

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Fiscal Year 09/01/2023-08/31/2024

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100*	YTD Budget:	\$3,100*
Weekly Collection 09/03/23:	\$2,557	YTD Weekly Collection:	2,557
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$ 208	YTD R&M Collection:	\$ 208

YTD **Surplus** (Shortfall): (\$335)

*YTD Budget Tentative as it is based on 2022-2023 Fiscal Year until the 2023-2024 budget is determined.

Special Collections: Energy Needs was \$40. Thank you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN NEXT WEEK

In-person classes start September 17 and will be held every Sunday from 7:45 to 9:15am, including the 7:45am Mass. For more information, contact Elizabeth Schroeder, Coordinator, by phone: 978.413.8833 or email: hcchurchet@gmail.com.

We are truly grateful for our coordinator, teachers, and office help!

There will be a special collection in support of our Parish Religious Education Program, next week. Please be most generous in support of this important ministry of our parish community. Thank you.

SANCTUARY CANDLES: M/M Michael Beaulieu, Pat Flynn, M/M James Haverty, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M Jim Killay, Joyce & Shirley Koczan, M/M Ronald Ladeau, Laura Lawrence, M/M Yvon LeBlanc, M/M Robert LeVangie, Victor Maillet, M/M Larry Martin, M/M Frank Moschetti, Suzanne Racette, M/M Pete Valliere, Edward Yablonski, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:** Nancy Anderson, Paul Benbenek, Kyle Berger, Helena Breton, Alphonse & Loza Chartier, Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Michael John Crowley, Michael Fichtel, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, M/M Allen Garvey, M/M Chester Lepkowski, Bobbie Lesneski, Gloria Magnuson, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. George O'Brien, Philip Robichaud, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.



ADORATION CHAPEL OPENING

Holy Rosary Church, 135 Nichols Street, Gardner, MA is delighted to announce the opening of their Eucharist Adoration Chapel. Come and spend an hour in this wonderful sacred place with Christ and obtain God's extraordinary blessings. The Adoration Chapel is opened Wednesdays, 6AM to 8PM, Thursdays and Fridays 8AM to 8PM. For more information, contact Maryann Lindgren at calltoadoration@aol.com or call 508-341-9132

Church of the Holy Cross



September 10, 2023, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rectory: 25 Lake Avenue, Templeton, MA 01468
Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 8:30am-3:00pm

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Parish Council: Thomas Royer, Chair, Phone: 978.939.2593

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Holy Days of Obligation:	As announced.
Eucharistic Adoration:	Last Tuesday of the month, 7:00-8:00pm.
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm and anytime by appointment.
Sacrament of Baptism:	Please call the rectory for registration, preparation and details.
Sacrament of Matrimony:	Please call the rectory at least one year in advance of the desired date to begin the Couple to Couple Marriage Preparation Program.
Sacrament of the Sick/Communion Calls:	Please notify the rectory if anyone is hospitalized or confined to home due to illness, handicap or age, so that we may keep them in prayer, visit them and support them with the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and the Sick.

New Parishioners: We welcome you into our parish family and invite you to enter fully into our spiritual and social life. Please introduce yourself after Mass and arrange to enroll as a member.

Coffee Hour: You are cordially invited to join us in our Church Hall, the first Sunday of every month, after the 7:45am Mass. Good conversation and tasty treats. We hope to see you there.

Parish Bulletin: All items must be submitted in writing at the rectory prior to 9:30am on Monday mornings, preferably 2 weeks in advance.

Parish Council: Every parishioner is welcome to submit items for consideration, by calling the rectory or through any council member. You may contact Thomas Royer, Chair at 978.939.2593.

Religious Education: For information about our Religious Education Program, Grades K-11, please contact Elizabeth Schroeder, Coordinator, at hcchurchet@gmail.com.

AA Meetings: Wednesdays 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.

Pastoral Ministries: There are many opportunities for ministry to our fellow parishioners. You are invited to volunteer your time and talent by expressing your interest to the Pastor or to members of the Parish Council or the Religious Education Program.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Tuesday	5:30pm	Boy Scouts (Sign-Up)				
Wednesday	7:00pm	AA				
Thursday	5:30pm	Boy Scouts (Sign-Up)				

ALTAR CARE

This week Altar Care is provided by

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"- Matthew 16:26. St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else. "We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.



You are requested to remember in your prayers the following: an anonymous cancer patient, Doris Bickford, Stacy Bishop, Jared Blais, Raymond Boudreau, Randall Carrol, Henry Connery III, Judy Davis, Mike Dembek, Diana Earle, Jane Fleck, Frank Flynn, Gail Gabis, Lilah Grace Gagnon, Tim Gatautis, Doris Geyster, Marley Guthrie, Paul Jurgelonis, Sandy Kulvete, Marie LeBlanc, Bob LeMieur, Joyce Moschetti, Kirk Moschetti, Simone Nash, Gabe Olszak, Judy Roberts, Jane Royer, Paul Saari, Maria Rose Schroeder, Joy Taintor, Marie Valeri, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, & All affected by Coronavirus.

*Our Lady, Health of the Sick,
we pray for the comfort of your love.*



ROSE OF LIFE

Each week a parishioner/ family places a rose in the vase at the Blessed Mother's statue to express witness to the sanctity of life. Please see the sign-up book at the



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vattelle at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwmema.org/>.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 9</u>
4:30pm	+John LeBlanc by Family
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 10</u>
7:45am	
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	+Stanley & Nellie Koczan
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 11</u>
8:00am	Souls in Purgatory by Glen Mularella
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 12</u>
8:00am	+Fr. Charles E. Borowski
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 13</u>
8:00am	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 16</u>
4:30pm	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 17</u>
7:45am	+Rachel Maillet by Family
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	

LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE

*Get more out of Sunday Mass,
by reading ahead...*

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**September 17, 2023: Twenty-Fourth
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sirach 27: 30-28:7
Romans 14: 7-9
Matthew 18: 21-35**