



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015

Sunday, August 23, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time,

BW 8:30 Catherine Ruberg from Rose Ann & Brian

CW 10:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

CW 12:00 Margaret Riedinger from Roy

Monday, August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle

12:10 Alois Wedekind from The Mohrs

Tuesday, August 25, Weekday, St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

12:10 Shirley Weartz from Rose Ann & Brian

Wednesday, August 26, Weekday,

12:10 Jeff Zimmerman from Vince Staley

Thursday, August 27, St. Monica

12:10 Leonard Marek from Lucy Davis

Friday, August 28, St. Augustine, Bishop & Dr. of the Church

12:10 Lucille Hamilton from Regina Watson

Saturday, August 29, The Passion of St. John the Baptist

12:10 Joe Mackey from Mom

BW 7:00 Martha Sawma from Jim & Maribeth Wojcik

Sunday, August 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

CW 8:30 Catherine Ruberg from Leigh & Jeff

TH 10:30 Margaret Mc Andrews from Julie & Ken Schuermann

TH 12:00 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

Ladies you won't want to miss this! The Second Annual Greater Cincinnati's Catholic Women's Conference, "Do Whatever He Tells You," will take place on October 17, 2015 at Our Lady of Victory Parish (810 Neeb Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45233). Tickets are available at www.CatholicWomenofCincinnati.com Last year it sold out quickly. There is an amazing line up of Speakers, confessions, vendors, visiting with friends and Mass with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. Take a little time for yourself and enjoy this day of spiritual renewal. Bring a friend!

Next weekend is our quarterly St. Vincent De Paul Collection. Ushers will be at the doors. Please be generous.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Charles Robert Rooney and Margaret Adeline Rooney were welcomed into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism on August 15 here at St. Rose.

Paul Anthony Lewis was welcomed into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism on August 16 here at St. Rose.

In the Charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Lillian Donovan** whose funeral Mass was August 18 here at St. Rose.

RCIA Fr. Barry is starting up the RCIA again in September. The classes meet at 10:00am on Saturday at the Cathedral. If you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or would like to learn about the Church invite them to come. For more information call Fr. Barry at 421-5354.

Our CCD Program begins Sept. 13 for grades Kindergarten to 8th grade. Class times are 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Registration will be that morning at 9:00 a.m. Any questions or new families please contact Debbie Wesselman 513-703-8229 or wesselmandmma@aol.com

Bingo Volunteers for Saturday, August 29, Team 3

Marge & Peggy Coffey, Harold Fischer, Jim & Michael Condo, Jim & Lois Sanitato, Helen Weartz, Kim White, Diane Meyer, Mark Gartner, Debbie Wesselman, Kevin Fogarty, Mike Murphy,

Lectors/Lay Distributors for August 29 and 30

7:00 William Russ, Joseph Christmann, Michael Luehrmann, Lou Solimine

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Michael Trotta, Steve Culbertson

10:30 Joseph Sonnefeld, Rich Creighton, Bill Pewther, Bob Sheil,

12:00 John Flick, Patrick Homan, Pat Burke, Barry Savage

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

John

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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Opening Prayer

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

The choice Jesus sets before the disciples in this gospel is deeper than simply “Do you also want to leave?” Jesus is inviting them to come to believe in who he is (“the Holy One of God” given as Bread from heaven) and what he offers (his own Body and Blood for eternal Life). Believing, however, is not mere verbal assent. It must become the lived conviction of choosing to stay with and in the risen Christ. Choosing to stay with Jesus is a way of living modeled on Jesus’ own way of self-giving living.

Choosing Jesus and his teaching requires letting go of what we know of God and allowing God to act in a whole new way toward us. Never before had God demanded so much of God’s people—to give one’s life for others. To share in Jesus’ Body and Blood demands of us this same kind of self-giving. The gift transforms us and in this it makes harsh demands on us, for we become like the Master and can expect to have done to us what the Master had done to him. Choosing to follow Jesus and accept his gift of Self to us is a challenge to see beyond the sacrifice of self-giving and continual dying for the sake of others to the Life that comes from this self-sacrifice. It is always good to remember that Jesus is the Bread of Life. Self-giving always leads to new life and this is why we are able to make the choice to stay with the Master—he has “the words of eternal life.”

Closing Prayers

May we choose to live as members of the Body of Christ nourished by the Bread from heaven.

May we choose to live Eucharist as a concrete expression of our believing in the risen Jesus.

Our Father . . .



For Reflection:

- My eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ deepen my conviction about how I should live as a follower of the risen Christ in these ways . . .
• My belief is borne out in lived conviction when I . . .

Suggestions for group and individual use:

- 1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in The Roman Missal called the “collect”);
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection”;
5. Pray the “Closing Prayers.”

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Gospel

John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus’ disciples who were listening said, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?”

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he said to them, “Does this shock you?

What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending

to where he was before?

It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail.

The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.

But there are some of you who do not believe.”

Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe

and the one who would betray him.

And he said,

“For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me

unless it is granted him by my Father.”



As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?”

Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

Readings for the week:

Table with 7 columns: 21st Sunday in Ord. Time, Monday St. Bartholomew, Apostle, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 22nd Sunday in Ord. Time. Each column lists biblical readings for that day.