

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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**WELCOME!**

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (SEPTEMBER 10TH – 11TH)

Donation	\$5,277.00
Donation Online	\$2,822.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$8,104.00

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL \$24,876

**GIFTS RECEIVED \$37,552.50**



**Annual Catholic Appeal**

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be Christ to Others**



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ON THE MARGINS**

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION: CATHOLIC  
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.  
SEPTEMBER 17TH & SEPTEMBER 18TH**

In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. For more information visit: [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd)

## Serving the Right Choice

Homily by Father Joseph Vu

Jesus is incredibly realistic. He knows the human heart entirely because he is fully God and fully man. And so he knows that it's impossible for us to serve two masters.

And so Jesus puts it bluntly: "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

- "Mammon" was a term used in ancient Israel to signify riches.
- In modern terms, we might say that you can't have two full-time careers without prioritizing one over the other.

Therefore in today's Gospel Jesus asks us to check our hearts. Whom do we serve? Do we serve God or have we made ourselves slaves of material possessions?

Money is not a bad thing. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that differences in levels of wealth "belong to God's plan, who wills that each receives what he needs from others and that those endowed with particular 'talents' share the benefits with those who need them" (CCC 1937).

Those who have been given the gift of wealth have a duty to use it wisely for the good of their brothers and sisters.

- So money is not in itself a bad thing.

But the love of money is destructive.

- It takes our minds off of heaven.
- It hardens our hearts to the needs of our brothers and sisters.
- It makes us anxious and unsettled, terrified that we might lose our nest egg of security.

Jesus wants us to be free to love him and others. In another gospel passage he tells us "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

We choose where we want to dedicate our hearts. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to dedicate them to God above all else. If we do that, we find the joyful freedom that only he can give.

### Zacchaeus Makes the Right Choice

The Gospel of Luke offers us the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector who chose God over money.

- He was greedy and had defrauded many people.
- And yet something in his heart was restless. He wanted more.
- And Jesus offered that to him. He offered him forgiveness and a new life.

It's important to note that Jesus didn't ask Zacchaeus to give up all his money. But he did ask him to be generous with what he had, and to stop cheating people.

Zacchaeus illustrates the fact that we can't serve both God and money. When we choose to serve God, money finds its proper role in our life.

### Am I Giving?

One of the pillars of Catholic social teaching is solidarity.

- This means an active concern for the well-being of those less fortunate than we are.
- It also means that we put our money where our mouth is.

Both dimensions are necessary. If we just give with caring, our giving is cold and impersonal. But if we profess to care without doing anything, then we remain in a dream world.

So let's examine our hearts now in the Mass, to see if we're really giving of what we have to those who are lacking.

And let's ask Christ to inspire in us a desire to pay forward the blessings we've received, and the strength to follow through with those resolutions.

Because when we die, the only thing we'll take with us is what we have done for God and for others.

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy  
and destroy the poor of the land! (Am 8:4)

## PSALM:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113)  
Or Alleluia.

## SECOND READING:

This is good and pleasing to God our savior,  
who wills everyone to be saved  
and to come to knowledge of the truth. (1 Tm 2:3-4)

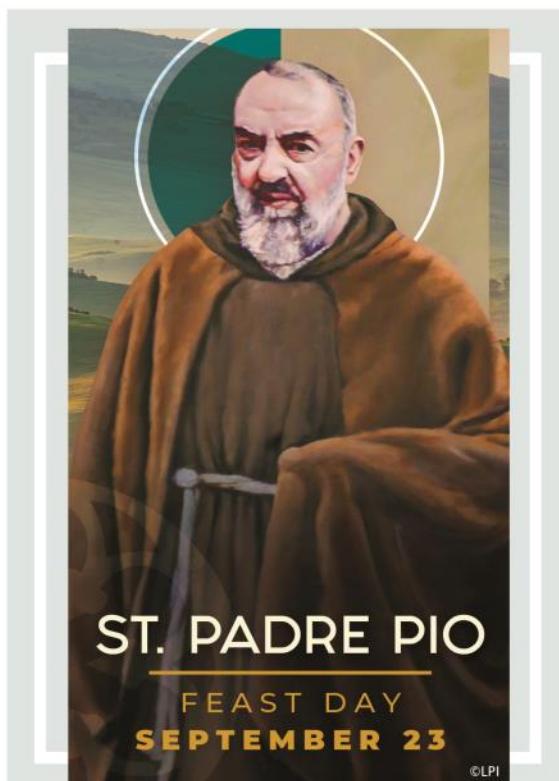
## GOSPEL:

"No servant can serve two masters.  
He will either hate one and love the other,  
or be devoted to one and despise the other.  
You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

- Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday  
Monday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr  
Tuesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng  
Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs  
Wednesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
Friday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Migration Week



## Saint of the Week

Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy he suffered many illnesses including typhoid. He joined Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name of Pius or "Pio" in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man. Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death. Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m. then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God's will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956. Padre Pio died at the age of eighty-one in 1968 and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "St. Pio of Pietrelcina."

"CATECHISTS ARE PEOPLE WHO KEEP THE MEMORY OF GOD ALIVE; THEY KEEP IT ALIVE IN THEMSELVES AND THEY ARE ABLE TO REVIVE IT IN OTHERS."  
- POPE FRANCIS

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