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St Cecilia Catholic Church

August 7, 2022

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary



Luke 12:35-40

“Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

“Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. Then Peter, said,

“Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?” And the Lord replied, “Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property. But if the servant says to himself, “My master is delayed in coming, and beings to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant’s master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master’s will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master’s will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”...

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Please remember all who have asked for our prayers:

Buster Adams, Janet Golloly, Rhea Cosgrove, Anita Tate, Peggy Barickman, James Thompson, Cecilia Plymale, Mary Destefano, Joseph and Kathleen Noto, Gerald Adkinson, Virginia Alice, Ernie, Kristin Austin, Jim Ballantine, Ivan Barnes, Joyce Bean, Cathy Bush, Carla and Adam, Annie Carroll, Ted Carroll, Francis Carroll, Robert Carter, Steven Carter, Colleen Clair, Nancy Cotter, Judy Collins, Debi Clark, Joey Cosgrove, Jack Cullison, Celia DeVoe, Erica Dingle, Ed Dishman, Eileen Garvey, Mary Glynn, Mary Gorman, Hannah Gravelle, Jeff Harris Family, James Hensley, John Jovan, Bambi Kwiatkoski, Lynn, John Lolli, Adam Lumpkins, Helen Lococo, Shirley D. Major, Dennis MacQuilliam, Bill Morris, James Morris, Eileen Peterson, Angie Prucha, Bill Rayle, Don Robinson, Frances Reddix, Clarence Rose, Ellen Rose, Jacob Remis, Joel Rivera, Kimberly Sariago, Tiny Taylor, John F. Thompson, Kurt Unangst, Susan Windburn, Lisa, Donna Burriss, Elaine McNeil, Tara Sewell, Doris Rose Yates, James Young, Eva Butler, Francis Birch, Evan Beck, Michael Hammett Jr., Andrew Farland, Bernie & Mary Jean Goldsborough, Kim Greenwell, Robert Carter, Arlene Carter, Steven Carter, Kim Greenwell and Ernie Hall.

We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds, *and* souls.

Mass Intentions for August 6 – August 13, 2022

Saturday	4:30 PM	For peaceful repose of the soul of Craig Tomzak .
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the intentions of our parishioners .
Monday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Joseph Richard .
Tuesday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Bernie Goldsborough .
Wednesday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of John Dochod .
Thursday	7:00 PM	For the intentions of Arlene Carter .
Friday	7:00 PM	For the intentions of Roberta Davis .
Saturday	8:00 AM	Mass at St Peter Claver.



Morning Offering: O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day. For all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the reunion of Christendom and for the Holy Father’s intentions of the month.

August: Small Businesses: We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Mass & Confession Time

Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM
Sunday Morning	8:00am
Weekday Mass	Monday – Friday 7:30am
Daily Adoration	Monday - Friday 6:00am – 7:15am; Monday 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Weekly Rosary	Tuesday 6:30pm
Weekly Confession	Saturdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm and by appointment

Latin Mass at St Cecilia - Mondays at 6:00pm with Adoration beginning at 4:00pm

Spiritual Direction - Available at St Cecilia’s on Mondays from 4:00 – 5:30pm. Please see the Parish website for links to sign up.

Those who help prepare for and present the Mass each weekend:

Masses:	<u>August 13, 4:30pm Saturday</u>	<u>August 14, 8:00am Sunday</u>
Readers:	Walter Carroll	Pat Pulliam & Vickie Sanner
Ushers:	Jack Owens & John Hall	Joe Greer & Vickie Sanner
Decorations:	Tiny Taylor & Marie Tarleton	

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Next Week’s Readings

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ◆ Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
- ◆ Psalm 40:2-4, 18
- ◆ Hebrews 12:1-4
- ◆ Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

[There will be a second collection for the poor.](#)

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PASTOR'S NOTE

Jesus is coming ready or not...

Jesus in today's gospel uses the image of a master coming home from a wedding. It turns out he came home a little early. One thing that is uncertain for us is when we are going to die. In some ways we have no control over that. It can be a source of anxiety for many of us but for a Catholic with faith death is a hopeful event. Jesus says gird your loins. Men in the time of Jesus wore long robes much like the robes I wear at Mass, and when they went on a journey or did labor, they would roll it up and tuck it into their belt so that they could move faster and not trip on themselves. "Gird your loins" is a Jewish way of saying roll up your sleeves and get to work. A few questions- when is the last time you went to confession? How is your prayer life? Are there any serious unresolved issues in your life right now that need to be dealt with? How is my work life? Family life? Jesus says "Gird your loins and light your lamps and get to work because at an hour we do not expect the son of man will come." One saint said this" every action of yours, every thought, should be those of a man who expects to die before the day is out... if you aren't fit to face death today, it is very unlikely you will be tomorrow." (Imitation of Christ).

Peace,

Fr Larry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **ST. CECILIA CHURCH is looking for a member to serve on the Finance Council.** If you are able to serve in this capacity, please contact the Church Office by email or phone. The Finance Council meets on a quarterly basis to review the quarterly financial reports, and discuss financial matters. We greatly appreciate your willingness to serve the church in this capacity.
- ◆ **2023 RCIA** will begin Monday, September 19, from 7:30-8:30pm both in person and virtually. Please contact St Peter Claver Church at 301-872-5460 to register by August 28. See flyer in vestibule.
- ◆ **CARRY-OUT CHICKEN DINNER** will be on Sunday, August 14, 2022 from 11:30-4PM at K.C. Hall, Ridge, MD. \$15 for 1/2 chicken. Baked goods are available. Self-serve dining facilities available. Call 301-872-4641 for more information.
- ◆ **MEN'S NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION - MONDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 7:00PM - ST. CECILIA CHURCH** This month's talk is "Your Spiritual Life - Still on Fire? or fizzling out?" given by Fr. Larry Swink. Identify the dangers of lukewarmness that draw a soul away from God, and reinvest your desire in God alone. God's love demands a response. No more hesitations. Be a witness of God's love! Bring a friend and let's get started! Evening includes Adoration, talk, Confessions and Healing prayers. Bonfire social following Benediction.
- ◆ **WOMEN'S NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION - TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 7:00PM - ST. CECILIA CHURCH.** This month's talk is "The Silent Killer of the Spiritual Life," given by Fr. Larry Swink. Lukewarmness worms its way quietly into people's minds and hearts, whispering thoughts not to work so hard at living a virtuous life..... putting limits on what God wants to do in a soul. Come and allow Our Lord to turn up the heat of your soul with His consuming, Divine Love. Evening includes Adoration, talk, Confessions(6PM), and Healing prayers.
- ◆ **TMIY:** The Battle Over the Bride focuses on a man's role as husband and his deep desire for self-sacrificial love. Offering proven solutions and practical methods, it provides incredible clear pathway to overcoming pressures men encounter in going to the end of love. Join us for food, fellowship and faith [Starting Sept. 10th, Saturdays @ 6:00 AM – 7:30 AM, Msgr. Harris Center] All men are welcome. Learn more at tmiy.org. Register at https://admin.paradisusdei.org/location_details/st-john-francis-regis-hollywood.
- ◆ **HIGH SCHOOL PILGRIMAGE!** Join an awesome pilgrimage to St.Clement's Island September 24. Cost of \$45 per participant includes t-shirt, giveaways, lunch, dinner, boat transportation, concert with Joe Melendrez and more! **MIDDLE SCHOOLERS** are invited to join the pilgrimage concert with Joe Melendrez on the mainland at 7 PM, prepaid for \$5 or at the gate for \$10. Visit www.southernmarylandroots.org for more information. Help with the cost is available. Contact Cookie Pontzer by Sep 12 to register: 301-672-0075 or cookiepontzer@gmail.com. (RSVP by August 1 to ensure correct T-shirt size.)
- ◆ **RIDE FOR VOCATIONS—** Registration is now open for the 2022 Ride for Vocations. It will be held October 1, 2022, with check-in at 6am at Sacred Heart in La Plata.