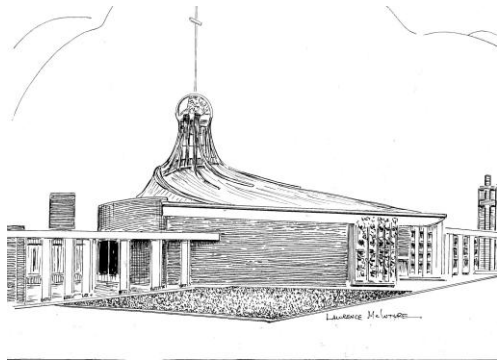




Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

St. George Catholic Parish

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for the Month of August

For evangelization in the city – Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Please pray for the sick of Our Parish Family

Kathleen Elliott, Bill MacPhee, Joanne Pierroz, Herman Bodde, Don Willwerth, Aline Buck, Dave Willwerth, Ruby Noordende, Mary Lindberg, Bill Pastorello, Bob Levar, Jennifer Brough, Laura Stevens, Melvyn D'Sousa, Flo Ferraton, Megan Koabel, Cole Anno, Leo Gauthier, Sandra Pooler, Amelia Foresi, Rosemarie Morrison, Irene Overmeyer, Elizabeth McCafferty, Susanne Griffis, Mannette Brown, Stan and Bob Waszynski, Carole Elfner, Christine Morrow, Gloria Trombley, Lucero Restrepo, Jurgen Deheus and John Cooperman

Summer Mass schedule

Weekends (Doors open 30 minutes prior to Mass)

Saturday 4:30pm (and 9:00am First Saturday of the month)

Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekdays (Doors open 15 minutes prior to Mass)

Tuesday Adoration and Benediction from 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm

Wednesday 9:30am

Thursday 8:30am

Friday 8:30am (First Friday of the month Mass is followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction)

Confessions will be heard on Tuesday Evenings during Adoration, as well as by appointment.

Weekend Liturgy, August 29/30

Saturday	4:30pm	Pro Populo	{All Parishioners}
Sunday	8:00am	✠Gerard Glynn	{Allanagh Latimer}
Sunday	10:00am	✠Florence Latimer	{Allanagh Latimer}

Weekday Liturgy, September 1-4

Tuesday	7:00pm	Special Intention	{Allanagh Latimer}
Wednesday	9:30am	✠Mary Ellen Scherer	{Judy Learn}
Thursday	8:30am	✠Eldo Munoz	{The Munoz Family}
Friday	8:30am	✠Mary Merlin	{The Kaiser Family}

Weekend Liturgy, August Sept. 5/6

Saturday	4:30pm	Pro Populo	{All Parishioners}
Sunday	8:00am	✠Thomas Munton	{Allanagh Latimer}
Sunday	10:00am	✠Thomas Schratz & Elaine Collora	{Shelley Schratz}

Report for Last Week (with Interac)

Weekly Offertory Total \$ 3,016.85

Maintenance/Parking Lot Repair Fund Raiser

Total as of last weekend August 15/16 \$28,202

August 22/23 weekend donations \$14,735 (Rounded from \$14,734.58)

Dollar-for-dollar match \$3,399 **Grand Total \$46,336 WOW!!!**

A huge THANK YOU to our incredibly generous sponsors without whom this fund raiser would not have happened. They started the fundraiser off with a \$5,000 donation, and pledged a further \$15,000 dollar-for-dollar match, resulting in a \$20,000 donation!

And a huge THANK YOU too to all of you who responded so generously to this fund. You have been absolutely amazing!

Unfortunately, as we celebrate the surpassing of this target, we have some disappointing news as well. In order to get the required grade for drainage in the north parking lot, as well as to repair the extra damage in both parking lots which was not included in the original quote, we really had no choice but to extend the sections being repaired at a cost of a further \$25,000.

The **\$11,336 raised over the original \$35,000 target** will go towards this additional cost, and we will continue our Parking Lot Fund Raiser until the end of November.

First Friday and Saturday Masses of the Month

Please join us at Mass this Friday, September 4th at 8:30 am followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction, and at Mass on Saturday, September 5th at 9:00am.

For Your Life

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11–12) and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5–7).

What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have.

God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3–11; Psalm 50:14, 23).

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied.

Sunday Bible Reflection
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St. Paul Canter for Biblical Theology