

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

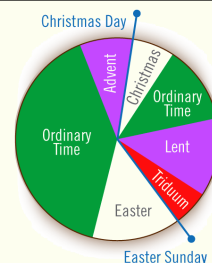
### September 21, 2025

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 21....Fr. Jim Kinney  
Sep 28....Susan Roberts

#### DO YOU HAVE MASS INTENTIONS?

We have envelopes at back of the church.  
Ask an usher.



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**While Father Jim is on vacation, lets enjoy a segment of Pope Leo's message**

### **FOR THE 10th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION 2025 (Sept 1, 2025)**

"The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, chosen by our beloved Pope Francis, is **"Seeds of Peace and Hope"**. On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as *"Pilgrims of Hope."* This year's theme thus appears most timely.

In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. *Jn 12:24*). Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings. We can think, for example, of flowers springing up on our roadsides from seeds that landed up there almost by chance. As those flowers grow, they brighten the gray tarmac and even manage to break through its hard surface.

In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, **"seeds of peace and hope."** The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Spirit of God can make an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity. In his words, "a spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The work of righteousness will be peace, and the work of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (*Is 32:15-18*)."

#### **Mass times:**

Sunday 10:30am—English  
12pm—Spanish

**Please see calendar at  
stpatrickmtsterling.com  
for midweek masses.**

**Religious Ed**  
**(Fall thru Spring)**

Sundays 9-10:15am

#### **Anointing of the Sick & Visits:**

Please call the office if you know of someone in need of a pastoral visit.

**Marriage Prep:** Notify priest at least  
6 months in advance

**Baptism:** by appointment

#### **New or Returning to Our Parish?**

##### **Need to update info?**

Ask an usher for the parish registration form. Complete and return to the church office or put in the collection plate.

#### **DO YOU GET THE FLOCKNOTES?**

Keep in touch with our parish through text

Text SJSPSA to  
84576

OR go to this  
QR code:



## "God's Love Unites Us"

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card! We invite all faithful parishioners to renew their annual commitment and return a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by:

- mailing it to the church.
- or bringing it to Mass next Sunday.

All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, September 28.

**No weekday masses**  
**thru Oct. 13th,**  
**due to Fr. Jim's vacation.**

### Season of Creation Walking Tour

Saturday, September 27 @10:00am  
Calvary Cemetery—Lexington, KY

Come hear Coolmore America – Ashford Stud Farm Arborist Barry Duncil share about Calvary's diverse landscape. All are welcome to attend!

### Care of Creation Celebration

Saturday, Oct. 4 @2:30 pm

4 p.m. Mass with Fr Dan Noll  
Hemphill Community Center  
2514 KY 317, Jackhorn, Ky.



The Diocese of Lexington is celebrating the Season of Creation with a gathering at the Hemphill Community Center in Letcher County. We'll share the progress that has been made in our parishes and continue with food, music, fellowship and Mass. Please register by scanning this QR code or email [laudatosi@cdlex.org](mailto:laudatosi@cdlex.org). For more info, call 859-608-2946



**SEPTEMBER requests:**  
**EVERYTHING (except green beans)!**

**A box has been placed in back of church for collection.**

## Birthdays (Sept 21st-27th)

09/21...Briar Mock

09/24...Josselyn Sanchez

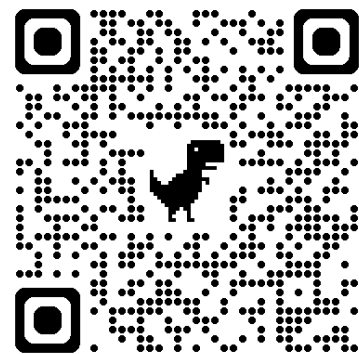


### Saint Agatha Academy's 8th grade class

is excited to announce that they are hosting a coffee fundraiser to help fund their class trip to

Yellowstone! The fundraiser is being held through a local Winchester company, Creative Coffees. Just scan the QR code to place an order to benefit this year's 8th graders.

Thank you for your support!



### WHY do we care for OUR COMMON HOME?

Please bring in your pictures of kids and pets for our corkboard at the back of church. We would love to see yours!

"I pray that His Divine Goodness may accompany you, be your consolation along the way, your shade against the heat of the sun, your shelter in rain and cold, your soft bed in your weariness, your strength in your toil and finally, that He may bring you back in perfect health and filled with good works.

- St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660),
- Patron of charitable works,
- Feast Day September 27

