

# The St. Isidore Addition

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## September

This month the First Readings focus on sin and mercy – our sin and God’s mercy. We are challenged to take responsibility for our sinfulness, to help each other avoid sin and live faithfully, and to trust in God’s mercy and forgiveness as we extend forgiveness to others. The readings, taken together, remind us of the social nature of our sin. Sin isn’t just about us – when we fail to live up to God’s commands we harm our relationship with God, ourselves, and those around us.

Week One (23rd Week in Ordinary Time):  
Ezekiel 33:7-9

Week Two (24th Week in Ordinary Time):  
Sirach 27:30-28:7

Week Three (25th Week in Ordinary Time):  
Isaiah 55:6-9

Week Four (26th Week in Ordinary Time):  
Ezekiel 18:25-28

## September Intentions

**General:** That all teachers may know how to communicate love of the truth and instill authentic moral and spiritual values.

**Missionary:** That the Christian communities of Asia may proclaim the Gospel with fervor, witnessing to its beauty with the joy of faith. (See also [www.apostleshipofprayer.net](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.net))



During September, as in all of Ordinary Time (formerly known as *Time after Pentecost*), the Liturgy does not focus on one particular mystery of Christ, but views the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. We follow the life of Christ through the Gospels, and focus on the teachings and parables of Jesus and what it means for us to be a follower of Christ. During Ordinary Time we can concentrate more on the saints and imitate their holiness as Christ's followers.

This month the main liturgical feasts are **St. Gregory the Great** (September 3), **The Birth of Mary** (September 8), **St. Peter Claver** (September 9), **Holy Name of Mary** (September 12), **St. John Chrysostom** (September 13), **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (September 14), **Our Lady of Sorrows** (September 15), **Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian** (September 16), **St. Robert Bellarmine** (September 17), **St. Andrew Kim and Companions** (September 20), **St. Matthew** (September 21), **St. Pio** (September 23), **Sts. Cosmas and Damian** (September 26), **St. Vincent de Paul** (September 27), **Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael** (September 29) and **St. Jerome** (September 30).

For many people, change does not come easy. Change requires us to stop doing things a certain way in order to do something else. Many people find comfort in familiar routines and known ways of acting. Change interrupts those familiar routines. But change is also an opportunity to stop and reflect on what we are doing and to come to a better understanding of God, who does not change.

### What opportunities does the new *Missal* offer the Church?

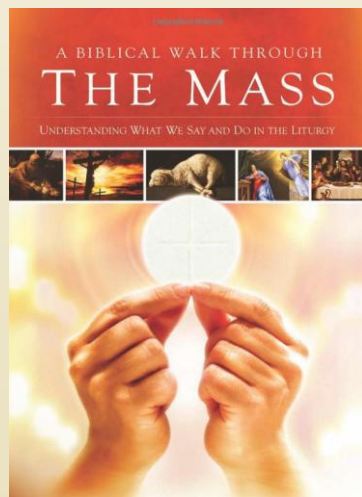
Implementing the new *Missal* will give the Church an opportunity to take a fresh look at its liturgical practice and to renew its celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, which is the “source and summit” of Christian life (Second Vatican Council, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium]*, no. 11). The faithful, encountering the Liturgy anew in the new text, can deepen their sharing in Christ’s sacrifice, offering their lives to the Father as they worship “in Spirit and truth” (Jn 4:23).

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## "A Biblical Walk through the Mass"

Starting the weekend of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, St. Isidore Parish will be sponsoring a five-week faith formation program for all parishioners called "**A Biblical Walk through the Mass**". As you know, important and exciting changes are taking place in every Catholic Church across the United States. The translation of the Mass, which we have used for over 40 years, is changing, beginning this Advent. As a parish we will be learning new prayers, a new Gloria, a new Creed, and new responses. During the first week of the program, you will have the opportunity to come and learn why the Mass is changing and what those changes will be. In weeks 2 through 5, you will learn why we say what we say and do what we do during the Liturgy. You will go deep into the Scriptural roots of the Mass, and see the beauty and riches unfold before your eyes like never before. Don't miss this program!

**Please see the bulletin for more information on this program.**



"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart; and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."<sup>1</sup>

Matthew 11:28-30

## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

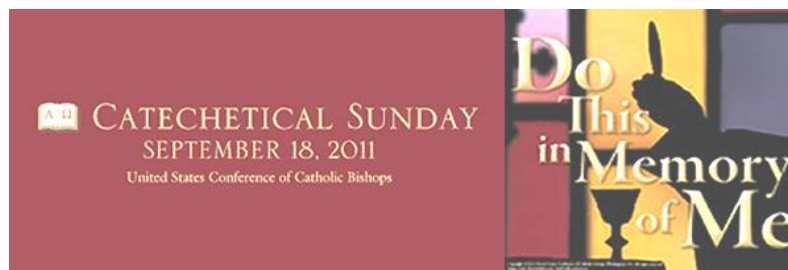
### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**About Catechetical Sunday:** The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God.

"The word of God nourishes both evangelizers and those who are being evangelized so that each one may continue to grow in his or her Christian life"  
(*National Directory for Catechesis* [NDC] [Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005], no. 17).

### 2011 Theme: "Do This in Memory of Me"

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2011, and will focus on the theme "Do This in Memory of me." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in passing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



## Parish Happenings

### Sep. 10 Knights of Columbus Yard Sale.

Come look for treasures and goodies

### Sept. 18 Faith Formation begins

10:15 start time after Sunday Mass

### Sept. 23 A Biblical Walk through the Mass

Look for more information soon