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Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

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## What's Happening This Week?

### Sunday

Pound A Week  
Gala Raffle Ticket Sale

### Every Sunday

Pound A Week



### Reminder: What is Pound a Week?

If every household could bring a pound of food a week, we could greatly help our neighbors in need- a lb. of pasta, a can of soup, a jar of sauce, anything. We have received public thanks by the pantry for our generosity.

*As a faith community, we keep in mind who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God.*



*Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations made in honor of loved ones. These intentions and names of our sick are noted on the Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.*



## **Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will grow.**

### **Sunday, August 14, 2016**

In George Bernard Shaw's play *Pygmalion*, ne'er-do-well Alfred P. Doolittle laments, "It's always the same story: 'You're undeserving; so you can't have it.' But my needs is as great as the most deserving widow's that ever got money out of six different charities in one week for the death of the same husband. I don't need less than a deserving man: I need more." Compassion is not compassion if it has to be "deserved." A Christian owes mercy and leaves the judgment to God. Is there a person, ethnic group, or race you think undeserving? Then you're not thinking like Jesus.

Jeremiah 38:4-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53 "Persevere in running the race, while keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus."

**Monday, August 15** Assumption of the BVM  
As with the Lord's Ascension, Mary being taken to heaven evokes the image of heaven being up. But Mary's glory derives from her life on earth: her faith, trust in God, love for her son, compassion for embarrassed wedding hosts, the horror of seeing her son crucified. Mary had her feet firmly on the good earth, where we live. When we "Hail" her, she responds, "Do whatever my son tells you," and when we do so, to paraphrase her son's Sermon on the Mount, our "reward in heaven will be great."

Revelation 11:19- 12:10; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27; Luke 1:39-56. "Now have salvation and power come, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

**Tuesday, August 16** Stephen of Hungary  
God works through imperfect vessels  
Stephen of Hungary may be a saint, but he was no angel. He was good to the church, it is true, firmly establishing the faith in modern-day Hungary a millennium ago. However, the age was one of warfare, and Stephen engaged in his fair share of it. Once he had eliminated his competition, he did usher in an era of relative peace, and Hungary became a preferred route for pilgrims traveling between Europe and the Holy Land. Each age has its accomplishments—and its sins. Do the best you can to leave a legacy of good works.

Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30. "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

### **Wednesday, August 17**

"Charity begins at home." Few of us doubt the wisdom and the primary duty of taking care of our families, neighborhoods, and communities. But for many, the obligation of charity can often appear to end at home as well. We may be reluctant to put our funds at the disposal of another needy parish, or to assist someone else's family with our limited resources. But what if we took seriously the human family as genuine sisters and brothers? When home and family are expansive notions, then charity at home goes a long, long way.

Today's readings: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16. "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been pasturing themselves! Should not shepherds, rather, pasture sheep?"

### **Thursday, August 18**

It doesn't take a spiritual genius to know that, as the Beatles put it, "money can't buy me love." Pope Francis uses his most moving appeals to divert a consumer-obsessed world from its vain pursuits: "Do not fall into the terrible trap of thinking that life depends on money and that, in comparison with money, anything else is devoid of value or dignity. This is nothing but an illusion! We cannot take money with us into the life beyond. Money does not bring us happiness." Do your choices today prove that you want the kind of things that money just can't buy?

Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14. "I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you."

### **Friday, August 19**

John Eudes was drawn to many kinds of service: some conventional, such as improving seminary education, and some less so, such as easing the dire needs of prostitutes. But he needed a little prodding. Madeleine Lamy, who had cared for several such women, one day challenged him to address the problem. "Where are you off to now, John? To some church, I suppose, where you'll gaze at the images and think yourself pious. And all the time what is really wanted of you is a decent house for these poor creatures." Red-faced but inspired, he began a religious community to meet those needs. Sometimes we have to be embarrassed into holiness!

Today's readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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