chair for your comfort and convenience. For information, please contact St. Joseph's parish office at 613-547-5004.

**THE ART OF DYING WORKSHOP:** This workshop will be held on **Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall (490 Days Road, Kingston).** The presenter is Sr. Nuala Kenny, SC, OC, MD, FRCPIC. Sr. Kenny is an expert in palliative and end of life care. You can register by contacting Mary-Jo or Goretta at 613-548-4461 or register on-line at [www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](http://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca).

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Who is the Pharisee? Father O'Malley was going through the mail one day after his powerful sermon on the Pharisaic life of some of his parishioners on the previous Sunday. Drawing a single sheet of paper from an envelope, he found written on it just one word: "FOOL." The next Sunday at Mass, he announced, "I have known many people who have written letters and forgot to sign their names. But this week I received a letter from someone who signed his name and forgot to write a letter."

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