OUR LADY OF FATIMA (REDVERS) ST. MAURICE (BELLEGARDE) ST. ANTHONY (STORTHOAKS)

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September 17, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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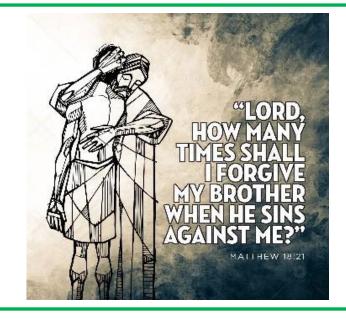
Coralie Wolensky



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Storthoaks Pastoral Council Chairperson Richard Chicoine: 449-2231 Parish Hall Bookings Monique Dumaine: 449-2237



Mass Schedule

Mon, Sept 18, 9:00 a.m. +Raymond Cop by Lorraine George

Tues, Sept 19, 7:30 p.m. Restoration of Catholic Family Life by Jean-Guy/Suzanne Millette

> Wed, Sept 20, 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Albert Magotiaux by Zoe Martin

> Thurs, Sept 21, 9:00 a.m. +George Mitten by Real/Jeannette Wolensky

Thurs, Sept 21, 7:00 p.m. (Storthoaks) Special Intentions by A Parishioner

Fri, Sept 22, 9:30 a.m. (Estates) +Charles Tinant by Lucille Tinant

Sat, Sept 23, 7:00 p.m. (Bellegarde) Pro Populo

Sun, Sept 24, 9:00 a.m. (Storthoaks) +Paul Henrion by Charles/Anita Henrion

Sun, Sept 24, 10:45 a.m. (Redvers) Intentions of All Families by Redvers CWL

Liturgical Ministries (Redvers)

To ensure your name is still on a ministries list or to volunteer contact Carol Poirier (452-8397).

Sunday, September 24, 10:45 a.m.

Hospitality—Matthew/Bryanna Lemieux Lectors—Denis Quennelle/Jeannette Wolensky Collection—Todd Garnier/Linden Poirier/Seth Poirier/Denis Quennelle Communion—Anita Colleaux 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 17, 2023

Meetings

- Tues, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m. (Redvers)—Mass/Parish Council Meeting
- Thurs, Sept. 21, 7:00 p.m. (Storthoaks)—Mass/Parish Council Meeting
 - Tues, Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m. (Redvers)—Mass/CWL Meeging
 - Thurs, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. (Redvers)—Mass/KC Meeting

Sacramental Preparation—Penance/Confirmation/First Holy Communion

Families with children in Gr. 2 or older who have not received these sacraments are encouraged to register now with Fr. Ron (306-452-3316;rmandree@gmail.com). We will organize and begin as circumstances require.

Saints This Week...

Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong, and Companions—Martyrs—September 20—The first native Korean priest,

Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at the age of 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in

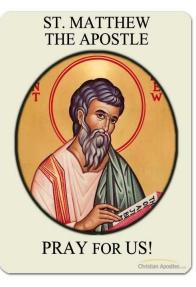
Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital.

Andrew's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45. Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. After Columba complained about the indignity, no more women were subjected to it. The two were beheaded. Peter Ryou, a boy of 13, had his flesh so badly torn that he could pull off pieces and throw them at the judges. He was killed by strangulation. Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death.



Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for taking taxes to Beijing annually. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Besides Andrew and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and 3 French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but mostly they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.



St. Matthew, Apostle/Evangelist—September 21—Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were not scrupulous about what the "tax farmers" got for themselves. Hence the latter, known as "publicans," were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. The Pharisees lumped them with "sinners" (cf. Mt. 9:11-13). So it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

Matthew got Jesus in further trouble by having a sort of going-away party at his house. The Gospel tells us that many tax collectors and "those known as sinners" came to the dinner. The Pharisees were still more badly shocked. What business did the supposedly great teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus' answer was, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Matthew 9:12b-13). Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; he is saying that loving others is even more important.

From such an unlikely situation, Jesus chose one of the foundations of the Church, a man others, judging from his job, thought was not holy enough for the position. But Matthew was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners Jesus came to call. He was open enough to recognize truth when he saw him. "And he got up and followed him" (Matthew 9:9b).

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