

**SUNDAY BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 17, 2023  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September*

*For People Living on the margins—We pray for those people living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.*

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS  
CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH  
MASS**

**Monday, September 18—St. Joseph Cupertino**

7:30 AM—Rev. Reginald Sander, O.S.B.+ (Traditional Latin Mass)

**Tuesday, September 19— St. Januarius**

5:00 PM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 PM—Art Haynes, Jr.+

**Wednesday, September 20—St. Andrew Kim Taejŏn**

8:15 AM—Michael Haynes

**Thursday, September 21—St. Matthew**

7:30 AM—Bill Hinkebein+

**Friday, September 22—Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples**

8:15 AM—Lauretta Quinn+

**Saturday, September 23**

**No Morning Mass**

5:00 PM—Donnie Murrell+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

**Sunday, September —Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM—Joan Gibson+

10:00 AM—People of the Parish

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**Scripture Readings  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

**DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION**

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU OBSERVE OR SUSPECT SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## “THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER, AND RICH IN COMPASSION”

### THIS WEEK’S SAINTS

#### September 18: St. Joseph of Cupertino

Joseph of Cupertino is most famous for levitating at prayer. Already as a child, Joseph showed a fondness for prayer. After a short career with the Capuchins, he joined the Conventual Franciscans. Following a brief assignment caring for the friary mule, Joseph began his studies for the priesthood. Though studies were very difficult for him, Joseph gained a great deal of knowledge from prayer. He was ordained in 1628.

Joseph’s tendency to levitate during prayer was sometimes a cross; some people came to see this much as they might have gone to a circus sideshow. Joseph’s gift led him to be humble, patient, and obedient, even though at times he was greatly tempted and felt forsaken by God. He fasted and wore iron chains for much of his life.

The friars transferred Joseph several times for his own good and for the good of the rest of the community. He was reported to and investigated by the Inquisition; the examiners exonerated him. Joseph was canonized in 1767. In the investigation preceding the canonization, 70 incidents of levitation are recorded.

#### September 19: St. Januarius

Little is known about the life of Januarius. He is believed to have been martyred in the Emperor Diocletian’s persecution of 305. Legend has it that Januarius and his companions were thrown to the bears in the amphitheater of Pozzuoli, but the animals failed to attack them. They were then beheaded, and Januarius’ blood ultimately brought to Naples.

His blood is in a hermetically sealed four-inch glass container, and is preserved in a double reliquary in the Naples cathedral. It liquefies 18 times during the year. Various experiments have been applied, but the phenomenon eludes natural explanation.

#### September 20: St. Andrew Kim Taejŏn and Companions

The first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at the age of 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital.

Andrew’s father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45.

Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. After Columba complained about the indignity, no more women were subjected to it. The two were beheaded. Peter Ryou, a boy of 13, had his flesh so badly torn that he could pull off pieces and throw them at the judges. He was killed by strangulation. Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for taking taxes to Beijing annually. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Besides Andrew and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.

#### September 21: St. Matthew

Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were not scrupulous about what the “tax farmers” got for themselves. Hence the latter, known as “publicans,” were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. The Pharisees lumped them with “sinners” (see Matthew 9:11-13). So it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

Matthew got Jesus in further trouble by having a sort of going-away party at his house. The Gospel tells us that many tax collectors and “those known as sinners” came to the dinner. The Pharisees were still more badly shocked. What business did the supposedly great teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus’ answer was, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ I did not come to call the righteous but sinners” (Matthew 9:12b-13). Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; he is saying that loving others is even more important.

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<b>KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES SEPTEMBER 23-24</b>		
<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Knight(s)</b>
<b>Sat. 5pm</b>	Acolyte	Jackson Reeter
<b>Sun. 8am</b>	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Cason Bonderer James Mathew
<b>Sun. 10am</b>	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Dominic Robinson Jack Marshall AJ Warren Jameson Marshall Elijah Sensenich Eli Gratton Kale Walker

<b>LECTOR SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 23-24</b>	
<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Lector</b>
<b>Sun. 8am</b>	Brenda O'Halloran
<b>Sun. 10am</b>	Dorion Moore



*Weekly Offering*

*September 10  
Offertory \$5,826  
Parish Prop Maint \$98  
Catholic Education \$302  
Birthright \$120*

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St.ColumbanChurch/](https://facebook.com/St.ColumbanChurch/)

**BISHOP HOGAN SCHOOL NEWS**

**March for Life: We will be going on the March for Life trip in Washington, D.C. again this year with our eighth graders of Bishop Hogan and St. Columban. Our goal is to raise at least \$6500 to pay the students' expenses. If you have any odd jobs that the students could do, please contact the school office at 660-646-0705.** We will be making Dutch Apple Pies November 17 and 18th. Pre-sales will begin soon!

I want to highlight Mrs. Mary Pauley, our volunteer librarian. She has transformed our library over the last 8 years. She can be found shelving books, weeding out old books, buying books everywhere she can get her hands on them, and helping students locate the books they want to read. She has helped with setting up our book fairs, and comes when we do school testing so she can proctor students. Mary does all this and more, making sure the library is a great place to be. We can't thank her enough, so kudos to Mrs. Pauley, for all she does for Bishop Hogan!

**Debbie Comer is cooking daily lunches for Bishop Hogan students, in the absence of our regular cook. If you would be willing to help her one day a week, or even occasionally, please contact her at 660-973-1495. Thank you!**

May Christ's light shine through you to others!  
Pam Brobst, Principal

**CHRISTMAS NATIVITY QUILT RAFFLE**

St. Ann's Altar Society will be selling Raffle tickets for a 77"x67" Nativity Quilt at the Fall Festival Raffle Table and after Masses thru Thanksgiving. The drawing will be held after Mass on Thanksgiving. Thanks to Diane McKiddy for making and donating this quilt. All proceeds will go to the Altar Society. We're looking forward to having our Salad Luncheon again next year on June 6, 2024.

**ST. COLUMBAN YOUTH GROUP**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 27th, at the K of C from 7:00-8:30pm. If you would like to learn more about the St. Columban Youth Group you can call Jane Gyhra at 402-852-6875 or Mary Mathew at 660-591-3468 .

In Loving Memory

**Rev. Reginald Sander, O.S.B.**

October 23, 1935  
September 9, 2023

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.

Father Reginald was pastor of St. Columban's from 1994-1998. His full obituary can found on the Conception Abbey website [Conceptionabbey.org](http://Conceptionabbey.org)

**ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL is next Sunday, September 24** from noon-4 pm. Please buy or sell your raffle tickets. You can also help by donating a 2 liter bottle of pop, donate home made items and baked goods to the Country Store or donate household items to the Second Chance Store. But, above all, join us on the parish grounds next Sunday and enjoy the food and entertainment! **The Quinn Memorial Fun Run and 5K Run/Walk is next Saturday, September 23.** On site registration begins at 7:00 am with the race at 8:00 am