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### Remember In Prayer

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## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.— *Psalm*

### POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to ac-

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

**Psalm** — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

**Gospel** — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? (Luke 14:25-33).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

If you are planning to attend the luncheon for the Bishop please tell the office so we will have an idea of how many will be here .

Deacon Moss is going to have a new class starting the second week of September. If you are interested in joining please tell Pat so he will have an idea of how many books to order.

### THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth?

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Grandparents Day

Monday: St. Peter Claver

Wednesday: Patriot Day

Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Friday: St. John Chrysostom

Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass Intention

John Booker



Jim Molitor is needing help to get the church and grounds ready for the Bishops visit .We want to put our best look on our church.He will be needing those willing to help Saturday Sept 14th 8:00 am.The older PRE students are welcome to help and get their service hours.



Sept 15th

Lector Mary

E/M Jim / Anita

Ushers Michael/ Diane

Server Ty

Offertory 8/18/2019

Budget \$1351.00

Actual \$1818.00

+\$467.00

B&M

\$149.00

Catholic University

\$7.00