



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time / YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 119: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

READING I: Ez 33:7-9

Today's passage is part of a larger periscope describing the inter-relatedness of people and the important role each one has in speaking truth, whether about virtue or wickedness, to each other. Certainly it is the role of a prophet, but for our communities we too are called to support and challenge each other in faith.

PSALM RESPONSE: Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

"If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts"

Today we hear about conversion and reconciliation in the community. We are called to release others and ourselves from the burden of grudges. Reconciliation is not only with God, but with each other.

READING II: ROM 13:8-10

Having already described his theology of law, righteousness and grace, Paul now becomes practical. It isn't about following the letter of the law, but rather simply to love one another. Where do we stand? Following laws, or living in love?

GOSPEL: MT 18:15-20

There will be sin and disagreement. However, the gospel view is not a standoff or encampment, but reconciliation. If the two can't do it on their own, then the community should mediate. Notice that if there is an irresolvable rift, the final answer is not retaliation but loving distance.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 42: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is
yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

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OPENING THE WORD: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One of the great spiritual truths is that forgiveness is as much for ourselves as it is for the other person. If we do not forgive, we hold that person in bondage to their sin. And we hold ourselves in bondage both to the sin and the sinner as well. **Listen to Johnette Benkovic offer prayer and insights** for this Sunday's readings.

FORGIVENESS

How important is it to forgive? It's critical to our faith and for restoring relationships, says Celeste Behe. If we can't forgive, we're doomed. That's why parents need to pass on this important virtue to their children. Through storytelling, she shares **in this video** how she struggled with forgiveness and how by practicing forgiveness, she found the best way to teach it.

HOW TO WIN AN ARGUMENT WITHOUT LOSING A SOUL

Matt Fradd equips you with the powers of argumentation you need to be an effective debater and the right attitude for doing it with charity, humility, and patience. Matt explains how to build a logical argument piece-by-piece. He gives examples of the most common fallacies and teaches you how to spot them in others' arguments (and your own!). And he offers wise strategies to ensure that—especially when you're arguing about the Faith—your goal is not to score debate points but to lead souls to the light. Faith and conversion are ultimately God's work, of course. But he commands us to cooperate with him in that work.

Watch **How to Win an Argument Without Losing a Soul** and become a more effective instrument for communicating God's saving truth.

1. Registering for FORMED is **FREE** to St. Jane de Chantal parishioners; go to **formed.org**
2. Click "Sign Up"
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find "St Jane Frances de Chantal" by parish name, address, or zip code (20814)
5. Enter your email address, and you are in!
Use your email address to sign in each time.

IN OUR PARISH

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

St. Jane de Chantal Parish welcomes those who have recently registered in our parish. If you attend Mass at St. Jane Frances de Chantal regularly, we encourage you to register as a member. Please complete a registration form, which can be found at www.stjanedechantal.org, scan it, and email it to parish.office@stjanedechantal.org.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

This Monday, September 7th is Labor Day, a federal holiday. The only Mass at St. Jane will be celebrated at 8:30 am. The parish office will be closed and will resume normal operations on Tuesday September 8th.

IN MEMORY OF FR. TIGHE

Fr. Philip Marian Tighe, a priest of the Raleigh diocese, had recently died of esophageal cancer this week of August 30th. For his pastoral work, Fr. Tighe served as a deacon here at St. Jane de Chantal Parish. In your kindness, please pray for the happy repose of his soul and the consolation of his family.

FOOD DRIVE

Hunger and food insecurity resulting from the coronavirus pandemic continue to affect many children and families in our community. Saint Martin's Cloak, SOME, and Bethesda Help are collaborating to sponsor a food drive to take place on Saturday, September 12, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, in the lower parking lot of St. Jane de Chantal Church. The food will benefit Bethesda Help, which serves neighbors in and around our parish; Catholic Charities of Montgomery County; and Shrine of the Sacred Heart, our sister parish in the District, where food insecurity is particularly acute. All three locations are in need of the following items for their pantries: grains (instant oatmeal, white and brown rice, macaroni and cheese, pasta), canned protein (tuna, chicken, salmon), canned fruit (peaches, pineapples, mandarin oranges), canned vegetables (beans, corn, mixed), other (canned spaghetti sauce—no glass jars—

peanut butter, jelly). For those who wish to contribute financially, please make a check payable to St. Martin's Cloak, or make a donation online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/30>. Please note, we are not asking that you make a special trip to the store for these items, just that you add some items for us when you are at the grocery store or when you place an order. We don't want to expose anyone to additional risk! We will collect the food from you in a socially distanced manner: you may remain in your car, as someone with the proper protective clothing will collect your donation. If you have questions, please contact Paul Eder, 301-956-6273. Organized by Bethesda Help, SOME, and St. Martin's Cloak.

USED CLOTHING SHED

Due to the lasting effects of COVID-19, Turnkey (our used clothing shed provider) has made the decision to temporarily close our shed until the end markets reopen. Clothing sorting houses remain closed and Turnkey has reached storage capacity. The shed's chute will be blocked by a large sign. Please do not leave any items outside on the ground. Thank you for your cooperation.

FINANCIAL AND FOOD ASSISTANCE DURING THE PANDEMIC

During this public health and economic crisis, many of us face financial burdens trying to keep up with mortgages, rent, and utilities. In addition, we can sometimes find monthly budgets falling short of the necessary funds even for basics such as food and medicine. But there is hope right in our community. St. Jane de Chantal parishioners are extraordinarily compassionate and generous, and through their ongoing support of the parish's St. Martin's Cloak Guild, the guild can provide support for parishioners in short-term need. If you are nearing a crisis in finances or food or medicine, or if you know of friends in the parish who are in crisis, St. Martin's Cloak can help. Please consider reaching out to Father Giese or the St. Martin's Cloak Guild whenever the need arises. All communication and services are strictly confidential. The parishioners of St. Jane de Chantal graciously support **St. Martin's Cloak**, and the



ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH
Live-Stream Mass
Sundays at 10:00 am

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCURFx0PSNBf3HXZA5XMh-MQ?](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCURFx0PSNBf3HXZA5XMh-MQ?view_as=subscriber)
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guild is honored to support our parish. Reach out in confidence with a note or call to the parish office, or to the St. Martin's Cloak Chair, Paul Eder, at 301-956-6273. St. Martin's Cloak, with support from our parish, is here to help.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

... those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially John and Pat Krisko, Leonard Moreno, Beth B, Willie S., Mary M., Alexie Longoria, and Redentor Bautista.

... those who have died, especially Stephen J. Boehm

IN OUR LITURGY & MUSIC MINISTRIES

Visit the Music Ministries page at www.stjanedechantal.org/ministries/music-ministry for information on the many music ensembles at St. Jane.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Visit the Faith Formation page at <http://stjanedechantal.org/faith-formation/> for information on the various programs, registration forms and calendars.

FR. GIESE SPEAKS ABOUT RESUMING RELIGIOUS ED
Click [here](#) to hear Fr. Giese speak about Religious Education at St. Jane de Chantal Parish for this Fall.



2020-2021 CCD

We are excited to open registrations for our CCD program for the coming year 2020-2021. You can expect major changes due to the restrictions currently in place. We regret that one such change is that the Faith of Our Toddlers program (FOOT) will not be able to be offered this year. We fully expect that program to resume in the future. Our plan is to have grades 1-8 meet in person once per month on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:45 pm in Caulfield Hall, and the Narthex or the lower level of church. Safety will be very much the priority and temperature checks will be done on adults and students before each class. Each student and adults will be required to wear a mask or face covering the entire time they are in the building. The students will be socially-distanced and only two classes will meet each week in separate spaces on a rotating basis (for example, grades 1 and 2 will meet on the the first Tuesday of the month, grades 3 and 4 will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, and so on). An email along with a detailed letter attached from the Office of Religious Education to all parents will be going out soon with many more specific details. Please **visit the parish website to sign your children up** for our Faith Formation program.

RELIGION TEACHERS

Adult volunteers (parents and others) are needed to teach religion to our parish children who attend public school. Volunteers are also needed assist with various protocols to ensure the safety of our children while they are here on campus. Experience is not necessary – training provided! All adult volunteers must be VIRTUS certified, no exceptions. To learn more, contact Jamie Caulfield at james.caulfield@stjanedechantal.org or 301-530-1640.

IN OUR BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Check out the St. Jane de Chantal School website at www.dechantal.org to get information on admissions, see what each classroom is studying, and more.

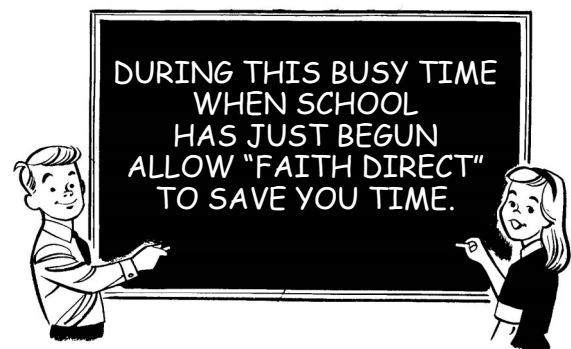
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Jane de Chantal School offers Financial Aid Tuition assistance programs for Grades PreK-12 through the Archdiocese of Washington. Application period for the school year 2021-22 begins on October 1, 2020. Information and Forms are available at <http://www.dechantal.org/admissions/financial-aid/>

If you missed any envelopes this summer, please bring your contributions up to date.

It is easy for people to forget to catch up once they are back, and our weekly offertory can fluctuate as a result. An easy way to provide continuous support for our year-round programs is to enroll in Faith Direct.

You can enroll online at www.faithdirect.net
Our parish code is MD30.



IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

For more information on vocations, education, family, youth, social concerns, & other events in the Archdiocese of Washington, visit www.adw.org. The website also has a media center, which includes social media tools, a YouTube channel, and apps.

SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The second collection this weekend, September 5/6, will be the annual collection for The Catholic University of America. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation.

ELECTION UPDATE

As the pandemic continues to affect our communities, we encourage you to plan ahead for the November elections. If you are concerned about voting in person on November 3, you have two options. Request a **mail-in ballot** by Oct. 22. Vote in-person during the early voting period, Oct. 22-29, 2020. If you haven't registered to vote or aren't sure if you are registered, **check here**. The Maryland Catholic Conference election **webpage** also has key dates and links. The Conference has sent Congressional candidates a candidate survey and will post the results by October.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILARIAN MASS — CANCELLED

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 2020 Archdiocesan Jubilarian Mass on November 22 has been cancelled. We are still accepting registrations of couples who are celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50+ years) and each couple will be provided an anniversary certificate. Couples who wish to receive a certificate should contact the parish office by September 30: parish.office@stjanedechantal.org or 301-530-1550.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) has cancelled all in-person weekends for this year. However, there is a way for couples to join a virtual WWME experience from the comfort of your home. The virtual Restore, Rekindle, Renew Experience will be held in seven sessions, Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 – 9:30 pm, beginning October 5 and ending October 26. The content of the sessions will be the same as given on in-person weekends. Check wwwme.org and moments4marriage.org for more information.

END OF LIFE CARE

The archdiocesan Department of Life Issues has compiled a series of four **guides as an aid for reflection on end of life issues**. Advances in medicine and technology have led to more and more complex decision-making. As a Catholic, what are the key issues and facts? What questions should

you ask before making any decisions or signing any documents? What is an Advanced Medical Directive and what kind is most appropriate – a Durable Power of Attorney? The Department of Life issues also provides **links to resources to help give you the answers**.

VOLUNTEERS / ITEMS NEEDED

SANDWICHES FOR THOSE IN NEED

Saint Martin's Cloak and our parish's S.O.M.E. Ministry continue to prepare and donate food to organizations that assist the poor and homeless in our area. We are planning to continue this weekly distribution as long as there is a need. We are looking for additional parish volunteers to prepare sandwiches and bring them to St. Jane De Chantal on Friday mornings, or to deliver to one of these locations. If you are interested, contact Edouard Motte (301-897-3763). In addition, to offset some of the costs, you can **make a donation to St. Martin's Cloak online**.

STEWARDSHIP

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

We accept donations of Donor Advised Fund grants for all funds at St. Jane de Chantal Parish (e.g., offertory, maintenance, St. Martin's Cloak, Msgr. Christopher Scholarship Fund, unrestricted donation)! Please have your donor advised fund provider include a note that includes your name and what you want the grant to support.

CARES Act

Did you know that, with the passage of the CARES Act, you can receive a federal tax deduction for charitable giving up to \$300 in 2020 – *even if you don't itemize your tax return?* Visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/30> to learn about the many ways you can support St. Jane de Chantal parish and school.

POOR BOX

The Poor Box this weekend, September 5/6, will benefit the Msgr. Christopher Scholarship Fund. Our school families value Catholic education, but with current economy uncertainty, some may need help paying tuition. The Monsignor Christopher Fund provides need-based scholarships to our parish school. You may make your gift online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/30>. the Chair, Paul Eder, at 301-956-6273. You may make your gift online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/30>.

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to St. Jane de Chantal Parish & School:

ENVELOPES

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
TO REQUEST ENVELOPES

ONLINE

VISIT FAITHDIRECT.NET
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TO 301-485-5127

MAIL

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BETHESDA MD 20814-1795

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THROUGH FAITHDIRECT.NET
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STOCK TRANSFERS, DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS, & IRA CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS;
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C = Church ♦ CH = Caulfield Hall ♦ CGS = Gathering Space ♦ CLL = Church Lower Lobby
 CRH = Christopher Hall ♦ SMR = Scanlan Meeting Room ♦ DCR = De Chantal Room
 MR = Music Room ♦ NMR = Nalls Meeting Room ♦ RBR = Rectory Board Room
 SCH = School ♦ SC = Seton Center for Religious Education
 AF = Athletic Field ♦ PG = Parish Grounds

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 am..... Mass C
 10:00 am..... Mass Live-streamed / C
 12:00 pm..... Mass C
 5:00 pm..... Mass C

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:30 am..... Mass C

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30 am..... Mass C

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:30 am..... Mass C

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 am..... Mass C

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 am..... Mass C

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

5:00 pm..... Mass C
 3:45 pm..... Confessions C
 5:00 pm..... Mass C

POPE FRANCIS

"They are the poor, humble ones, who contemplate the presence of God, and to whom the mystery of God's love is revealed most clearly. They, the poor and simple of heart, were the first to see the Blessed Virgin of Chinququirá and they became missionaries and heralds of her beauty and holiness."

Pope Francis, *Angelus*,
 Church of Saint Peter Claver,
 Cartagena de Indias
 10 September 2017.

READINGS **Sept. 13**

Reading I
 SIR 27:30—28:7

Reading II
 ROM 14:7-9

Gospel
 MT 18:21-35

INTENTIONS**Sun., September 6 – Sat., September 12**

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| Sunday | 8:00 am | Parishioners |
| | 10:00 am | Tad Reed/D |
| | 12:00 pm | Anne M. Coakley/D |
| | 5:00 pm | Franny Laut/D |
| Monday | 8:30 am | Luiz Ribeiro/D |
| Tuesday | 8:30 am | Tad Reed/D |
| Wednesday | 8:30 am | Maryann & Tim Lucid/D |
| Thursday | 8:30 am | George Trone/L |
| Friday | 8:30 am | Jonathan Cole/D |
| Saturday | 8:30 am | Maria Guth/L |
| | 5:00 pm | Family Onana Mfegbe/L&D |

ALTAR SERVERS**Mon., September 7 – Sun., September 13**

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| Monday | 8:30 am |
| Tuesday | 8:30 am |
| Wednesday | 8:30 am |
| Thursday | 8:30 am |
| Friday | 8:30 am |
| | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday | 8:30 am |
| | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | 8:00 am |
| | 10:00 am |
| | 12:00 pm |
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