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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS September 27, 2026 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	September	26	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Gerri Piscitelli by Mary Girard
Sunday	September	27	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	+Eugene White by Jim & Therese Leiszler
			10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	All Parishioners
Tuesday	September	29	8:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Roxana Marcotte by Linda Fief & Family
Wednesday	September	30	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Martin & Dorothy Koch by Dean & Loretta Koch
Thursday	October	1	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	+Jerry Sorell by David & Linda Alexander
Friday	October	2	7:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
			9:30 a.m.	Park Villa, Clyde	Living & deceased residents of Park Villa
Saturday	October	3	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Robert Koch by Jerry & Cathy Koch
Sunday	October	4	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	All Parishioners
			10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Roy Hamel by Anonymous

St. Mary Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gifts Bearers	Collection	Money Counters
Sept. 27	Mike Kantack	Matt Schwab Family	Zachary Leiszler	Daniel Deaver	Deanne Jackson Steve Bechard April Fahey	Annika Wernecke Remi Wurtz	Jerry & Sue Long	Travis Wurtz Tim Lange	Lindsey Leiszler Nicolette Taddiken
Oct. 4	Francis Cox	Brett Fahey Family	Annika Wernecke	Jim Leiszler	Susan Bechard Sue Long Mike Kantack	Grady Wurtz Warric Gelino	Travis Wurtz Family	Shawn Taddiken Rocky Fahey	Barb Lange Kalli Deaver

St. John Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
Sept. 26	Eric Stenberg	Kenton & Linda Brown	Scott Seifert	Cathy Koch	Noel Garrison Steve Rogers	Cohen Girard Remy Girard	Derek Drake Family	
Sept. 27	Choir	Rusty & Becky Sikes	Ian Bergstrom	Gary Sipe	Guy Steier Mary Lynn Delude	Zach Bulleigh	Lucas Bulleigh Family	Jeff & Jennifer Koch
Oct. 3	Stephanie Girard	Scott & Dawn Seifert	Remy Girard	Steve Rogers	Norm Francis Cindy Francis	Cooper Girard	Ron Girard Family	
Oct. 4	Choir	Mary Lou & Gary Channell	Greg Askren	Jackie Koch	Gary Sipe Jody Sipe	Ryan LeClair	Stan Bergstrom Family	Derek & Dana Sandmann

Finance totals: St. John September 20th – Envelopes: \$1,995.00, Plates: \$425.00

St. Mary September 20th – Envelopes: \$864.00, Plates: \$426.00

Homebound Ministry: Father Andrew Rockers

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. Mary: Tuesday, September 29th at 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. John: Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Outreach Ministers for October: Group Four- Carla Moore, Jan Tremblay and Cathy Koch

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

Engaged Encounter: I will be gone next weekend (Oct. 2-4) to help lead Engaged Encounter in Victoria for engaged couples throughout our diocese. Please keep up in your prayers! Fr. Benjamin King from the Cor Jesu Apostolate (a new community of priests living in Manhattan) will be here to celebrate Mass. More info on Cor Jesu can be found at corjesuapostolate.org

Park Villa Mass: Mass at Park Villa is now ordinarily on the 1st Friday of month at 9:30 am. Make sure to check the bulletin to confirm. This Mass is open to parishioners!

1st Saturday Mass: Due to the Engaged Encounter retreat, there will be no 1st Saturday Mass on October 3. The requirement of the Fatima devotion to receive Holy Communion can be fulfilled at the Saturday evening Mass.

OCIA: Even though OCIA has started, it's not too late from people to join. 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!

Parish News

Spiritual Bouquets- Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Clyde is doing Spiritual Bouquets again this year. Pick up a form at St. John's south entrance. Record your specific number of prayers, sacrifices and acts of love offered to God on behalf of all the current Seminarians, current and surrounding priests and Bishop Vincke. Instead of physical flowers, each prayer or good deed acts as a "spiritual flower" presented to the recipients. Place your recorded forms in the blue folder at the south entrance by October 18th.

Coffee & Donuts: Join us Sunday, October 4th for Donut Sunday in Clifton, Circle 1 in charge.

St. Mary's Altar Society: The next meeting is October 13th at 4:00pm. Ladies come join us; all are welcome.

Council Meetings: Reminder the council meetings are this week at 6:30 p.m. St. Mary will meet Sunday, September 27th and St. John will meet Monday, September 28th.

Knights of Columbus: The next meeting is Monday, October 5th, 8:00 PM at St. John.

The Humble Path: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Ezekiel 18:25–28

Psalm 25:4–9

Philippians 2:1–11

Matthew 21:28–32

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin?

This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8).

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross (see Romans 5:12–17). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.