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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

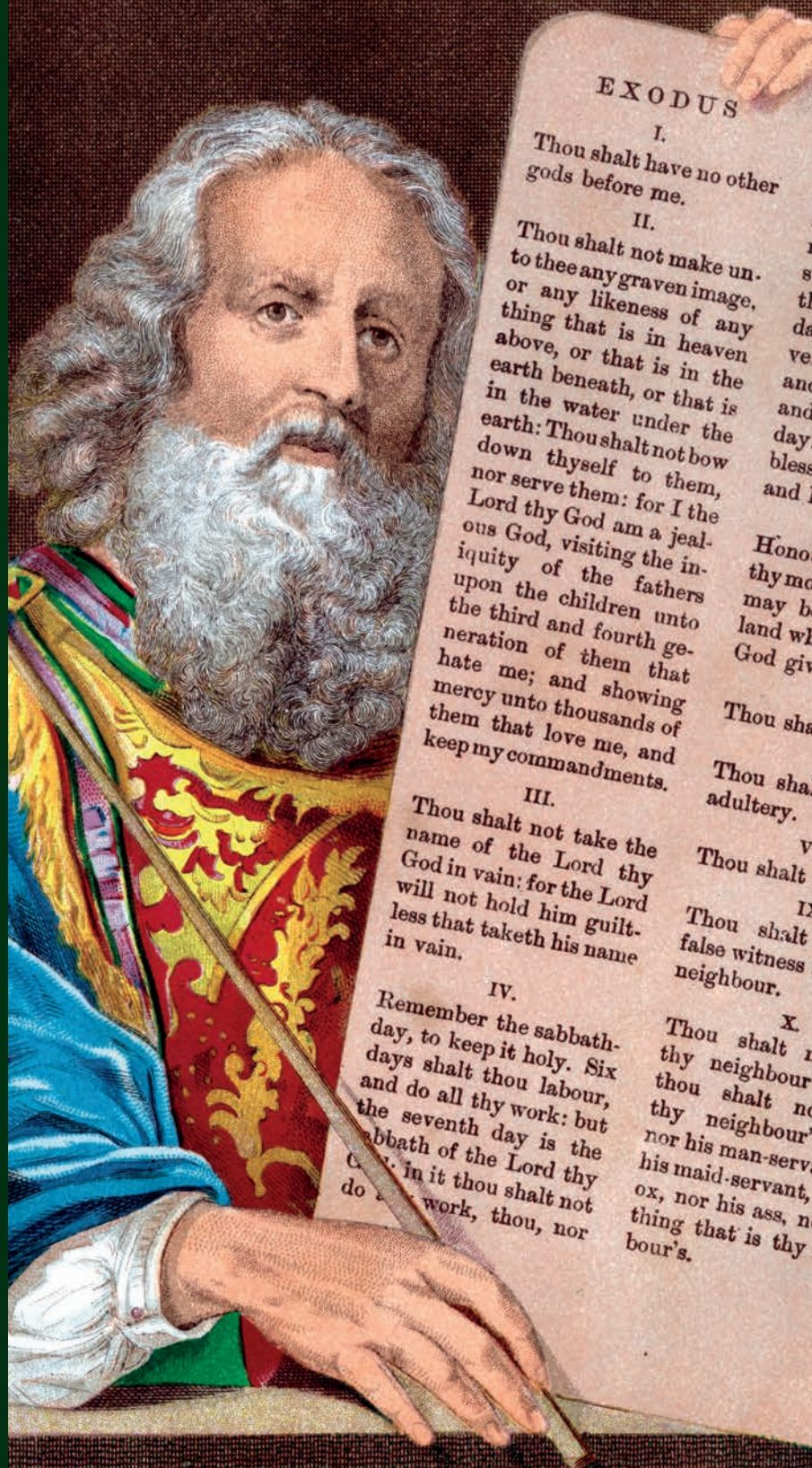
# ORDINARY TIME

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# The Mass

## ✦ "Do This in Remembrance of Me" ✦ A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel

### Part 14: Listening to God's Word

As St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Without a doubt, St. Jerome understood that the Bible truly is God speaking to his people. That is why it is so important to have readings from the Bible during Mass. Listening to God's Word helps us to learn about and understand who God is and how much He loves us. Also, we learn about ourselves and just how much we need God in our lives. As we continue some reflections on the Liturgy of the Word, we focus this week on the more spiritual aspects of listening to God's Word and receiving it into our hearts.

#### Start with Silence

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* reminds us that silence is a very important part of the Mass. Not only are we silent while the readings are read, but there should also be a brief silence after each of the readings. As the Diocese of Peoria's A Study of the Mass teaches, "Even these brief moments allow us to meditate on the marvels and mysteries we just heard... In our world of 'noise,' this silence may seem uncomfortable to us. Yet, this is all the more reason for us to pay close attention to this detail of the sacred Liturgy" (p. 7). Silence is an important means for the faithful to actively participate in the Mass, since it allows the opportunity to really listen with our hearts and take in God's Word.

What if the readings don't make sense to you? Fr. Guy Oury reminds us that "The Word of God is not a document. It is not something of the past that happens to narrate a stage of revelation" (The Mass, p. 62). The Word of God continues to be alive and active (Hebrews 4:12), seeking us out and helping to draw us nearer to God. That is why it is important for us to do our part during the readings of the Mass by really listening and thinking about the words of Scripture. If God is speaking to his people through the Scriptures, and we are part of God's family, then God is saying something to us through each reading. A great question to ask ourselves is: What is God teaching me here? About himself? About us as his people? About how he asks us to live? These reflections will help us concentrate more on the words and help us understand their meaning, even from a reading about a most unusual topic!

### **Allow His Word to Grow Roots**

Another way to help us better understand the readings is to recognize that the entire Old Testament is a preparation of God's people (that includes us!) for receiving Jesus. The New Testament is a fulfillment of the Old—all the prophecies, all the expectations—all perfectly fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. One of my favorite meditations is to think about something from the Old Testament and see how it leads to Jesus. In the same way, then, look at something in the New Testament and remember back to its beginnings in the Old Testament. For example, we read in Isaiah 7:14, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel." For many of us, our mind probably jumps to Mary and Jesus. Some of the connections are very clear, and some are subtler. Spending time reflecting on the readings can not only help us better understand what we hear, but it also helps the Word of God to be truly rooted in our hearts, our thoughts, and our actions.

As Charles Belmonte reminds us, Sacred Scripture reveals to us the "truth, both about God and about our own salvation... What we hear during the Liturgy of the Word is truth about God and the narrative of the marvels God performed... Its culmination is the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ, which is perpetuated in the Eucharist. Therefore, the central theme of the readings is always Christ... By carefully listening to the Word of God and reflecting on it, we will realize who ... Christ is, what he says and does, what he expects of us, and how we are to go about accomplishing the task he entrusted to us. Gradually, we will enter into the intimacy of God and discover the meaning of our own existence. And, as a consequence, we will get to know how to do—always and in everything—the will of God" (Understanding the Mass, p. 75-76). Now that's a reason to "listen up!"

### **For Reflection**

1. Recognizing the unique presence of Jesus in the Scriptures, reflect on the Risen Lord's appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). Pay particular attention to what Jesus says about his presence in "all the scriptures," including "Moses and all the prophets" (Lk. 24:27). Next time you are at Mass, listen to hear how Jesus is present in each part of the Liturgy of the Word.
2. For a brief sample of Old Testament references to Jesus, consider praying with Deuteronomy 18:15, Psalm 22:1-18, or Isaiah 53. Ask the Lord to awaken your awareness of his presence throughout Scripture.

Source: [www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog)



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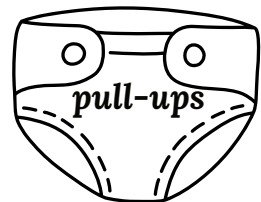
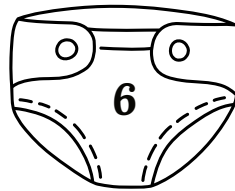
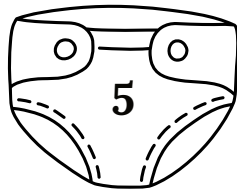
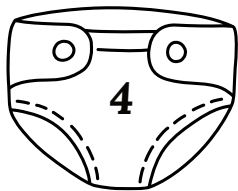
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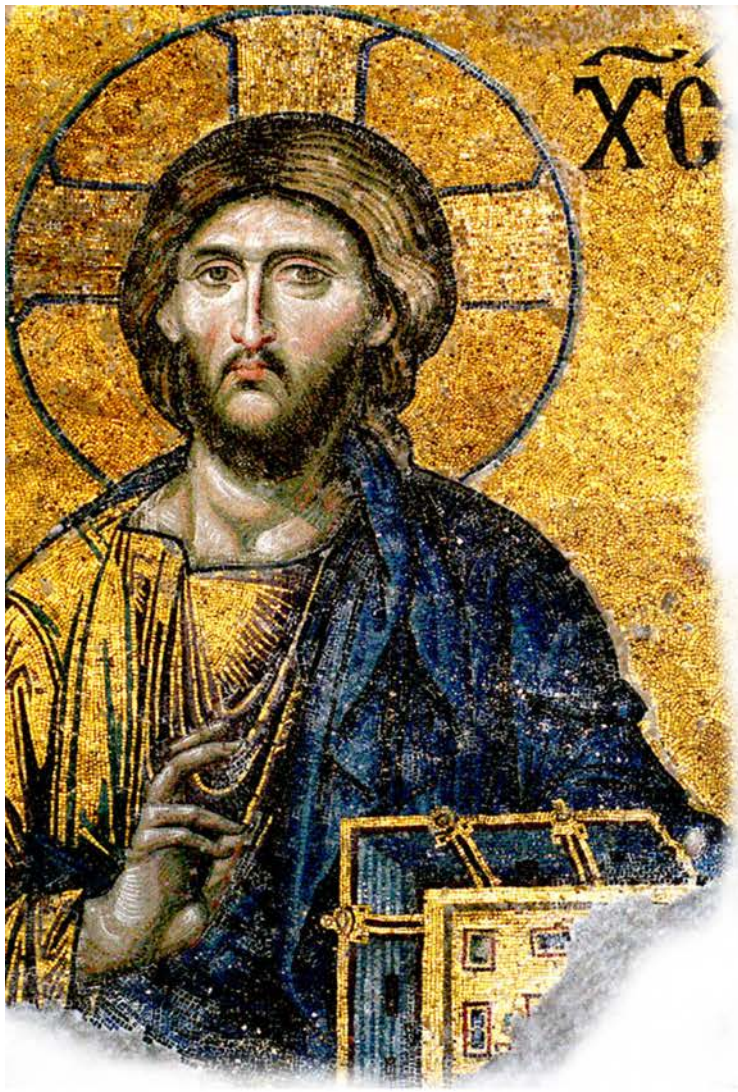


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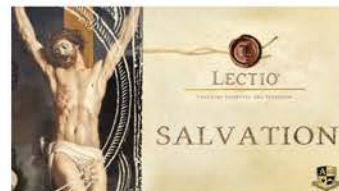
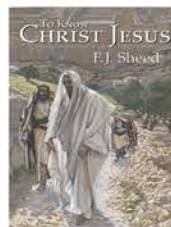
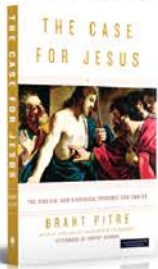
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## Week of September 10th The Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

### Sunday, September 10

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am	Holy Mass (Thomas Fredrick Beck)
9:30am	Family Faith Formation
11:00am	Holy Mass (Intentions of Edmund Frederick)
1:00pm	Parish Golf Outing
5:00pm	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
6:00pm	Middle School Youth Group
6:00pm	High School Youth Group

### Monday, September 11th

8:00am	Holy Mass (Elizabeth Roderick Hauss)
6:00pm	Family Faith Formation
6:30pm	Scouts

### Tuesday, September 12th

*Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary*

7:00pm	Holy Mass (Don Borowy)
7:30pm	Confessions

### Wednesday, September 13th

*Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

9:00am	Holy Mass (Barbara Hysell)
6:30pm	Choir Practice and Pizza

### Thursday, September 14th

*Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8:00am	Holy Mass (Jim Gillilan Jr.)
7:00pm	ADORE Night (Confession & Adoration)
7:30pm	Knights of Columbus

### Friday, September 15th

*Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows*

8:00am	Holy Mass (Greg R. Gillespie Sr.)
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### Saturday, September 16th

*Memorial of Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr*

8:30am	Holy Mass (Leonard & Edna Crawford)
9:00am	Confessions

### Offering (Sunday, September 3rd)

Total Offering	\$13,415.75
Less 6%	\$1,073.26
Net	\$12,342.49

### "The Appeal" Update

Goal	\$129,126.25
Pledged	\$80,925.00

**Needed to reach goal \$48,201.25**

### Securely Give Online

To quickly give online, simply scan this QR Code. This will take you to our secure online giving platform at Our Sunday Visitor. Thank you for your generosity!



## Week of September 17th The Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

### Sunday, September 17

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am	Holy Mass (Jimmy Corrova)
9:30am	First Communion/Reconciliation Prep
11:00am	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
12:00pm	Confirmation Parent & Child Workshop
5:00pm	Holy Mass (Alexandra Rife)
6:00pm	High School Youth Group
<i>*Ministry Fair and Refreshments after Each Sunday Mass</i>	

### Monday, September 18th

8:00am	Holy Mass (Donald Kegelmeyer)
6:00pm	Family Faith Formation
6:30pm	Scouts

### Tuesday, September 19th

7:00pm	Holy Mass (Laura Gardner)
7:30pm	Confessions

### Wednesday, September 20th

*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, & Paul Chông Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs*

9:00am	Holy Mass (Joe Ridgeway)
7:00pm	Choir Practice
7:00pm	Jesus 101: What Every Catholic Needs to Know

### Thursday, September 21st

*Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist*

8:00am	Holy Mass (Gennie Sauer)
7:00pm	ADORE Night (Confession & Adoration)

### Friday, September 22nd

8:00am	Holy Mass (Marilyn Trapp)
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### Saturday, September 23rd

*Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest*

8:30am	Holy Mass (Bill Diehl Sr. & Jr.)
9:00am	Confessions
3:30pm	Wedding Uniting Amanda Patterson & Thomas Furman
6:00pm	Home & School Tailgate Party: OSU vs. ND

### Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

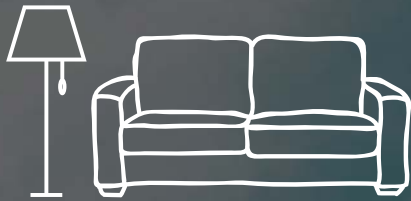
Sunday - Friday	6:00am - 12:00am
Saturday	6:00am - 4:00pm

### Confession Times

Tuesday	7:30pm
Thursday	7:00pm (ADORE Night)
Saturday	9:00am

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# JESUS MOVEMENT KICKOFF

WE'VE MISSED YOU!

**10TH**  
**SEPTEMBER**

6:00PM - 8:00PM  
IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT

WE'VE GOT  
FOOD AND FUN  
COVERED

WEAR CLOTHES THAT CAN GET MESSY & BRING A TOWEL!

YOUTH GROUP FOR  
9TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS



ST. CATHARINE  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
JESUS MOVEMENT  
KICKOFF

SEPTEMBER  
10TH

6:00 – 8:00 PM  
IN THE PARISH HALL

THE BEST  
KICKOFF YET

THERE WILL BE FOOD  
~ COMMUNITY ~  
GAMES ~ WORSHIP ~  
AND SO MUCH FUN!

YOUTH GROUP FOR 6TH-8TH GRADE  
STUDENTS  
SEE YOU THEN!



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Vote **NO**  
Nov. 7

PROTECT

*Women.*

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.

PROTECT

*Families.*

PROTECT

*Children.*

Join us in praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena beginning Friday, Sept. 15, for the defeat of this amendment.

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers here, or at [pray54ohio.org](http://pray54ohio.org).

