



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

September 19, 2021 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **Eucharistic Services:**

7:00 pm Wednesday -  
Word & Communion Service

5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass

11:30 am Sunday - Mass

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

**Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm**

**Ministers for next Sunday, September 26**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Dueweke, OSA

Lector : Luke Glaser

## **Ministers at MGC**

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## **Mother of Good Counsel Prayer**

**by B.J. Ewing**

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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## **Parish Mission Statement**

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draws us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Jas 3:16-4:3

Mk 9:30-37



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The Catechism firmly states that human power has limits and that "it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly." All such use and experimentation "requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation."

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME (LAUDATO SI'), MAY 24, 2015



### **International Dinner**

Totals from the International Dinner Fundraiser  
Dinner Ticket Sales :\$2676  
Raffle Tickets : \$842  
Total: \$3518

### **Parish Picnic**

The parish picnic will take place on Sunday, October 3 at Perry County Park. The parish will celebrate Mass outdoors and then share in a community meal. Look for further details in the weeks ahead.

### **Interested in Becoming Catholic**

Do you know someone who wants to know more about Catholicism or has questions about the Catholic Church? Our regular RCIA meetings have begun and meet each Tuesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

### **Adult Faith Formation - Movie**

Parishioners are encouraged to continue to grow in their faith. Next Sunday September 26 following Mass we will be watching the movie, Fatima here at the church.

### **Parish Planners**

Parish Planners will meet today today Sunday September 19 immediately following Mass. Potluck lunch will be provided.

### **Mass for those with Disabilities**

Save the Date — On Oct 2, Bishop John will celebrate a Mass for those with Disabilities at Pax Christi in Lexington. The Mass will begin at 5 p.m.

### **Young Adult Faith Formation**

There is a group of young adults (18-39) that is forming that will begin gathering this fall. Please contact John Manubag by email if interested [johnmanubag24@gmail.com](mailto:johnmanubag24@gmail.com)

### **Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021**

Next week the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Lexington will begin. Look for more information in the weeks ahead.

### **Diocesan Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration- November 20, 2021:**

For all couples having their 10 th , 11 th , 25 th , 26 th , 40 th , 41 st , 50 th or 50 th -plus wedding anniversary in 2021, the Bishop will celebrate with you at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Saturday, November 20 th . Since the event was cancelled last year, we are also extending the invitation to those who missed out on last year's jubilee. The event begins with Mass at 5:00 PM with Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. presiding, followed by a catered reception in Hehman Hall. We are also looking for couples newly married

in 2020 or 21 to be hospitality ministers. If you or someone you know is celebrating one of these jubilee anniversaries in 2021 or if you are newly married and would like to serve as hospitality ministers, please register at [cdlex.org/family](http://cdlex.org/family) or contact Claudia Green at the Catholic Center at (859) 253-1993, ext. 1004 to make reservations by November 12. Please give your name, parish, mailing address, phone number, and original wedding date.

### **Way of Beauty Prayer**

Way of Beauty based on Laudato Si' - Fourteen stations of prayer modeled after the Stations of the Cross that walk through salvation history and connect our faith to care for creation. <https://bit.ly/3zpxoVs>

## **Season of Creation**

September 1 - October 4

Peacemaking as Home-building

'Peace' is at the heart of the Christian gospel. We live in a fractured world, where relationships between people, nature and God are deeply broken. In Christ, God comes to bring 'peace', not only spiritually through the forgiveness of sins, but to restore all these damaged and broken relationships.

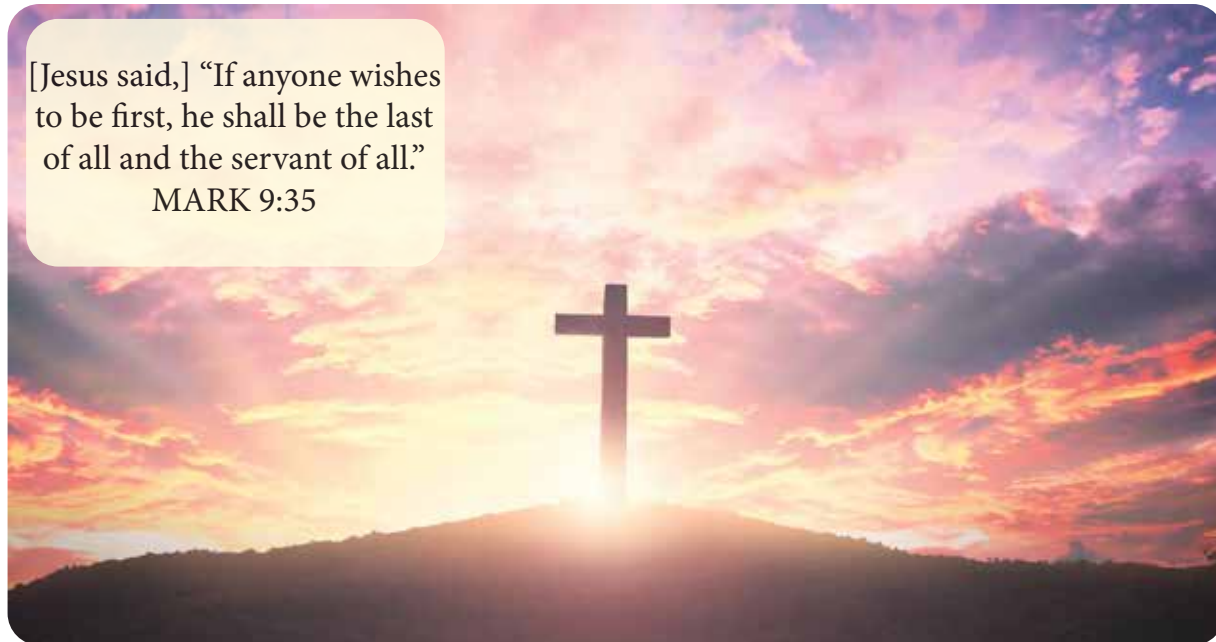
The Hebrew concept of 'Shalom', often translated as 'peace', reflects restored relationships in every dimension: with God, self, neighbours near and far, and with the earth and its creatures. It is an integrated vision of 'the good life' that combines faith, justice, and peacebuilding - as summarised by the idealised wife of Proverbs 31. Note how she ensures everyone and everything can flourish: her family, the poor, the land, the economy! This is a lovely example of being a peacemaker / home-builder / shalom-spreader in very practical local terms!

Building on last week's theme of 'Wisdom', James 3:17-18 states, "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness." Jesus said 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God' (Matthew 5:9). The phrase 'children of God' is often applied to those who believe in Christ - the church. How can we, as the Christian community, be peacemakers both globally and locally, particularly in a context of inequality and unsustainable lifestyle choices?

In today's Gospel reading, in Mark 9:36-37, Jesus tells us that in welcoming children we welcome God himself. Today, many children and young people suffer from climate anxiety and despair about the future. How can we welcome the Father, by listening more effectively to the voices of young people and changing our attitudes and behaviour in response?

[Jesus said,] “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

MARK 9:35



## The Price of Goodness

We all know genuinely good people. Somehow they are able to live the virtues of their religious tradition. It might even appear that it is easy for them to do so. One would think that such good people would be valued. Well, yes and no. While we might truly value the goodness of others, that goodness can also shame us. And there is the rub. People are uncomfortable with the realization that they are not as good as they think—or not as good as others might view them. Today’s readings underscore the price we might have to pay for such goodness.

The first reading describes a plot being devised to get rid of a righteous person whose goodness has become “annoying” (Wisdom 2:12). This is not someone who flaunts goodness; it is a genuinely good person, one who is referred to as “the righteous one” (2:18). (Here “son of God” simply means someone belonging to the people of God.) The plotters insist that God will come to the rescue if the righteous one is truly good. The petitions in the psalm response are placed on the lips of that righteous one. Like many good Bible stories, this story is open-ended. We do not know what happens. The price paid for righteousness is found in the Gospel passage as well. Here the righteous one is Jesus. Though we know how his story ends, here the disciples did not. Today we are faced with the starkness of these stories. Are we willing to pay the price of goodness?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### For Reflection

Where in your life do your religious values conflict with social norms?

Do you ever resent the goodness of others? If so, what might you do about it?



## Readings for the Week

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 20  
Sts. Andrew Kim  
Tae-gŏn, Priest,  
and Paul Chŏng  
Ha-sang, and  
Companions,  
Martyrs  
Ezr 1:1-6  
Lk 8:16-18

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 21  
St. Matthew,  
Apostle and  
Evangelist  
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13  
Mt 9:9-13

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 22  
Weekday  
Ezr 9:5-9  
Lk 9:1-6

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 23  
St. Pius of  
Pietrelcina, Priest  
Hg 1:1-8  
Lk 9:7-9

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 24  
Weekday  
Hg 2:1-9  
Lk 9:18-22

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 25  
Weekday  
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a  
Lk 9:43b-45

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 26  
Twenty-sixth  
Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Nm 11:25-29  
Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:38-43,  
45, 47-48



# Dear Padre

September 19, 2021

**In Bible times why did people sacrifice animals, children, and other living beings for their own sins?**

The practice of human and animal sacrifice is at least as old as written history, including in our own Scripture. Few stories are more chilling than when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, or when Jephthah sacrifices his daughter (Genesis 22; Judges 11). In scriptural theology, one's sins merited punishment and even death, but an animal or other person could be chosen to take one's place. God, in his mercy, instituted this animal sacrificial system as a symbol, foreshadowing Jesus' sacrifice for our sins (Genesis 8:20; Hebrews 10:1-18). In the New Testament, Jesus understood his mission as sacrificing his own life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was at the cost of death. However, to say that Jesus' death was payment for our sins is not to say that a vengeful God was appeased by the sacrifice of his own innocent Son. Rather, Christ was willing to liberate us when he "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that...by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Thus, "it is love 'to the end (John 13:1)' that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice that "completes and surpasses all other sacrifices" (CCC 614).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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## Happenings this Week

**Tuesday**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm RCIA

6:40 pm Rosary & Communion Service

**Sunday**

Fatima the movie - following Mass



**Stay Connected to MGC on Social Media**



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### Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Mike Caldwell, Monica Spare, The Rice Family, Renee Messer, and Ron Brunty.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

### Prayer Family

The Elsoueidi Family

### Birthdays

9/21 Carol Marie Logan  
9/23 Joseph Elsoueidi

## Our Weekly Offering

for 09/12/21

Loose: \$97

Envelopes : \$235

World Missions : \$30

Online: \$140

**Total Weekly Offering: \$502**