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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS September 20, 2026 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
Tuesday	September	22	8:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Kenneth Marcotte by Norm & Cindy Francis
Wednesday	September	23	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Robert Koch by Kent & Mary Lynn Delude
Thursday	September	24	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	+Mary Wiltzius by Stan & Ann Marshall
Friday	September	25	7:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Robert Wilson by Blanche Wilson
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

St. Mary Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gifts Bearers	Collection	Money Counters
Sept. 20	Stephen Kieffer	Adam Rogge Family	Sue Long	Kristin Oestrich	Barb Lange Linda Kantack Susan Bechard	Marci Taddiken Warric Gelino	Francis Cox Kayla Darden	Wade Knoettgen Stan Marshall	Matt Schwab Travis Wurtz
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

St. John Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
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
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

Finance totals: St. John September 13th - Plate: \$1,578.13, Envelopes: \$3,815.00

St. Mary September 13th - Plate: \$92.00, Envelopes: \$951.00

Homebound Ministry: Father Andrew Rockers

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. Mary: Tuesday, September 22nd at 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. John: Wednesday, September 23rd 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

Theology by the Pint: Join us this Saturday, September 26 at 7 pm, for a Theology by the Pint event at the French Quarters in Clyde. 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!

Engaged Encounter: I will be gone the weekend of October 2-4 to help lead Engaged Encounter in Victoria for engaged couples throughout our diocese. Please keep us 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

Dialogue to Conclude Confession: Below is the proper conclusion to Confession. I know we all may have learned something unique, but this is from the official Rite of Penance. It's on the quarter-page sheet that I have in the confessional for your convenience.

Priest: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Penitent: For his mercy endures for ever.

Priest: The Lord has forgiven your sins. Go in peace.

Penitent: Thanks be to God.

Homily Prayer and Podcast: "Come, Holy Spirit. Come by the most powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well-beloved spouse." My homilies (and talks) are recorded each week and posted to my podcast, "**Convince, Rebuke, Exhort.**" You can find it on any podcast platform (e.g. Spotify, Apple, etc.).

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!

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.

First and Last: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 55:6–9

Psalm 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18

Philippians 1:20–24, 27

Matthew 20:1–16

The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness (see Isaiah 5:7; 27:2–5).

Israel failed to yield good fruits, and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel's kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors (see Psalm 80:9–20). But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth (see Amos 9:15; Hosea 14:5–10).

This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus' parable of salvation history in today's Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise (see Ephesians 2:11–13). In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations.

This provokes grumbling in today's parable. Doesn't the complaint of those first laborers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus' prodigal son parable (see Luke 15:29–30)? God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today's First Reading. And today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy.

Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late—after having spent most of their days idling in sin.

But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in today's Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard.

Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today's Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.