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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS September 13, 2026 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	September	12	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Virgie Baldwin by Michael Baldwin
Sunday	September	13	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	+Darwin Knox by Verna Mae Knox Family
			10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	All Parishioners
Tuesday	September	15	8:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Roxana Marcotte by Noel Garrison
Wednesday	September	16	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Roy Hamel by Anonymous
Thursday	September	17	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	+Gary Schumaker by Francis Cox & Kayla Darden
Friday	September	18	7:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Laura & Lyle Kempf by Mary Jo Curran
Saturday	September	19	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Fr. Leroy Metro by Kenton & Linda Brown
Sunday	September	20	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	All Parishioners
			10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Jerome & Alice Stenberg by Laura Lee & Jerry Stenberg

St. Mary Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gifts Bearers	Collection	Money Counters
Sept. 13	Francis Cox	Drew & Kalli Deaver	Diane Steinbrock	Mike Kantack	Stephen Kieffer Monica Wurtz Sue Long	Brad Schwab Warric Gelino	Tim & Barb Lange	Dennis Alexander Travis Wurtz	Kristin Oestrich Jamie Rogge
Sept. 20	Stephen Kieffer	Adam Rogge Family	Sue Long	Kristen Oestrich	Barb Lange Linda Kantack Susan Bechard	Marci Taddiken Nellie Fahey	Francis Cox Kayla Darden	Wade Knoettgen Stan Marshall	Matt Schwab Travis Wurtz

St. John Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
Sept. 12	Stephanie Girard	Noel Garrison & Kathleen Sorell	Scott Seifert	Karen Leiszler	Norm Francis Cindy Francis	Cohen Girard Remy Girard	David Girard Family	
Sept. 13	Choir	Jeff & Lori Bulleigh	Jody Sipe	Greg Askren	Audra Walter Curtis Walter	Zach Bulleigh	Adam Juneke Family	John & Cindy Chavey
Sept. 19	Karen Leiszler	Brady Birdsall Family	Steve Biery	Steve Rogers	Dawn Siefert Scott Seifert	Cooper Girard	Andrew Seifert Family	
Sept. 20	Choir	Guy & Julie Steier	Beth Bergstrom	Jackie Koch	Jackie Askren Greg Askren	Ryan LeClair	Mary Lou & Gary Channell	Kenton & Linda Brown

Finance totals: St. John September 6th - Plate: \$428.00, Envelopes: \$2,900.00

St. Mary September 6th - Plate: \$270.00, Envelopes: \$1,760.00

Homebound Ministry: Jackie Koch

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. Mary: Tuesday, September 15 at 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. John: Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Outreach Ministers for September: Circle Three -Jackie Askren, Lori Bulleigh and Carolyn Debes

Sacrament of Reconciliation: St. John- 4:15-5:15 p.m. Saturday and 30 mins before daily Mass.

St. Mary -7:45-8:15 a.m. Sunday and 30 mins before daily Mass.

Pastor Notes

OCIA: Begin thinking about and encouraging any non-Catholics you know to consider learning more about Catholicism by attending OCIA. They don't have to be committed to becoming Catholic to come and learn. Classes will be Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30, beginning September 17. Classes will be in Clyde on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month and in Clifton on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Please let me know of any individuals who may be interested!

Catholic Faith Explained Classes: This year in addition to OCIA, I will be offering a similar class for parishioners who want to grow in their knowledge of the faith. This will be a basic overview of Catholic beliefs and practices. The classes will be recorded so it's okay if you miss one from time to time. I encourage everyone to attend! Classes will be Thursday evenings 7:45-8:45, beginning September 17. Classes will be in Clyde on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month and in Clifton on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

In Ipso Prayer Classes: In Ipso is again offering classes on prayer and the spiritual life in our area. These are excellent opportunities to grow in your faith and relationship with God. They begin the week of September 14. Check them out! Both are available in person or online through Zoom. <https://in-ipso.org/god-within/> and <https://in-ipso.org/divine-intimacy/>. Let me know if you have any questions.

Parish News

Watermelon Festival- Thank you to everyone who volunteered last weekend at the Knights of Columbus lunch and St. Mary's pasta bar!

CYO- Kicks off this Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 pm, St. Johns in Clyde. This is students from both parishes grades 9-12.

Religious Education- CCD starts next Sunday, September 20th for grades K-6th at both parishes. 7th & 8th grade students start on Wednesday, September 23rd, 7:00 pm at both parishes.

Theology by the Pint- (September 26, 7pm), this time in Clyde. Location will be The French Quarters. Have questions about the Catholic faith? Come ask Fr. Rockers while enjoying good company, snacks (provided), and adult beverages (bring your own). Open to Catholics and non-Catholics!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas- Meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of every month. The next meeting is September, 21st at 7pm.

The Debt We Owe: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life.

Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master.

It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see Proverbs 24:6; Leviticus 16). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see Luke 6:36; Matthew 5:48). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us?

Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see Revelation 5:9).

As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see Romans 14:10, 12).

So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.