

**BULLETIN 08-31-2025**  
**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Pastor's Message*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's readings speak about humility. In today's gospel, looking at those who tried to get a better place at the wedding banquet, Jesus said: "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

***Humility, this is the virtue that we all struggle to obtain because it is the opposite of the fundamental flaw of human beings, pride, since everyone has a tendency to get above others. Last Sunday Jesus told us that we can enter heaven only through the narrow gate, the way of self-sacrifice, the way of the cross leading us towards salvation. Today he offers us the key to that gate: humility. Adam and Eve, the first parents of humankind, wanted to be equal to God. They decided that they didn't need to have God in their lives. Because of their sin, we all now learn to be humble in order to enter the narrow gate towards salvation.***

Humility is hard. Humility is not simply to say something humble about oneself. It is not about a person who presumes that he is not worthy to do this job or to carry out that task. No, a humble person will have honest gratitude for the gifts he has received. Because of that honest gratitude, a humble person never rests. He knows that he has received talents and gifts from God and he will have to give an account of how he has

used those gifts. Therefore, a humble person is the one who works diligently.

***The book of Micah chapter 6:8 says: "You have been told, O Man, what is good and what the Lord requires of you: only to do right, to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." The Lord requires us to do the right things, to love goodness and to walk humbly with God and with others in our daily life. When we truly recognize all we have is from the Lord and strive to use those blessings to serve God and others, we are obtaining the virtue of humility.***

May God bless us all!

***-Fr. Joe***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There is a second collection this Sunday to support the Archdiocese of Military Services. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!
2. *Happy Labor Day to all! Let us remember Psalm 128:2: "You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours."*
3. There will be no 5:00pm Vigil Mass next Saturday, September 06, due to the Eucharistic Congress in Charlotte.
4. *The Knights of Columbus will meet this Wednesday, September 03 at 6:30PM in the meeting room. We encourage men in our parish to join this special organization.*
5. Please register your children for Faith Formation this year. Faith Formation classes will start on

**September 21.**

***6. Please mark your calendar for our parish picnic this year: Sunday September 14 with Mass at 11:00am, followed by a joyful reception at Washington Terrace park, High Point.***

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

08/30 Saturday 5:00 pm + Bobby Thekkekandam  
08/31 Sunday 7:00 am + Susan Hoover  
9:30 am + Lloyd & Geneva Warren  
12:00 pm + Ana Carlota Muriel

09/01 Monday NO MASS  
09/02 Tuesday 7:00am + Giuse K Toan  
09/03 Wednesday 7:00 am + Kenny Kirkud  
09/04 Thursday 7:00 am +Daminh Maria Giuse  
09/05 Friday 7:00 am + I save Phan

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

09/06 Saturday 9:00 am + Gilbert Carter  
09/07 Sunday 7:00 am + Bobby Thekkekandam  
9:30 am + Gary Lang  
12:00 pm + Margarito Alfonso Cruz

**(+) Deceased (SI) Special Intention**

**Second collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS).** The AMS is the Archdiocese for the Military Services, not of the Military Services. This is an important distinction, because the AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families – including those from our own parish. Please give generously.

### Diocese of Charlotte

**\* \* \* NEXT SATURDAY \* \* \***

### **EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

**September 5 & 6**

Charlotte Convention Center

<https://goeucharist.com/info-faq/>

**English, Spanish & Vietnamese language tracks  
Family, Middle & High School & Special Needs  
Tracks**

### **Eucharistic Congress Saturday Schedule**

9:00AM – Eucharistic Procession

10:45-11:30am – Holy Hour

11:30-5:00pm – Chapel open; confessions;  
Food; Exhibitors

**5:15pm—Pre-Mass music by the Vigil Project**

**5:30pm—HOLY MASS**

[www.GoEucharist.com](http://www.GoEucharist.com) for full schedule

Father John Riccardo and ACTS XXIX

♦ Father Pedro Mancheño Muñoz

### ***Let Us Pray For Our Parishioners...***

Johnny Apodaca  
Tracy Barber  
Gilbert Carter  
Angel M. Cuellas  
Marie Forbert  
Theresa French-R.  
Amanda Garcia  
Mario Garcia  
Willa Graham  
Myles Harris  
Maria Hdz.  
Aber Johnson  
Jorge Lagueruel  
Deacon Larry Lisk  
Daysi Martinez  
Rosario Martinez  
Linda McKinney  
Felicia Murphy  
Nancy Nkwokolo  
Gladys Ozor  
Rosemary Peterson  
Hector Sanchez  
Maria G.Sanchez A.  
Paula Rodriguez  
Andrew Royster  
Mariane Smithh  
Venuste Tuyikunde

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Regular Offertory: \$3,378.00  
Restricted Donation: \$10,000.00

Mass Intension: \$ 20.00

2nd collection Eucharist Congress: \$1,062.00

Total: \$ 14,460.00

***THANK YOU!***

### **Mark Your Calendars**

#### **Parish Picnic**

Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>\*

Mass at 11:00am

then meet at

Washington Terrace Park,  
High Point

\*Happy 70<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Pope Leo XIV

— COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL

**Next weekend Oct. 3-5<sup>th</sup> in Hickory.  
HelpOurMarriage.org**

Take time for your marriage by attending the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Experiences, Sept. 26 to 28 in Hickory, NC. Early sign up is recommended. WWME focuses on strengthening communication, renewing commitment, and rekindling romance in good marriages. The program provides tools and techniques to help couples connect more deeply, listen to each other, and work through common relationship themes.

### **COME AND SEE ✚**

Are you: Interested in becoming Catholic? Seeking more information? A Catholic adult seeking Confirmation or First Holy Communion? A Catholic returning to the practice of the Faith?

Sign up this Fall.

**OCIA — Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

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### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention for SEPTEMBER**

#### **For our relationship with all of creation.**

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### **YOU CAN BE "Happily Married" AGAIN**

— Have you grown apart? Is your marriage in crisis?  
— Do you argue without reaching a resolution?

**Experience the joy of rediscovering your love**

— Forgive and rebuild trust

### **2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

Classes Start SEPTEMBER 21st

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### **BIBLE STUDY with**

**DEACON FRANCIS SKINNER**  
Tuesdays starting Sept. 9th -7:00pm  
in the Parish Center

"Ignorance of Scripture is  
ignorance of Christ."

- St. Jerome

### **Elder Ministry Day of Reflection**

You are invited to a Day of Reflection with Deacon Scott Gilfillan on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. Nestled on 178 acres, the Center offers stunning mountain views and plenty of outdoor space for peaceful walks and prayer. <https://stmatthewcatholic.org/around-the-diocese-news>