

THE PROPHET

The monthly Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Newsletter



LABOR DAY



Seeking **J**esus
Matthew 7:7





Day	First Name	Last Name
1	James	Bartel
1	Autumn	Dietscher
5	Charles	Abresch
11	James	Gear
13	Mara	Gigure
16	Naomi	Vetinde
19	Hailey	Thompson
20	Ryan	Zemke

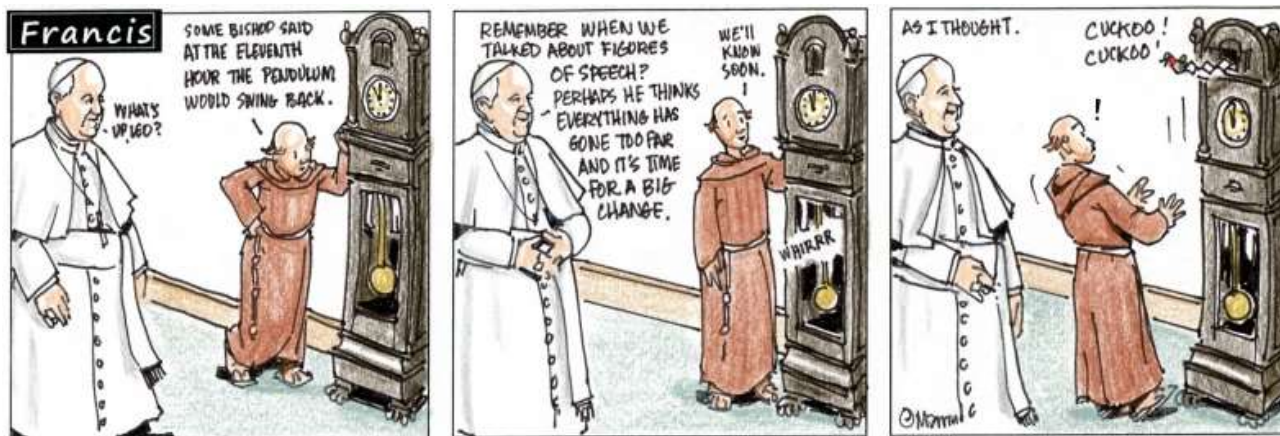
September	
2	8:30 am – 5 pm Adoration 5 pm – Benediction
5	Labor Day
13	5:30 – 6:15 pm - Holy Hour
14	Faith Formation
21	Faith Formation
27	Alpha – Is There More to Life Than This?
28	Faith Formation
LIFE ² stands for Living in Faith Everyday & Everyway	



Eucharistic Adoration

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"
- Mark 14:37

Friday, September 2
from 8:30 am until 5 pm
or
Tuesday, September 13
from 5:30 until 6:15 pm



Labor Day Trivia Facts 2015: 10 Fun Things For Kids To Know

It's the unofficial end of summer, but it doesn't mean the fun has to end. There's also a reason why most Americans are off on Monday: Labor Day honors the hard-working citizens of the United States. So while everyone is enjoying their barbeques and brews, impress friends and family by sharing some fun facts about Labor Day, like those below.

- 1. Labor Day is much more than just a day off of work.** It started with Peter McGuire, who is considered the Father of the Labor Day holiday. He was an Irish-American pioneer unionist who wanted citizens that "labored" all year long be acknowledged and have a day to relax.
- 2. He is credited with saying the following statement during a Central Labor Union on May 18, 1882:** "Let us have, a festive day during which a parade through the streets of the city would permit public tribute to American Industry."
- 3. Labor Day has been a nationally celebrated holiday in the U.S. since 1894.** It's also honored in Canada.
- 4. Creators decided to pick the first week of September to honor Labor Day because the time is between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving.** The first Labor Day parade was held on Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City. And it wasn't on a Monday. It was a Tuesday.
- 5. Oregon was the first state to make Labor Day a holiday.** This happened in 1887, five years after the first parade.
- 6. It was President Grover Cleveland** who decided the first Monday of every September would be set aside to celebrate Labor Day. The move came during a railroad strike.
- 7. On average, Americans worked 12-hour days,** seven days a week during the Industrial Revolution. And it wasn't just adults. Children as young as 5 or 6 years old worked in factories and mills throughout the nation.
- 8. Labor Day is celebrated on a different day in most countries.** Many choose May Day, which is on May 1, as their day to honor working people.
- 9. It takes the average American nearly 30 minutes to get to their job.** The average commute is 24.3 minutes, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said.
- 10. Why is it a fashion faux pas to wear white after Labor Day?** Well, there's no need to worry anymore. Thanks to trend-setters like Diddy and J-Lo, wearing white all year long is acceptable.

STEP 1

Matthew 11 28-30 - Gentle Mastery of Christ

(Scripture)

The Gentle Mastery of Christ.

28 “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. **30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

STEP 2

The Rest of the Story

(Teaching/Catechist)

- † [11:28–29] These verses are peculiar to Matthew and are similar to Ben Sirach’s invitation to learn wisdom and submit to her yoke ([Sir 51:23, 26](#)).
- *Come aside to me, you untutored, and take up lodging in the house of instruction; (Sirach 51:23)*
 - *Take her yoke upon your neck; that your mind may receive her teaching. For she is close to those who seek her, and the one who is in earnest finds her. (Sirach 51:26)*
- † [11:28] Who labor and are burdened: burdened by the law as expounded by the scribes and Pharisees ([Mt 23:4](#)).
- † [11:29] In place of the yoke of the law, complicated by scribal interpretation, Jesus invites the burdened to take the yoke of obedience to his word, under which they will find rest; cf. [Jer 6:16](#). complicated by scribal interpretation.
- *Thus says the LORD: Stand by the earliest roads, ask the pathways of old, “Which is the way to good?” and walk it; thus you will find rest for yourselves. But they said, “We will not walk it.” (Jeremiah 6:16)*

The Wisdom of Ben Sira(Sirach)

“Sirach” or the “The Wisdom of Sira” from which the verses, quoted above, attributed to Jesus ben Sira has been drawn is the last of the seven “Wisdom Books” in the Old Testament. The other six are: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, and Wisdom.

It derives its title from the author,

- *Wise instruction, appropriate proverbs, I have written in this book— I, Yeshua [Jesus] Ben Eleazar Ben Sira— as they poured forth from my heart’s understanding. (Sirach 50:27)*

The title “Sirach” comes from the Greek form of the author’s name.

This book is a work from the early 2nd century BC written by the Jewish scribe Jesus ben Sirach of Jerusalem. The literal translation of “ben” is “son.”

STEP 3**Thought Sharing**

(Small Group)

- † What word or phrase struck you?
- † Who is the Jesus you see in these scriptures?
- † With this insight, what action might Jesus be calling you to take?
- † Why and from what do you need to rest?

STEP 4**Intercessory Prayer**

(Intercessory Prayer - is the act of praying on behalf of others.)

After each intercession:

Leader: We pray. All: Lord, give us rest from the labor and burdens of life.

- † For those who struggle each day to put food on the table or to have a place to sleep at night.
- † For those in our country who are and under or unemployed that they may find meaningful well-paying jobs.
- † For those going back to school that they have a rewarding year.
- † For those in our parish who struggle day by day to live.
- † Add your own intentions

STEP 5**Closing Prayer**
Prayer for Holy Rest

Anonymous

O Lord,

Support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world lies hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

Amen

STEP 6**A Point to Ponder**

(Personal Meditation)

- † What are your burdens? Are they made by God or imposed by Man?