



## St. Paul's Co-Cathedral Parish

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# 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 2023

September brings us to the beginning of another autumn adventure. The often hectic busyness of this time of harvest and education can be complicated by all the technology at our disposal aimed at making us efficient. As we get our houses in order, there is one practice that helps our homes to be what our Co-Cathedral is to be: *"my house shall be called a prayer for all peoples"*. This *"techne"* is the rich practice of anchoring our days in devotions.

There was a time when folks in the church thought that the best way of prayer was to learn spontaneous prayer rather than "wrote" prayers. However, I remember the story of an American religious educator telling when she recognized the importance of our traditional prayers. Her son found himself in trouble with the law. A distance from home, speaking to her on the phone he was distraught. She told him "you have to pray right now". He responded, "I don't know what to say." it was then she said that she recognized that she had failed her children by not teaching them the traditional prayers that carry us when everything collapses.



As Pastor, it is such a joy to see the flourishing of devotions in our parish. Besides the anchor of adoration and rosary every day in our church, people gather to support and to encourage each other through devotions old and new.

The **Santo Nino prayer group** has been for decades, a regular gathering of devotion in the Filipino community every Friday. The Medjugorje prayer group on Mondays links people to that precious series of apparitions that have inspired closeness to our Blessed Mother. Our Nigerian priests have brought us the Christ the King devotion as that group meets faithfully every Thursday.

In response to new needs in the Church, the old remedies given to us by the saints and Angels have returned graciously. I am so happy to see devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus arising as a faithful act of reparation and intercession in our culture that has lost sight of God and left the beautiful face of His Son, Jesus marked by new wounds.

One of the particular challenges of this culture is the all-out attack in the virtue of chastity. Our dear friend, Fr. Surrency OFM Cap informed me of a venerable movement established by the Dominican order: **the Angelic Warfare Confraternity of Saint Thomas Aquinas**. Dedicated to praying for the gift and strength to live chaste holy lives, this Confraternity has numbered saints as members. I have received delegation to enroll people in this Confraternity. You will see pamphlets and advertisements concerning this available around the church.

How wonderful to be able to be carried by the prayers of one another into the loving, saving presence of our Lord. Do you have favourite Devotions that you would like to share with others? Please let me know.

Ah the kindness of our God that he has sent to us at this autumn moment, a new priest to join us in our family, Fr. Andrew Wychucki. I invite you to say hello, invite him to your house, pray with and for him as we grow closer together as a living "house of prayer".



### MONDAY, September 11, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Sarah-Marie Paiement*)  
 6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group  
 7:00 pm - Illness Support Group

### TUESDAY, September 12, 2023

#### Most Holy Name of Mary (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Elizabeth & James Couture*)

### WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2023

#### St. John Chrysostom (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Kent Jude Beldeniza*)  
 3:00 pm - Eucharistic **Adoration** until 5:00pm

### THURSDAY, September 14, 2023

#### Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Paul Charlebois*)  
 8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

### FRIDAY, September 15, 2023

#### Our Lady of Sorrows (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Jocelyn Swidzinsky*)  
 5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

### SATURDAY, September 16, 2023

#### St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Ronald Cassion*)

### SUNDAY, September 17, 2023

#### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - **Mass**  
 5:00 pm - Filipino **Mass**  
 10:00 am - **Mass**  
 8:00 pm - **Mass**

### New Faith Study by Ascension Press "What We Believe - The Beauty of the Catholic Faith"

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you are in your journey, come and discover the beauty and richness of the Catholic Church. Join us **Wednesday evenings at 7pm from October 4th - December 6th**. For more information, contact Kelly Donald at (306) 716-4134 or visit [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) for more details.



The baptism of a child is a profound moment and the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith. If you would like to have your child baptized in the faith, the next baptismal preparation class will be **September 20. & 27**. For more information, please contact the office or the facilitator, **Shelley** at [goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com](mailto:goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com)



Registration is now open for sacramental preparation! Preparation classes start **Wednesday evenings beginning Oct 4<sup>th</sup>**. First Reconciliation date will be December 9th. For more info and to register, please contact Shelley through the Parish Office or by e-mail at [goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com](mailto:goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com)

### OFFERING for September 3, 2023

	Weekly Collection	Monthly Total
Cash Donations	\$873.15	\$873.15
Envelopes	\$2,184.00	\$2,184.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$4,745.00	\$4,745.00
E-transfers & other donations	\$1,450.85	\$1,450.85
		<b>\$9,253.000</b>
Less: Monthly goal		\$40,000.00
	Net:	<b>-\$30,747.00</b>
Renovations	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00



**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 Wednesdays 3 - 5 pm  
 Monday to Saturday 11 am - 12 pm