



# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 31, 2025**



*For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,  
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. LUKE 14:11*

*May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!*

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

## Sunday Reflection: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is true humility and why should we make it a characteristic mark of our life and action? True humility is not feeling bad about ourselves, or having a low opinion of ourselves, or thinking of ourselves as inferior to others. True humility frees us from preoccupation with ourselves, whereas a low self-opinion tends to focus our attention on ourselves. Humility is truth in self-understanding and truth in action. Viewing ourselves truthfully, with sober judgment, means seeing ourselves the way God sees us (Psalm 139:1-4). A humble person makes a realistic assessment of himself or herself without illusion or pretense to be something he or she is not. The humble regard themselves neither smaller nor larger than they truly are. A humble person does not have to wear a mask or put on a facade in order to look good to others, especially to those who are not really familiar with that person. The humble are not influenced by accidentals, such as fame, reputation, success, or failure.

Humility is the queen or foundation of all the other virtues because it enables us to view and judge ourselves correctly. Humility leads to true self-knowledge, honesty, realism, strength, and dedication to give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Paul the Apostle, gives us the greatest example and model of humility in the person of Jesus Christ, who *emptied himself, taking the form of a servant...who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross* (Philippians 2:7-8). The Lord Jesus gives grace to those who seek him humbly. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, you became a servant for my sake to set me free from the tyranny of sin, selfishness, and conceit. Help me to be humble as you are humble and to love freely and graciously all whom you call me to serve.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

September 7, 2025

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

## Saint of the Week... St. Gregory the Great

Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he turned 30. He served in that office for five years before resigning, then founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate and became a Benedictine monk in his own home.

After being ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine.

His book, *Pastoral Care*, written on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners.

Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church. He is the patron saint of teachers, musicians, epilepsy, and England.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



Feast Day: September 3

## Prayer Requests

Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Jean Harber, Sue Harber, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk\*, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock, Barbara Willis.

\*Resident of Keyser Healthcare Center (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)


# Congratulations Fr. Thomas!



The *Mineral News and Tribune* recently held a contest allowing readers to vote for the best of Mineral County in various categories. We are proud to announce that **Fr. Thomas was chosen Best Pastor!**

This certainly comes as no surprise to our parish family and we are happy that our entire community now knows what we have always known!

Additionally, our church was awarded 2nd place in the Best Church category!




### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month, including this Friday, September 5. Join us for Mass at 9 a.m. followed by Adoration from 9:30-10:30.



*The **World Day of Prayer for Creation in 2025** will be observed on September 1 which marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, an ecumenical period from September 1 to October 4 (Feast of St. Francis) dedicated to prayer and action for the Earth.*



*Lord, this Labor Day pour out your blessing and strength on all who work to make it possible for others to have a better life. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, August 30	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders .....	Marial Perkey
		Soul of Brian Alt .....	Jim & Cindy Alt
		Intentions of Robert Ternent .....	Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner
Sunday, August 31	8:30 am	Soul of Chuck Biser .....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Intentions of Martin & Julie Alt .....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Monday, September 1	No Mass		
Tuesday, September 2	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 3	5:00 pm	Soul of Jean Quinn .....	Marg Quinn
Thursday, September 4	12:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Barrick & Travis families .....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Friday, September 5	9:00 am	Volunteers of Assumption Parish .....	Assumption Parish
Saturday, September 6	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders .....	Eddie & Dorothy Sandoval
		Soul of Linda Lupis .....	Howard & Karen Barrick
		The Harber Family .....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, September 7	8:30 am	Soul of Fr. Ivan .....	Assumption Parish

*Note: There will be no Mass at the Keyser Healthcare Center on September 6.*

*Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.*



September 4, 2025

## Day of Fasting and Prayer

Bishop Mark Brennan is calling the faithful in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to observe Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025, as a day of fasting and prayer for peace and justice in our world especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land. This day precedes the special collection to be held at all Masses in the diocese on Sept. 6-7 for Gaza Relief. Both are a sign of our solidarity with the Church offering both spiritual and material support.

Let us open our hearts generously and compassionately in prayer and fasting mindful of all traumatized and displaced by war. Invoke the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, to take our prayers directly to her son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace.

*Note: funds collected Sept. 6-7 will be sent to The Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Catholic Relief Services, both are Catholic charitable organizations working on the ground providing humanitarian assistance.*

## Upcoming Support Group Meeting

Our next monthly grief support group meeting will be next Saturday, September 6 from 2:30-3:30 in St. Mary's Hall, led by Deacon Larry. This is for anyone of any faith who has experienced any type of loss.

## Your Faithful Stewardship

August 23-24, 2025

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,845
Loose Donations .....	\$845
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,690</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 8/23 .....	87
Sunday, 8/24 .....	80
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>167</b>

### Upcoming Special Collection

A special collection will be taken next weekend across our Diocese for Gaza relief.

# ASAP

Always Say A Prayer



*Our parish picnic will be held Sunday, September 21 at Brookdale Farm! More details will be shared soon.*

## New Voices Welcome!

Following its summer break, our choir will resume practicing each week on Wednesdays at 3:30, beginning September 10. New voices are welcome! If you would like to serve God and our parish through this music ministry, please contact Music Director Linda Davis-Kyle at 301-707-4215.

A BIG  
Thank  
you  
♥

Since my campaign for KHS Athletic Queen ends on Tuesday, I want to send a big, heartfelt thank you to my parish family who has supported me so much over the past three months. You have been truly

amazing and please know how very much my family and I appreciate it! Love, *Kerri*

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, September 6 (Knight's Mass)

Lector: Bill Lupis  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis and Harper Newlin  
EMs: Bill Lupis, Alan Taylor (c), Mike Landis (c)  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

### Sunday, September 7

Lector: Derek Stephen  
Servers: Jeff & Remy Kuhn  
EMs: Nancy Starcher, Jane Placka (c), Beverley Iser (c)  
Cantor: Patrick George  
Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

### Saturday, September 13

Lector: Karen Yowler  
Servers: Alan Taylor & Paul Bogdan  
EMs: Kathy Finnell, Norma Clark (c), Karen Yowler (c)  
Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault  
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

### Sunday, September 14

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Beverley Iser, Jane Placka & Harper Newlin  
EMs: Rosie Landis, Dave Minnich (c), Pam Williams (c)  
Cantor: Patrick George  
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

September 4 Meredythe Barrick  
September 11 Cindy Alt