

# Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Friends,

The recovery news as of today (Thursday, 09/07), the time of writing this letter, is that those who were out of work (day laborers, particularly those who often live hand-to-mouth) are now employed in teardown, ripping out wet flooring and walls, and the list goes on. Many of our parishioners and your neighbors who have homes under water are just now clearing out the mess and need volunteers. **Grace Presbyterian, just off Westheimer at the Beltway, is looking for volunteers and dry goods. Please consult their webpage ([gpch.org](http://gpch.org)) for up-to-date needs and information.**

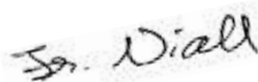
**Our archdiocese is taking up a collection for all the victims of Hurricane Harvey**, both here in Texas and Louisiana. There is more information and contacts to donate to on their webpage ([archgh.org](http://archgh.org)). **We will be taking up that collection this weekend at all our Masses.**


A namesake parish, St. Catherine of Siena in Seaside Park, NJ, is going to collect gift cards for us to distribute in time for Thanksgiving. This is going to be a long road to recovery as you know only too well, and those in need will not disappear overnight. This is yet another one of many such surprising acts of generosity and thoughtfulness for which we are all thankful. Here is a very poignant piece of Scripture from yesterday's Mass: **"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do." 1 Thes 5:11**

On the home front here at St. Catherine's, our CCE program will not commence for another week at the request of the vast majority of parents; so this Sunday (09/10) we will go ahead with a continental breakfast so that we all get a chance to meet each other and assess our needs and how best to help one another move forward. We will also use this Sunday to have a CCE teachers' meeting to go over all the bits and pieces that are part and parcel of the beginning of the academic year.

The Crafter's Group will not meet until October, but as always, keep an eye on the calendar across the page from you in the bulletin and the one on the parish webpage ([stcatherine-houston.org](http://stcatherine-houston.org)) as well.

God bless and take care,



	<p>As a parish, we extend our sincerest condolences to the families of Joe Rosas Sr. and Ken Wogan who both died last week. We pray that God's grace be with them in a time of great sorrow.</p>
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## PARISH NOTES

### MOMS' GROUP RETREAT—CANCELED

Due to the flooding that impacted the Cenacle Retreat House, the Retreat for the St. Catherine's Mom's Group has been canceled. **We have the Sisters in our prayers.** Learn more about their recovery and needs on their website:

<https://www.cenaclesisters.org/houston>



### CLUB 55+ - BUS TRIP RESCHEDULED

Join us as we kick off the bus trip season with the very popular tour of the Painted Churches in the Schulenburg area. On Thursday, October 4th, we will leave at 8:30 am to join a tour guide who will show us four painted churches. The tour includes a buffet lunch stop at the Oakridge Smokehouse. The cost is \$13 per person not including lunch. **The bus trip will likely sell out, so please mail your check to Diane Goyette, 5607 Summer Snow Drive, Houston, TX 77041 as soon as possible to reserve your spot.**

**Save the dates: Upcoming bus trips are scheduled for Nov 1, and Dec 5 – details to follow.**

Contact Diane at [diane@goyette.info](mailto:diane@goyette.info) or 713-540-7884, or Henry at 281-684-7030. As always, the bus trip is open to everyone age 50 and over.

### ST. CATHERINE'S WOMEN'S GROUP

Ladies, please join us for our first meeting of the school year on Wednesday, Sept 13 at 7:00pm in the parish center. We will have a meet and greet to catch up on all of our summer activities. Feel free to bring food and beverage to share if you would like, but it isn't necessary. This is a great place to meet new friends and reconnect with friends you haven't seen in awhile. **Questions: Email Joi Kingsley, [joikingsley@gmail.com](mailto:joikingsley@gmail.com)**

### ST. CATHERINE'S CRAFTERS

**Calling all crafters of the parish!** Due to the storm and its aftermath, St. Catherine's Crafters are cancelling the September sessions. However, we are looking to make a beautiful Fall season with your help. Join us on the following dates from 10AM to 12 Noon:

- October 10th and 24th
- November 7th

All talents welcome! We look forward to seeing you soon.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ISECOND COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE RELIEF—NAME?

SAT	9/9	5 PM Mass † Corky Renner
SUN	9/10	8:30 AM Mass † Norm Kapcia 9:30—11 AM CCE Teacher Orientation / Workshop 9:30-10:30 Sunday Breakfast  11:15 AM Mass † Antonia DeSuza
TUE	9/12	12:15 PM Weekday Mass
WED	9/13	12:15 PM Weekday Mass St Angelea Apollo 7 - 8:30 PM Bible Study 7 - 8:30 PM Women's Group
THU	9/14	12:15 PM Weekday Mass 10:30 - 12noon Bible Study
FRI	9/15	12:15 PM Weekday Mass

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT	9/16	5 PM Mass—Confirmation Mass with Cardinal DiNardo † Maureen Gaffigan
SUN	9/17	8:30 AM Mass † Val Wittenkeller 9:30—11 AM CCE Begins 9 AM—1 PM Flu Shots  11:15 AM Mass

**Don't forget!**

- BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13TH / 14TH
- CCE CLASSES BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 17TH
- FLU SHOTS SEPTEMBER 17TH

### FALL MUSIC LESSONS AVAILABLE

Allison Vitek from the 11:15 mass has openings in her private studio for fall music lessons. **In addition to flute and music theory, she now offers beginner piano lessons.** Vitek Music Studio is a warm and encouraging environment for people of all ages to explore their musical creativity no matter their skill level. Whether your child is interested in learning about an instrument or the logic behind music, or you are an adult looking to explore a new hobby with some guidance, Allison wants to hear from you! She may be contacted at [avitek@allisonvitek.com](mailto:avitek@allisonvitek.com), or 713-876-0109.