

**Catholic Communities**  
**Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor**

**Our Lady of Mercy  
Catholic Church**

**St. Peter  
Catholic Church**

**Sunday**  
**September 7, 2025**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
(Reconciliation 30 minutes  
before Mass or by appointment)  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel – President  
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Traci Maginn  
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## FINANCE COUNCIL

Terry Kovar  
Barb Bruggeman  
Joanna Marry

Council meetings are generally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month  
5:45 p.m. – Finance  
6:15 p.m. – Pastoral



Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information

## OUR LADY OF MERCY WEBSITE (bulletin online)

Stpeterarchbold.com/  
our-lady-of-mercy

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note that the bulletin deadline is *Tuesday by noon*. Please either call, email or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following weeks bulletin.

## Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy

### Parish Mission Statement

*Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.*

### New Parishioners

A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Initial arrangements are to be made six months prior of your planned wedding date. The Diocesan policy is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament. Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements.

### Anointing of the sick

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for a visit.

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Having questions about the Catholic faith? Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You can learn more by contacting the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 for the process.

### Prayer Chain

Anyone wishing to submit prayer requests can email or call Our Lady of Mercy office.

Email: [olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com)

### Privacy issues for Parish Office:

**IMMEDIATE FAMILY** - must contact the Parish Office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon or email to [olomfayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:olomfayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com) with the exact verbiage requested. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals

## September 7, 2025 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAYS AT 8 A.M.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who volunteered to share the Catholic faith, at the Fulton County Fair. **SAVE THE DATE** - If you would like to volunteer next year Our Lady of Mercy's day to share our faith will be Thursday, September 10, 2026.

### SEPTEMBER CALENDARS

Please pick up a September calendar on the tables at the back of church.

### FEAST DAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting on September 14, 2025, after Mass to finalize the Feast Day Celebration.

### PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day celebration will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025. You should have received your Feast Day Celebration letter (either in the mail or picked up in the back). If you have not received it, please contact the office at 419-237-2441 on Tuesday or Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### FEAST DAY AUCTION BASKETS

Please contact Pat Eisel 419-630-6534 if you are planning on donating a basket for the Feast Day Celebration.

### FAITH FORMATION (Religious Education)

There will be a brief parent meeting and registration after Mass on September 14, 2025. Classes begin on September 28, 2025, after Mass.

### ALTAR ROSARY

Altar Rosary will meet on September 21, 2025, after Mass.

### ST. PETER NEWS

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

#### ORDINARY LIVES

#### EXTRAORDINARY MISSION

October 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Topic - Eucharistic Revival:

Renewing the church by igniting our relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist – Flyer on the back tables (OLOM)

*Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.*

### FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---Saturdays until Sept. 17, 2025  
Fayette Farmers Market 9 am – Noon @ Opera House parking lot

---Sept. 17 – Fayette Community Meal – 5 – 6 p.m. Fayette Methodist Community Center

--- Sept. 20 - The Bryan Knights of Columbus Council 1915 will be holding a golf outing on September 20 at Patriot Hills golf course. This is a two person scramble and you can build your own team. Tee time is at 9 AM and it is open to the public. Contact Jeff at 567-239-1106 or Jose at 419-551-7519. There are many prizes for all!

## *THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Sun., Sept. 7	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Marcel Bonin Rosemary Pontious
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Frank O & Mary Smith Daryl Graber
Mon., Sept. 8	NO MASS		
Tues., Sept. 9 Communion Svc	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Sept. 10 Communion Svc	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Sept. 11 Communion Svc	9:00 a.m.	OLOM	Rosemary Pontious
Fri., Sept. 12 Communion Svc	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat., Sept. 13	4:30 p.m.	SP	Loman Radabaugh Lowell & Barbara Merillat
Sun., Sept. 14	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Marcel Bonin Edward Joseph Britenriker, Jr.
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Terri Bennett

### PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

Please keep the following person(s) / intention(s) in your prayers this week.

Shirley Taylor  
Denise Miller

If you have someone or an intention you would like the Parish to pray for, please contact the office at 419-237-2441 or email [olomprayer@olom2441.onmicorsoft.com](mailto:olomprayer@olom2441.onmicorsoft.com) before noon on Tuesday.

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS – SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

Greeters / Gifts	Ron & Pat Eisel
Proclaimer	Mary Bird
Servers	Kennedy Kunkle & Will Maginn
Ushers	Ron & Pat Eisel
Money Counters	Phil Baker / Ron Baker / Terry Kovar

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT**

Reported for August 31, 2025

Sunday Offertory (12 envelopes)	\$ 801.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 150.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,747.00</b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 796.00)

**OTHER COLLECTIONS**

CPC Jar & Votives	\$ 7.00
Maintenance	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 968.00</b>

(Sunday Offertory & Other)

## SAINTS OF THE DAY ([www.morningoffering.com](http://www.morningoffering.com))

Week of September 7 – September 13

**Saint Regina** (d. 286 A.D.) was born to pagan parents in France. Her mother died in childbirth, and her father gave her to the care of a Christian nurse who secretly baptized her and raised her in the Christian faith. As Regina grew older her embrace of Christianity became evident, and her father disowned her as a result. Regina then went to live with her Christian nurse. They lived in poverty, and Regina tended sheep to help support the household. This solitude allowed her time to pray and meditate on the lives of the saints. When she was fifteen years of age, a Roman proconsul by the name of Olybrius was determined to marry her. He became greatly disturbed when he discovered that she was a Christian. He asked her to renounce her faith in order to save her life and secure a prosperous marriage with him. Regina staunchly refused to deny her faith, having already taken a vow of virginity to Christ. For her defiance she was cast into prison. Hoping that her resolve would gradually weaken, Olybrius visited her in prison and asked her once more to renounce her faith. Regina's determination only increased with time, and she again refused. Olybrius, angered, had her severely tortured with her body being scourged, burned, and raked. Finally, she was beheaded. Her resolve under torture and the appearance of a dove above her head caused witnesses to convert to Christianity. After her death many miracles were attributed to her relics. St. Regina is the patron of poor people, shepherdesses, and torture victims. Her feast day is September 7th.

**St. Adrian of Nicomedia** (d. 306 A.D.) lived under the Christian persecutions of the Roman Emperor Galerius Maximian. Thirty-three Christians were seized in Nicomedia, brought before a judge, and ordered to be savagely beaten. With each new torture the men received, they bravely proclaimed their faith in Christ. They argued with the judge that by his tortures he was only increasing their heavenly glory, while guaranteeing his own damnation to hell. Adrian, a man of 28 years, was head of the praetorium and witnessed the steadfast faith of these men. He was moved to the point of conversion, and exclaimed that he, too, would reject paganism to suffer and die for the name of Christ along with the other Christians. One of Adrian's servants ran to tell his wife, Natalie, what her husband had done. Natalie, who was secretly a Christian, ran to the prison in joy at the news of her husband's newfound faith, and encouraged him to stay strong and steadfast in it. After Adrian refused to recant his profession of faith in Christ, he was thrown into prison with the other men and cruelly tortured. His arms and legs were severed on an anvil before finally dying as a martyr. Saint Adrian is the patron saint of soldiers, arms dealers, and butchers. His feast day is September 8th.

**St. Kieran the Younger** (512-546 A.D.), also known as St. Ciaran, was born in Connacht, Ireland, the son of a carpenter. He demonstrated a great aptitude in his studies, being educated by a holy deacon who had him baptized. Kieran tended cattle in the fields before continuing his education at Saint Finnian's monastery school at Clonard, where he became a monk. He soon earned the reputation for being the most learned monk at Clonard, and was held in high esteem by his instructors and peers. Kieran's years of residence there were marked by many miracles. He also mentored, befriended, and tutored many of the founders of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Saint Kieran eventually left Clonard and went on to found the famous Clonmacnoise Abbey in West Meath Ireland, which attracted thousands of students from all over Europe. St. Kieran was one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland – the first twelve bishops in Ireland consecrated by St. Patrick. He is also honored as the first Irish-born saint. St. Kieran's feast day is September 9th.

**St. Ambrose Edward Barlow** (1585-1641) was born near Manchester, England, to a noble family. He was baptized Catholic at his birth, but was raised Protestant when Catholicism was outlawed by the reigning monarchy. His grandfather died while imprisoned for his Catholic faith, and his father had two-thirds of his estate confiscated for refusal to conform to the Church of England. Ambrose returned to Catholicism as an adult, recognized his vocation to the priesthood, and traveled to France to enter seminary. He was ordained in 1617 in the Order of St. Benedict. He returned to England to minister to underground Catholics in his native south Lancashire for 24 years, being financially supported with a pension arranged by his grandmother. Ambrose said Mass daily and administered the sacraments secretly to avoid detection by the authorities. He was arrested four times during his priesthood, each time being released without charge. When the king issued a decree that all Catholic priests should immediately flee the country or be arrested and condemned as traitors,

**(St. Ambrose Edward Barlow – cont.)**

St. Ambrose chose to stay, reasoning that he could not die a better death than to be martyred for being a Catholic priest. On April 25, 1631, just as he ended Easter Sunday Mass at Morley Hall near Manchester, he was arrested by a 400-strong armed mob led by the local Anglican vicar. He freely admitted to the charge of being a Catholic priest, and gave a defense of the true faith before his judge. He was sentenced to be hanged, drawn, quartered, and boiled in oil on September 10, 1641. His dead body was publicly displayed on a pike as a warning to other Catholic priests. St. Ambrose Edward Barlow is one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. His feast day is September 10th.

**St. Jean-Gabriel Perboyre** (1802-1840) was one of eight children born to a farming family in France. He was a pious child and served as a model of virtue for his childhood companions. He discerned a call to the priesthood and joined the Vincentians along with a younger brother, with the full support of his parents. He served as a seminary professor for many years, and his sanctity impressed even his superiors. He longed to serve in the missions to China, but his poor health prevented him and his brother was sent instead. He prayed and begged to also be sent to preach in China and to suffer martyrdom there. After his brother died on the voyage to China, Jean-Gabriel was allowed to take his place in the mission. He arrived in China in 1835 and his labors there were met with great success. In 1839 persecutions broke out against the Christian missionaries, and Jean-Gabriel was one of the first to be arrested. The events leading to his death bear a striking resemblance to the Passion and Death of Christ. He was betrayed to the authorities by one of his new converts for thirty pieces of silver, stripped of his garments and clothed with rags, bound, and dragged from tribunal to tribunal. At each trial, he was brutally treated and tortured. He was finally condemned to death along with seven other criminals on September 11, 1840. He was martyred by being strangled to death as he hung on a cross. His feast day is September 11th.

**St. Guy** (950–1012), also known as the "Poor Man of Anderlecht," was born to pious parents of humble means in the country village of Anderlecht near Brussels. Having no money for school, from his childhood he served the poor and fostered a great devotion to the Church while praying for the grace to love and accept his poverty. He was regarded as a young saint by those who knew him. One day a priest, who noticed his great reverence while praying in church, invited him to serve it for a small sum by sweeping the floors and keeping the altar and sacred vessels clean. During the day St. Guy would help the poor, and at night he would work and pray in the church; these were his two great loves. He served in this way joyfully and faithfully. One day a shipping merchant from Brussels, prompted by a devil who wanted to take St. Guy away from his holy work as a sacristan, presented him with a lucrative opportunity to invest his small savings into a business venture. Guy, not recognizing the temptation, accepted the job offer under the pretense of making more money to give to the poor, and he left his position as sacristan. When his first cargo ship sunk as it left the harbor, Guy realized his error and the deception he had succumbed to in giving up his happy and humble work serving Christ. He went back to the church and found that the sacristan position had been replaced. Left without a job and no money, Guy was so filled with remorse over his foolish decision that he went on a penitential pilgrimage. He visited Rome, the Holy Land, and other shrines over a period of seven years. He returned to Anderlecht in 1012 and died in the same year. Miracles were reported at his grave, after which a church was built in his honor. His feast day is September 12th.

**St. John Chrysostom** (347-407 A.D.) was born to noble parents in Antioch, an important center of Christianity in his day. After the death of his father, his mother sent him to the best schools for his education. As a result of his philosophical studies he was convinced of the truth of Christianity, entered the Church, and became a renowned scholar and orator. He then adopted a life of extreme asceticism as a hermit and committed the whole of Sacred Scripture to memory. The brilliance of his mind combined with the holiness of his soul made him famous; he was ordained a bishop in Antioch and was later appointed to the Archbishopric of Constantinople. He was an incredible preacher, among the greatest in the history of the Church, which earned him the name 'Chrysostom' meaning, 'Golden-mouthed' or 'Golden tongued'. His sermons, which extended for up to two hours, were public marvels. His straightforward style of preaching the Scriptures and his practical homilies made him very popular. He also denounced the abuses of the ruling authority and preached against the immorality of the day, which resulted in him being exiled numerous times. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 451. St. John Chrysostom's feast day is September 13th.

**ASK HER – SIMPLE WORDS TO JUMPSTART  
YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MARY**

*By Jane Tufant Harvey*

“Ask Her...to help you grasp the magnatidue of her Son’s baptism. Jesus placed the very worst of humanity, the burden and guilt of all mankind, on His shoulders and carried it into the depths of the Jordan River.”

**DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA**

Notebook 3

1218 Today bring to me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthend Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly Angels, who would keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. Only the humble soul is able to receive My grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence.

**MESSAGES OF MEDJUGORJE**

*On the 25<sup>th</sup> of day of each month the Queen of Peace gives a message to the visionary, Marija Pavlovic, for the whole world.*

*Up-to-date messages may be obtained at <http://www.medjugorje.org>*

April 5, 1984 – “Dear children! This evening I pray you especially to venerate the Heart of my Son, Jesus. Make reparation for the wound inflicted on the Heart of my Son. That Heart is offended by all kinds of sins. Thank you for coming this evening.”

**DAILY READINGS WEBSITES / MATERIALS**

[www.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading](http://www.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading)

[www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings](http://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings)

Word Among Us – located on back table

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

---Sept. 14 – Faith Formation  
parent meeting & registration

---Sept. 14 – Feast Day  
Committee meeting after Mass

---Sept. 20 – Our Lady of Mercy  
Festival – see information  
letter for details

---Sept. 21 – Altar Rosary  
meeting after Mass

---Sept. 28 – 1st Faith  
Formation class after Mass

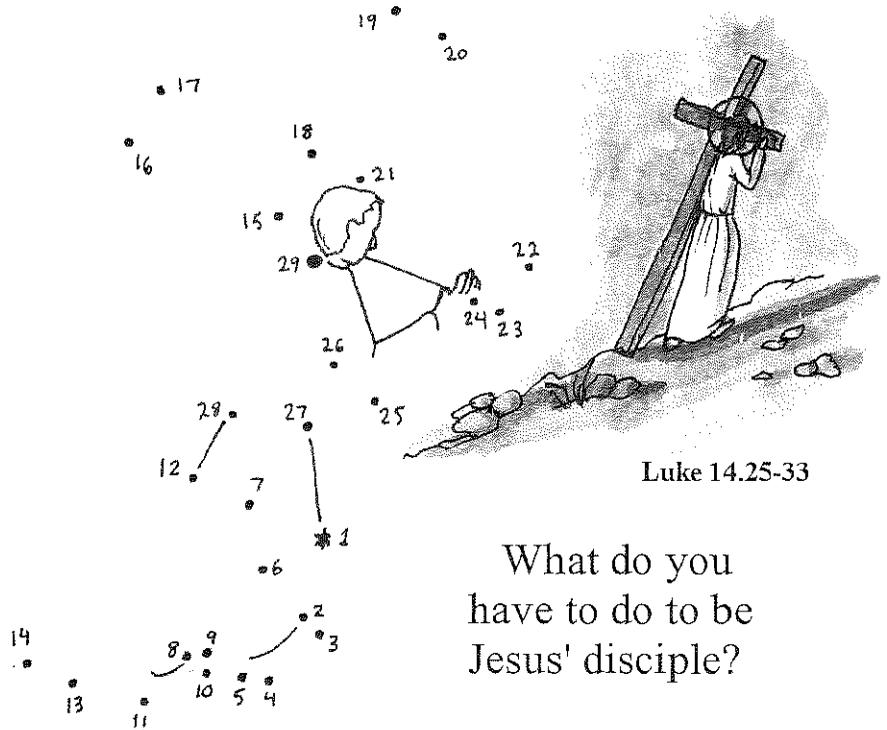
Word(s) of the week (from the  
America College Dictionary)

RENOUNCE – to give up or put  
aside voluntarily

“In the same way, anyone of you who does not  
renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”  
Luke14:33

# The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 7th, 2025



Luke 14.25-33

What do you  
have to do to be  
Jesus' disciple?

Connect the dots to find out,  
starting at the star beside the number 1.  
Then you can colour the picture in.

*Tomorrow is Our Lady's Birthday!  
What can your family do to  
celebrate Mary's Birthday?*

# Saint Teresa of Calcutta

## September 5

AGNES GONXHA BOJAXHIU WAS BORN IN YUGOSLAVIA IN 1910. HER FATHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS 8. AT AGE 12 SHE KNEW GOD WANTED HER TO BE A MISSIONARY.



Lord, You want me to work for You, don't You?

WHEN SHE WAS 18 AGNES BECAME A NUN AND TOOK THE NAME TERESA. SHE TAUGHT AT A SCHOOL FOR RICH GIRLS IN INDIA.



ON A TRAIN WHEN SHE WAS 36, SR. TERESA FELT GOD CALL HER TO SERVE THE VERY POOR.

I want you to serve Me in the poorest of the poor.

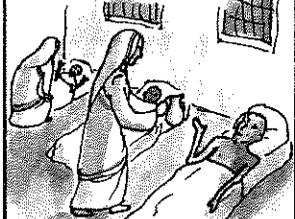


Today we will start learning how to read!

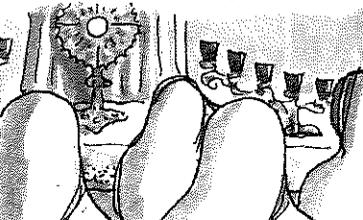


SHE GOT PERMISSION TO TAKE A NEW HABIT AND START A SCHOOL FOR POOR CHILDREN.

SOON OTHER WOMEN JOINED MOTHER TERESA TO HELP THE POOR AND DYING.



MOTHER TERESA KNEW THAT THEY COULD NOT CONTINUE WITHOUT TAKING TIME EVERY DAY TO TALK WITH JESUS.



Governments should also work to protect the poor and the unborn.



IN 1979 MOTHER TERESA WON THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, BUT SHE STAYED HUMBLE AND USED EVERY CHANCE TO TELL THE RICH AND POWERFUL PEOPLE TO PROTECT THE POOR AND WEAK.

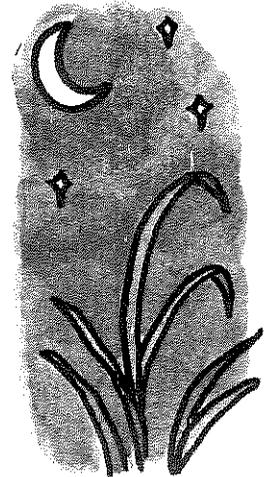
SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA DIED ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1997. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO DEFEND AND HELP THOSE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND UNBORN CHILDREN. WE ALSO LEARN FROM HER EXAMPLE THAT WE NEED TO SPEND TIME IN PRAYER WITH JESUS EVERY DAY.

# Psalm 90 Word-Find

F W S A T I S F Y E E  
A S W A H E A R T S V  
D E E M O R N I N G E  
E R E K U L O V E L N  
S V P R S O G O D A I  
R A Y E A R S G F D N  
E N O J N D R R H P G  
N T I O D R E A M I A  
E S N I G H T S S T W  
W A T C H M E S R Y A  
E C Y E S T E R D A Y  
D A Y S Y W I S D O M

*See if you can find all  
the words from today's  
Psalm that are written  
in CAPITALS.*

*The leftover letters tell  
what we are doing when  
we pray this Psalm.*



A THOUSAND YEARS in thy sight  
are but as YESTERDAY when it is past,  
or as a WATCH in the NIGHT.

Thou dost SWEEP men AWAY; they are like a DREAM,  
like GRASS which is RENEWED in the morning:  
in the MORNING it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the EVENING it FADES and withers.

So teach us to number our DAYS  
that we may get a HEART of WISDOM.  
Return, O LORD! How long?  
Have PITY on thy SERVANTS!

SATISFY us in the morning with thy steadfast LOVE,  
that we may REJOICE and be GLAD all our days.

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# Family and Friends or God?

**YES, I AM A CHRISTIAN.**



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even

his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

You probably thought that God doesn't want us to hate anyone, right? Well He doesn't! What Jesus was saying was that we should love God more than we love the people closest to us. He means that we should be ready to do what God wants even if that means losing our family or best friends.

Normally God wants us to stay close to the people we love, but what if you had to choose between doing the right thing or keeping your friends? Are you ready to give up anything or anyone that would stop you from loving God?

**STEAL THAT IF  
YOU WANT TO  
STAY FRIENDS  
WITH ME.  
NO. I WON'T.**



Answer to Word-Find:  
We ask God for His mercy.