



SEPTEMBER 8, 2019  
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT TERRENCE

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### Fr. Tomy's Installation Mass and Reception Sept. 15, 2019

**Most Rev. Andrew Wypych will join us on Sunday, September 15th at 11.00am for the Mass and the Installation of Fr. Tomy Abraham as our new Pastor.** Please plan on attending this extraordinary celebration in the life of our Parish. Reception to follow in the Fr. Riordan Center. We hope to see you all there, as we share in this special day for Fr. Tomy and our Parish.



### Religious Ed classes have begun for the 2019-20 school year!

Welcome back to all our Religious Ed students!! All classes began this week, and we are so happy to see their smiling faces! Please pray for our children, staff and teachers as we begin this wonderful new school year!! It's not too late to register, we would love to have you!! Call us at (708) 597-0754 or come on in! We are also still looking for Aides for our classrooms, if you are interested please contact Judi Haines.

~St. Terrence Religious Education Office

### Singles Night Coming up

Join us for our 50 and over Singles Night on **Friday, September 13 at 7:00pm** in the Fr. Riordan Center. We hope to see you there!



### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA is the Catholic Church's way of introducing itself to those interested in learning more about Catholicism and its teachings. RCIA may be for you if; You have never been baptized, have been baptized in the Catholic Church or another Christian Church with little or no religious affiliation since baptism, have been baptized and wish to receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation for the first time, or have been practicing in another faith tradition and wish to inquire about becoming Catholic.

Any further inquiries please contact Fr. Tomy at [stterrencealsip@gmail.com](mailto:stterrencealsip@gmail.com) or (708) 597-0970. Classes are set to begin in October.

### † This Week at St. Terrence †

#### **Monday, September 9**

6:30-8:30pm: 7th Grade

6:30pm: Kids Choir Rehearsal

#### **Tuesday, September 10**

3:45-5:00pm: Grades 1-5

7:00pm: Hospitality Meeting

#### **Wednesday, September 11**

3:45-5:00pm: Grades 1-5

6:30pm: Rehearsal Adult Choir

#### **Thursday, September 12**

7:30pm: Men's Club Meeting

#### **Friday, September 13**

7:00pm: Singles Group

#### **Sunday, September 15**

11:00am: Fr. Tomy's Installation Mass

### Men's Club Meeting

Men's Club meeting will now be held on **Thursday, Sept 12th at 7:30pm** in the Fr. Riordan Center.



## Hospitality Ministry

We are having a meeting on  
**Tuesday, September 10th,**  
**2019 at 7:00pm** in the Fr.

Riordan Center for all the people who would like to help with hospitality weekends. We will be planning dates for the upcoming year. Please join us!

~Deacon Rich & Irene Miska



## Happy Grandparents Day

Sunday, September 8, 2019 is Grandparents Day. We would like to remember all our special

Grandparents on this day! May God bless you all, for you hold special places in this world and our hearts!

## Thank you from the Friends of Kenyan Orphans

“On behalf of the Orphaned Children in Kenya, Thank You! We are very grateful to St. Terrence Parish for the warm welcome and generous support.”

### **WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT SHORT TERM MISSION WORK?**

~Contact the Catholic Network of Volunteer Services ([www.cnvs.org](http://www.cnvs.org)) and ask for a copy of RESPONSE. This is a free booklet of services in the US.

### **HOW CAN I KEEP UP WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE CHILDRENS' VILLAGE?**

~Just send us an email with your home address and we will keep you informed of the miraculous progress at the Village and find out how your donation is changing lives. You can also go to the website at [www.friendsofkenyanorphans.org/wp](http://www.friendsofkenyanorphans.org/wp).

God love you,  
Bud Ozar and Carol Fowler  
Friends of Kenyan Orphans

## A Letter from Fr. Tomy Abraham

Some of the words in the Gospel for this Sunday can be shocking to many readers of Bible, and to some of us. We may question, is this Jesus' own words when he says “unless you hate your father and mother..” Isn't he not the one who gave the highest honor to the 4th commandment which says “Honor your father and mother?” Theologians and scholars have studied this statement for a long period of time to really understand the issue. They have discovered the inability of translating certain words from Hebrew, Greek, Latin to English. The word used in the Greek translation has not just one meaning but various. Scholars are certain that the word hate in Greek also has the meaning 'to love less'. What Jesus is saying is not literally to hate our parents or children but nothing else should stand between ourselves and God. Our priority is love of God. This Gospel passage strictly lays down conditions for true discipleship. There is no halfhearted commitment. I was reading a news article from India last month and I was so saddened to hear about an old nun who originally came from Spain to work among the least and forgotten, as a missionary. She dedicated her life to the people of a remote, small village in the Northeast part of India. She was like Mother Teresa to the people in her Missionary area. She is in her 80s and had spent her life ministering to the poor and neglected, and to the tribals (natives). Her Religious Order established dispensaries, nursery schools, schools and so on and so forth. She hardly went back to her home country but lived amongst the poorest of the poor. A couple of months ago, she was asked to leave India and return back to Spain. India is one of those countries where a foreigner cannot get citizenship particularly if you are a priest, nun, a missionary. Over 50 years she was on a missionary Visa and this time they didn't extend her visa, and denied her residency. To acquire citizenship in a Hindu or a Muslim country is impossible. Even Mother Teresa had to face challenges, though she was finally given an Indian citizenship. The current Fanatical Hindu Government in India is intolerant toward other religions, and accuse Christian missionaries of conversion though freedom of religion is guaranteed by the Constitution. The Nun was given a very somber farewell last month and she does not seem to have any relatives or friends back in Spain. She spent much of her life in India. One of her challenges at this age is having to find a real community in Spain. As she was about to leave the convent, thousands of people lined up the streets with tears in their eyes to say good bye to their favorite Nun who gave them everything. As I was reading the Gospel for this week I couldn't resist but think about this Nun, who left her homeland, her family, her friends over 50 years ago to serve Christ in a foreign land. Now she has to leave behind her ONLY family and return back to her place of birth. This is an example of what true discipleship is all about and how hard following Jesus is. “Whoever does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple”. If we follow Christ there will be plenty of crosses to bear. If we have no crosses, challenges, hardships because we follow Christ and if life is so easy then that's not a true discipleship. The world will hate you and me, if we stand for Christ and the Gospel values. But we are blessed when we carry our daily crosses and follow after HIM.

~Fr. Tomy



## Masses for the Week

### Sunday September 8, 2019 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday Vigil

- 5:00 PM Frank Macikas Sr. & Jr.  
Jack Carlson  
Debbie Roman
- 9:00 Mikki Drugas (Anniv.)  
Angie Grochowski (Anniv.)  
Peter Chrzanowski
- 11:00 Pitlik & Simonek Families  
Eileen Weir

### Monday September 9, 2019 Saint Peter Claver, Priest

- 8:45 Maria A. Viguilla  
Catherine Zucchero

### Tuesday September 10, 2019

- 8:45 People of the Parish

### Wednesday September 11, 2019

- 8:45 Purgatorial Society

### Thursday September 12, 2019

- 8:45 Patricia Balderas (Anniv.)

### Friday September 13, 2019

- 8:45 Amanda Mooney  
Jim & Dylan Toomey

### Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 pm Sonja & David Grandys  
Smithers & Rodzak Families

### Sunday September 15, 2019

#### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 Margie McDermott  
Darcy Eggert
- 11:00 George Reitz (Anniv.)  
Kenneth Wood

## Readings for the Week

- Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: Nm 21; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15

**Today's readings** in Gather Comprehensive may be found at **#1066/C** for **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Responsorial Psalms for weekday masses may be found at **#1143** for **Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time**

## Next Week's Liturgical Ministers

Time	Presider	Music
5:00 PM	Fr. Tomy	Cantors
9:00 AM	Fr. Paul	Cantors
11:00 AM	Bishop Wypych	All Choirs

## Collection Report

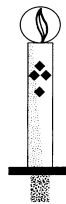
July	2018	2019 :
1st Sunday	\$5,840.45	\$5,679.97 last week
2nd Sunday	\$5,873.30	
3rd Sunday	\$6,247.65	
4th Sunday	\$6,106.50	
5th Sunday	\$5,911.75	

*Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish! Your sacrifices and offerings make it possible for us to be here. I am grateful.*  
Fr Tomy Abraham



## Baptisms Through Water and the Holy Spirit Reborn

**Jayson Eduardo Doyle**  
**Jake Ortiz**



## Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers the people who have recently died:

**Henry Hedrick**

## CONTINUE TO CHANGE

When you're through changing, you're through.  
-Anonymous