

## Readings and Mass Intentions



### Sun, Sept. 14

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,  
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**8:00 a.m. Mass** ..... **Trudy Stewart** †

**10:30 a.m. Mass**.....**Mary Constance Sholtis** †

### Mon, Sept. 15

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10,  
17/Jn 19:25-27

### Tue, Sept. 16 - St. Cyprian

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 10:1b-2, 3, 4,  
5/Lk 7:11-17

### Wed, Sept. 17 - St. Hildegard of Bingen

1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5,  
12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

**9:00 a.m. Mass**....**Mary Ellen Madison** †

### Thu, Sept. 18

1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17,  
28/Lk 7:36-50

**9:00 a.m. Mass**

### Fri, Sept. 19

1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7,  
8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

**9:00 a.m. Mass**

### Sat, Sept. 20

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12,  
13-14/Lk 8:4-15

**5:30 p.m. Mass**

### Sun, Sept. 21

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9,  
17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**8:00am Mass** ..... **Beatrice Semien** †

**10:30 a.m. Mass** ..... **Evelio Rosario** †

## Blessed Among Us

**Pino Puglisi**

**Priest and Martyr (1937-1993)**

On September 15, 1993, on his 56<sup>th</sup> birthday, Fr. Giuseppe “Pino” Puglisi was confronted outside his parish church in Palermo, Sicily, by a Mafia gunman who aimed a pistol at his face. “I’ve been expecting you,” were the priest’s last words.

Since his ordination in 1960, Fr. Puglisi, a native of Palermo, had set himself on a collision course with the entrenched power of the Cosa Nostra. This criminal network, sustained by patronage, violence, and the code of silence, was taken for granted by many Sicilians. Even Church officials tended to turn a blind eye. Puglisi struggled to challenge this culture. In his sermons he urged his flock to overcome their fears and stand up for the truth. He encouraged reconciliation between families torn by long-standing feuds. “Peace is like bread,” he said. “It must be shared, or it loses its flavor.” He established sports programs for teenagers to give them alternatives to drugs and crime. He lost no opportunity to denounce the crime families, rejecting their pretense of being “good Catholics”, by refusing their hypocritical offer of donations to the Church.

Still, his brazen murder raised a scandal in Italy. An aggressive investigation led to the arrest and conviction of the assassins as well as the powerful patrons who had ordered his murder. Pope Benedict officially named him a martyr, who had laid down his life for the evangelical virtues of truth and justice. He was beatified in May 2013.

*“And what if somebody did something?” –Blessed Pino Puglisi’s favorite rhetorical question*



### Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2014

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross has its origins in the fourth century, when St. Helena, mother of Constantine, discovered what she believed to be the Cross of Christ. Constantine memorialized this discovery by having the churches of Calvary and the Holy sepulcher constructed in Jerusalem. After the dedication of the churches, the feast was celebrated annually to commemorate the cross’s discovery. We honor the cross because it is a sign of both the death of Jesus and his victory over death.

In the gospel, Jesus speaks of himself as “the one who has come down from heaven”. As God’s Son, he came into the world so “that the world might be saved through him”. His being “lifted up” refers to the crucifixion; for John, this represents not defeat but triumph, the hour of Jesus’s glory.

*For Reflection: Do I think of the cross as a sign of defeat or of victory? Is the cross or crucifix displayed in a prominent place in my home?*



### Youth Group News

This week’s topic is  
*Thou Shalt Not Kill – War & Violence*  
7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade welcome  
6:30-8:30

**As we begin our religious education program in our parish, we welcome all the students, teachers and helpers.**

We appreciate the dedication of the parents to bring their children to class and above all we appreciate the dedication of our teachers and helpers. May we have a fruitful religious education program. Next weekend, in honor of Catechetical Sunday, there will be a special blessing at each of the Masses.

### Men’s Group Update

The Holy Redeemer Men’s Group will begin meeting every Tuesday in the parish hall at 6:30 pm.

### Reminder...

The summer vacations are over and the parish resumes with various meetings in the evenings. Please remember that the parking lot gates will close at 10:00pm. Make plans to leave the church at least 15 minutes prior to the gates closing. Thank you.

### Returning our Treasure in Thanksgiving Financial Information thru the week of Sept. 6th & 7th:

Weekly Need: .....\$11,350.00  
Weekly Actual:.....\$14,587.17  
Second Collection  
(F/M Fund): .....\$2,430.19  
Catholic Universities  
of America: .....\$1,047.00  
Attendance: .....759

Church Debt Loan Balance: \$813,909.94  
Property Loan Balance: .....\$485,588.18

(as of 7/21/14)

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

<b>Sept 14:</b> CCD Classes 9:15	<b>Sept 17:</b> Youth Group 6:30
<b>Sept 14:</b> Confirmation I & II 11:45	<b>Sept 18:</b> Landscape work day 8:30
<b>Sept 15:</b> Epic 7:00	<b>Sept 20:</b> Men's A.C.T. social 6:30
<b>Sept 15:</b> Boy Scouts 7:00	
<b>Sept 16:</b> Men's Group 6:30	

## DIOCESE NEWS



### The Bishop's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Respect Life Gala

Saturday, Sept. 27 @ 6:00pm  
 Omni Hotel Downtown Fort Worth  
 Keynote Speaker:  
 Most Rev. Michael F. Olson, STD  
 Register and buy tickets online,  
[www.respectlifefw.org](http://www.respectlifefw.org)

### Sharing in Ministry

The *Sharing in Ministry* Bishop's Annual Appeal, which is taking place throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth this month. This appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family and support programs and services no single parish can offer. Every gift is vital to the success of the appeal, which will also benefit our parish in a sharing to assist local parish needs. Please give as generously as you can to *Sharing in Ministry*.

### Rachel's Corner

"I never knew people who had abortions suffered so. Honestly, I never considered how it affected them..." –anonymous  
 Reach out to your hurting sisters and brothers and encourage them to seek healing through a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

**Next retreat October 10**  
 817-923-4757

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Response 2015

Would you like to make a difference in your community, the country, or the world? With more than 200 programs, various time requirements and thousands of opportunities, *Response 2015* is the most comprehensive guide of faith based service options-and it's free! Email [info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org](mailto:info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org) for your copy.



### Travel...

The next scheduled trip to Mexico City to visit Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine is June 15-21, 2015. Call Charles Gappa, DRE, St. Bartholomew Church, 817-966-2378 for more information and a free brochure.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE CALLED TO SERVE:**

**SAT, SEPT. 20 • 5:30 PM**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Noah Knesek PS - Scott Tudor

#### LECTORS

Sheila Hill Cindy Williams

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Mark Hojnacki Roxanna Young

Karen Marsh Patricia Devlin

#### USHERS

Rose Young Mike Barron

Tom Merkley Wayne Mohr

#### SOUND BOARD

Larry Mask

**SUN, SEPT. 21 • 8:00 AM MASS**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Libby Clements PS - Michaela Mott

#### LECTORS

Kandi Smith Dave Mestemaker

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Eloy Sanchez Jackie Voss

Paulette Brodie WR Alexander

#### USHERS

Jeff Hensley Allen Broesche

Wayne Mohr Loren Mott

#### SOUND BOARD

Noah Murphy

**SUN, SEPT. 21 • 10:30 AM MASS**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Courtney Andrews PS - Olivia Caggiano

#### LECTORS

Maryrita Mallet Pinky Dyer

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Joe Zschiesche Carolyn Pierel

Sandy Moore Monica Collins

Val Grooms Patrick Snell

Tom Edmonston Margaret Edmonston

Rick Zilar Alicia Palacios

#### USHERS

Rocco Rotundo Regina Grammer

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### HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in the prayer intention book and those listed below.

**Remember in Prayer -**

**Recuerde en Oración**

Amy Chapin, Jim Voorhees,  
 Catherine Specht, Donnie Roberson