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Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Aug 9 & 10
Collection	215 + 1,224
Mass Attendance	23 & 14 + 45

Thank you for your contribution

Liturgy Schedule
RISEN LORD CHURCH
 SUNDAY MASS: **8:30am**
Liturgy Schedule
ST. THOMAS PARISH
 ROSARY: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
 WEEKEND MASSES:
 Saturday 5:00 p.m (Sunday Vigil)
 Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
 WEEKDAY: Tue, Wed, Thu at 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: 8:00 am
 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:
 Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.
 prior to Mass
RECONCILIATION:
 •Any time 30 minutes before or after daily Mass, After Sunday Mass
 • *Other days by appointment*

OCIA 2025-2026
 Will begin on **Sunday, September 7, 2025**

HAPPY BIRTH DAY

Risen Lord

Larry Schoonover – Aug. 18
 Eva Tax – Aug. 21
 Mike Mance – Aug. 22

St. Thomas

Jennifer Knowles – Aug. 17
 Freyja Carpenter – Aug. 17
 Jerry Jarvis (Kelli's husband) – Aug. 19
 Edna Wilson – Aug. 19
 Frt. Cong Nguyen – Aug. 20
 Liam Harman – Aug. 20
 Brittney Wilson – Aug. 22

Registration for Sunday School 2025-2026

We begin to have registration for the coming year Sunday School. Parents, please pick up the form at the back of the church and fill them out. Thank you very much for your kind cooperation !!!

* **CCD Teachers and/or part-time Teachers needed.** A wonderful way to serve and learn. See Pat please !!!
 * **August 21 — Gathering to complete Fr. Thien's Scrapbook.** Please see Connie !!!

OCIA Catechists Workshop

will be provided at various places in our Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in August and September, 2025.
 On **Saturdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm**
 Please register at <https://dwc.org/ocia-workshop/> or call **(304) 233-0880**

If you are available to serve in this ministry. Further information can be found on the bulletin board at the front entrance

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Date	Readers	Bring up the Offertory Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers
August 10	Pat McPherson	Shavers	Candy Teubert / Freddie Friend
August 17	Westley Carpenter	Kathy & Marty Bronkhurst	Pat McPherson / Jennifer Knowles
August 24	Michael Duty	Candy & Tom Teubert	Tom Teubert/ Westley Carpenter
August 31	Dot Shimko	Jane & Ford Dever	Mac Bailes/ Beata Pawlowski

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—C

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel is from Luke 12:49-53. In this passage, Jesus' teachings are quite unusual – he says instead to bring peace; he brings division among the individuals and families. However, we can recall that Jesus rebuked the two disciples when they asked to send fire down to destroy a Samaritan village, disregarding the good news. Then, when Peter used a sword to cut off the right ear of a servant, Jesus rebuked Peter and healed the servant's ear. Nonetheless, in today's Gospel passage, Jesus says that he comes to bring division among the people, families, and the world.

Even though Jesus is the Good Shepherd, because of his mission, He has to speak the truth, which often leads to challenges and division. Seeing Jesus sharing God's love, healing, comfort, and mercy to the poor, the sinners, and the marginalized, the Pharisees and Scribes find ways to go against him. Jesus calls the multitudes not to set our hearts solely on worldly possessions, but to reserve treasure in heaven. Jesus' teachings encourage the poor but cause challenges to the fortunate. The Gospel consists of many challenging words that invite us to grow in God's love. If we only choose to select and live the passages that are pleasing to us, the Good News will not have much or any benefit for our life and salvation. Contrarily, the disturbed words and teachings of the Good News are the words that help us to discern, to repent, to change, and to live in the grace of salvation. Jesus challenges us to pray for our enemies, to forgive those who hurt us, to show care for the less fortunate, and to love others as we want God and others to love us.

Let us pray that the fire of God's love continues to strengthen our faith and to give us encourage to learn and live the challenging words of Jesus. And may we live in the heavenly peace that the world cannot give. Amen.

SPECIAL RETREAT

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is offering retreats for survivors.

The archdiocese will offer a women's retreat on **Sept. 19-21, 2025 and April 25 — 26, 2026.**

In partnership with the Archdiocese of Atlanta, a men's retreat will be held **June 12-14, 2026.**

This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments.

For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>.
 To register email: mcdonaldd@adw.org

JUBILEE 2025 17th Gathering of Catholic Men's Conference
HOPE September 13 2025
 12:00 - 1:00 PM Adoration
 Duquesne Un, Power Center, Pittsburgh PA 15282

- Dignity of All Persons - Respecting God's Gift
1:30 PM
- To Believe, To Hope, To Love - Augustine & Modern Man
2:30 PM
- Discipleship - Ground in Love - Never Disappoints
3:30 PM
- Endurance, Character, Hope - Mary as Our Model
4:30 PM (Mass)

Bishop Waltersheid Confessions 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Building Catholic Men's Groups in Our Communities
Join Men from Around the Diocese In Prayer, Planning, Faith-sharing, Networking
RSVP to
[Tyler Greenwood tgreenwood@dwc.org](mailto:Tyler.Greenwood@greenwood@dwc.org)
304-233-4121

August 17–20th Sunday in O.T.
 Vocation Views:
Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal.
DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
800-553-3321



Thank You, Thank You!!!
The Benefactors & Volunteers; Friends & Church Members
who helped to prepare the food packages
on Wednesday, August 13
and to share them
with 81 families at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Gassaway
on Thursday, August 14, 2025.

May God's richest blessings and grace
pour upon you, your families and friends.

