



**September 10, 2023**  
**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**GOD’S WATCHERS**

If you ever thought that living as a Christian was always going to be easy, today’s readings will convince you that this is not so. In the first reading from Ezekiel, the prophet was sent to convince the people in Jerusalem to return to God and God’s ways; he bore rejection as a result of fulfilling his mission. In today’s Gospel, Jesus instructs his followers to work toward reconciliation when we have been wronged, rather than remaining caught in anger or disappointment. Saint Paul captures what lies behind these instructions—love. “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.” When we are tempted to walk away from a friend or co-worker with whom we disagree, or even more so when we worry that the person has turned away from the Lord, we are instead called to reach out in love

**OUR FASCINATING FAITH**

**The Documents of Vatican II—Three Declarations**

The Declaration on Christian Education (*Gravissimum Educationis*) asserts the baptismal right of every Christian to be educated for their role in the liturgy, the community, and the world. It emphasizes that parents are the primary educators of their own children, and it charges the Church especially with seeing to the education of those who are poor and disadvantaged. The Church must also see to the proper formation of teachers as witnesses to Christ.

The Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to non-Christians (*Nostra Aetate*), the shortest of all the Vatican II documents, is a landmark in interfaith relations. It urges Christians to seek out commonalities with members of other religions before addressing obvious differences. While continuing to uphold God’s perfect revelation in Jesus Christ, it specifically mentions Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism as each bearing truth and holiness worthy of reverence, since whatever is true finds its source in the one true God. *Nostra Aetate* stresses God’s continuing special love for the Jewish people, and condemns every form of persecution and discrimination against them.

The Declaration on Religious Freedom (*Dignitatis Humanae*) asserts the dignity of all human persons and their freedom of conscience to come to faith without the burden of any coercion. The baptized faithful throughout the world must be free to follow their Christian beliefs, and all others must be equally free to pursue their own religious practices.

Scripture study on Jonah will start Sept. 14th at the home of Peggy Hauck from 1:30 until 3:00 pm . Questions call Peggy at 937-707-0083

P.R.E. start date has been changed to Wednesday Sept 20th from 5pm until 6:30 pm Students will go to Mass then to class ,pick –up time will be at 6:30 Father Anthony will be having an adult class for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith Sign –up in front

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**Remember In Prayer**

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

**Psalm** — Listen to God’s voice today; be not hardhearted (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

**Gospel** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

**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: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
 Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents’ Day  
 Monday: Patriot Day  
 Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
 Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom  
 Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross;  
 Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows; Rosh HaShanah (Jewish New Year 5784) begins at sundown  
 Saturday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

**Sept 3rd 2023**  
**Sunday collection**  
**\$846.00**  
**B&M**  
**\$86.00**

**Donuts and coffee next week after Mass Sept 17th**

**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

**Praying the Rosary**

1. Begin on the crucifix and say the Apostles’ Creed.
2. On the first bead, say one Our Father.
3. On each of the next three beads, say the Hail Mary.
4. On the next bead, say one Glory Be.
5. Think of the first mystery in the group of mysteries selected for meditation for the day and say one Our Father on the same bead.
6. On each of the next ten beads, say one Hail Mary.
7. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 for each of the five mysteries.

**HATE NOT**

I will permit no one to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate them.

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Sept 3rd

**LECTOR** MARK  
**SERVERS** LESLIE & MARINA  
**COUNTER** TOM & BEVERLY

Sept 10th

**LECTOR** BEVERLY  
**SERVER** CARLOS & MAX  
**COUNTER** MARY & ANN F

Sept 17th

**LECTOR** PEGGY  
**SERVERS** JESUS & LESLIE  
**COUNTER** TOM & BEVERLY

Sept 24th

**LECTOR** JEFF  
**SERVER** CARLOS & MAX  
**COUNTER** MARY & ANN F

**PATIENCE**

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.