



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✕ AUGUST 23, 2015

-MASS INTENTIONS- INTENCIONES PARA LA MISA

SATURDAY, August 22,.....Saturday

For St. John's Parish Community

+Frank & Marie Aiazzone +Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00 pm *Por la Comunidad de San Juan Bautista*

+Dr. Larry Barnet +Fr. Luis Rendon (2do. Aniv)

+Manuel Rodriguez

+Jeremiah Chico Pugh (27 meses fallec)

SUNDAY August 23,.....Domingo

8:30am *For St. John's Parish Community*

+Irene Bedani

+Fr. Luis Rendon (2nd Anniv)

10:00 am *Por la Comunidad de San Juan Bautista*

+Juan Jose Asuncion

+Maria Gonzalez

+Fr. Luis Rendon (2do. Aniv)

Salud: Allkis y Maria Facatselis

11:30am *For St. John's Parish Community*

+Claude Offray Jr. +Fr. Paul Pulvirenti

+Fr. Luis Rendon (2nd Anniv)

+Holy Souls in Purgatory +Frank & Marie Aiazzone

1:00 pm *Por la Comunidad de San Juan Bautista*

+Gonzalo Guevara

+Gladys Vda. de Quiroz

MONDAY August 24,.....Lunes

7:00 pm +Alexandra Estefanie Cayo

TUESDAY August 25,.....Martes

7:00 pm +Maria Pimienta Maldonado

WEDNESDAY August 26,.....Miércoles

7:00 pm +Agustin Rayo Jr.

+Serafina Mendoza

+Carlos Cifuentes

+Jose y Yolanda Bolaños

THURSDAY August 27,.....Jueves

7:00 pm +Gabriel Escobar +Mariana Abril

+Tom Sklarsky

FRIDAY August 28,.....Viernes

12:05 pm +Fr. Luis Rendon

7:00 pm *Acc. Grac. Al Señor de la misericordia por el cumpleaños*

de Vanessa Vargas

+William Cruz

+Pedro Luis Porras Acuña (4to. Aniv)



It is the Spirit that gives life

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First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel and told them if it did not please them to serve God, then they must decide who they would serve. The people claimed that God had brought them out of slavery and protected them on their journey. Therefore, they would serve, the Lord their God, and no one else.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loved the Church. They should nourish and care for each other as Christ cared for the church. Through the union between the two, they become one.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' followers were still disturbed by his teaching of the living bread, which they could not yet fully understand. Jesus explained that the Spirit gives life, and flesh is unimportant. Some of the disciples decided to leave. Jesus asked if the Twelve also wanted to leave. Although they do not completely understand yet, they have enough faith in Jesus to stay because they believe he is God's holy one.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or
5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

Monday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29

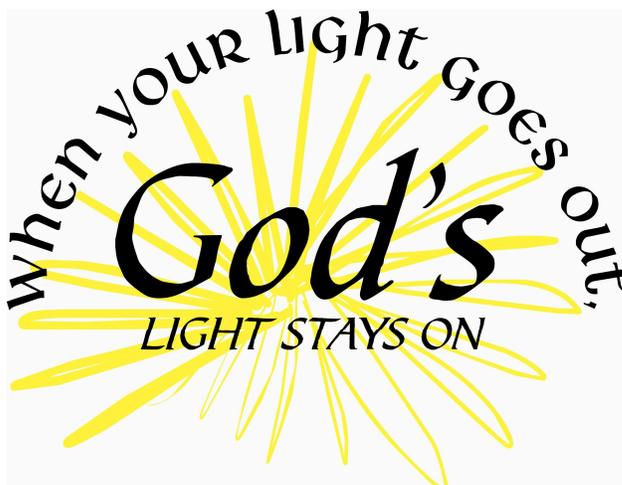
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“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites...As for me and my household we will serve the Lord.”... “This saying is hard; who can accept it?’... ‘Does this shock you?...But there are some of you who do not believe...For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.’”

We make countless decisions every day. What will I wear, what route will I take, what do I wish to eat. They are routine decisions. Joshua calls our attention to decide what God we will serve, as well as how we will serve Him.

He spoke about the pagan gods, yet we are confronted by gods or idols, such as money, prestige, reputation or material things. They secretly occupy our time and attention. Today the word of God can shake us, or in the words of Jesus ‘shock’ us.

Isn't it about time to take stock of our lives and ask what we can do to draw closer to our God? If we are honest, don't we get caught sometimes only going through the motions? Does my prayer life, my worship and my service reflect a decision made from my heart and not just my head? Joshua told his followers to decide then and there and not put it off. The Lord looks for my decision today.



HIS WORD TODAY
BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS