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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:30 AM (English)

12 PM (Tiếng Việt)

Tue, Thur, Saturday: 9:00 AM

Mon, Wed, 1st Friday: 6:00 PM

HOLY HOUR / HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

7:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Monday; Wednesday; 1st Friday:

4:00 PM - 5:45 PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Sunday: 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Thursday: After Mass

Saturday: 9:45 AM; 4:00 PM

Or: by appointment



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*Suy niệm theo WAU,
Chúa Nhật 21 Thường Niên A*



**But WHO do you say
that I AM?**

Mt 16:13-20

**21st Sunday In Ordinary Time
08 - 27, 2023**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most memorable images from the pontificate of Pope John Paul II is not his shocked expression as he is hit by a bullet, but rather his tender meeting with his assailant, and his forgiveness. It is far more compelling because, although people are struck by bullets every day, true reconciliation is in relatively short supply. An outside observer might list attempting to kill the pope as an unforgivable sin, but of course we know that forgiveness of sin is woven deeply into our tradition of living as Christ did.

Interestingly enough, the Church took a hard line on these matters early on. Until the second century, people expected Christ's return in the near future, so they deferred judgment to him. Soon, however, bishops began to grant forgiveness for sin after baptism, but only once. What we know as the sacrament of penance takes its life from Jesus' work of reconciliation, but just as scripture shows Jesus forgiving people in one life-changing encounter, so the church granted one chance only. Great sins were the target, such as idolatry, adultery, and murder. Penance was lengthy, difficult, and public, and the bishop was in charge of the process. For the next several weeks, we'll look at subsequent creative and helpful changes in the celebration of this sacrament.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS:

- First reading: Is 22:19-23;

- Psalm: 128

- Second reading: Rom 11:33-36;

- Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

Our Lady, Health of the Sick 08/26



Our Lady, Health of the Sick Our Lady Health of the Sick shrine is in the diocese of Michoacan, to the west of Mexico City. It was erected by the first bishop, the famous Vasco de Quiroga. The Indians of Michoacan, the Tarascans, were nomadic and impatient of all restraint.

The bishop, in whose hands the entire project of civilizing the people was placed, set up the means and paraphernalia of civilization: the Church, hospital, asylums, workshops and tools, and the framework of administration. He laid out a hundred towns in a planned economy. He took every precaution to assure equity and justice, and he worked to develop their love of one another as children of God. He taught them about their Holy Redeemer and about His blessed mother. He erected the shrine of Our Lady of Health, through whose intercession they were to strive for health of soul and health of body. Every advance they made in virtue, every effort toward decent habits of hygiene and sanitation they were to offer as flowers in a garland to La Purisima.

The statue which represented Our Lady of Health came from Europe. The Indians cherished it. They dressed it in elegant robes. They decorated it. They placed it in a chapel shrine. They duplicated it in the wood they carved out of trees. She became a favorite Madonna in western Mexico and northward into the United States. In many places throughout this great extent of territory she is still a favorite Madonna. In some places her title has changed: In Chihuahua, Mexico, she is Our Lady of Chihuahua; in New Mexico, she is Our Lady of Santa Fe. The name has changed but the devotion and the statue are the same .—Excerpted from the Mary Page

SAT: 08/26 (Vigil)	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM	Sandy Simpson (D) <i>By Mr and Mrs Jan & Ken</i>
SUN: 08/27	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	Dennis Hornick (D) <i>By Geraldine Kotch</i>
12:00 PM	Lh. Phêrô Đào Văn Tĩnh (D) <i>By Cô Chú Hồ</i>
MON: 08/28	St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)
6:00 PM	The Lion of Judah - Prayer Group <i>By Eileen Helgeland</i>
TUE: 08/29	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist (Memorial)
9:00 AM	Marie Hepburn (D) <i>By Helen Biester</i>
WED: 08/30	Weekday
6:00 PM	Thanksgiving (L) <i>By Bà Nguyệt</i>
THUR: 08/31	Weekday
9:00 AM	Francis Gamao (D) <i>By Ladies of St. Mary</i>
FRI: 09/01	Weekday
	Cầu cho các linh hồn <i>Bạn Trang & Bảo</i>
SAT: 09/02	Weekday
9:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Hallie Edenfield and Family <i>By Fr. Henry</i>
5:00 PM	Family Thanksgiving, Floris & Kevin Klein <i>From Fr Henry</i>
SUN: 09/03	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	Ray Behr (L) <i>By Mr and Mrs Jan & Ken</i>
12:00 PM	Lh, Giuse Vũ Văn Khải (L) <i>Tuan & Nguyen's Family</i>

READINGS FORTHE WEEK

Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8/Mk 6:17-29
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/Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Twenty - First Sunday In Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Pope Francis'Prayer Intention
09/2023

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Cầu cho những người đang sống bên lề

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện cho những người đang sống bên lề xã hội, trong những điều kiện vô nhân đạo; xin cho họ không bị các tổ chức bỏ qua, và không bị coi thường bao giờ.



21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023 (Mt 16:13-20)

But who do you say that I am?

(Matthew 16:15)

Meditation: Jesus didn't pull any punches with his disciples, did he? Yes, he wanted them to tell him what the crowds were saying about him. But he wasn't just interested in the "word on the street." The most important question that Jesus asked his disciples – the question that made all the difference – was a more personal one: "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15, emphasis added).

It's the question that makes all the difference for you, too. Because being able to explain what other people say about Jesus doesn't really change your life. As you think about who Jesus is, you might hear the echoes of your mother or grandfather telling you that Jesus is the Son of God. You might hear friends or coworkers say that he's a healer or great moral leader. You might hear a teacher or catechist tell you that he is the Messiah. You might hear your parish priest say that he is the Lord of heaven and earth.

But what about you? After all that input from other people, after your own life experiences, who do you say that Jesus is? Find some time today to take this question into your time of prayer. Ask your heavenly Father for the grace – the same grace he gave to Simon Peter in today's Gospel – to reveal Jesus to you more deeply and to convince you more powerfully that he is your Messiah and Savior.

Then tell Jesus who you say that he is. If you felt his presence during a troubled time, praise him for being your best friend and guide. If you experienced the relief and joy of forgiveness, thank him for being your Redeemer and merciful Savior. If you catch a glimpse of his glory at the Father's right hand, worship him for being the Lord of history, the Son of God.

Who we say that Jesus is changes everything. So who is he to you? "Jesus, you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"

Tác giả: Don Schwager—Nguồn: www.dailyscripture.net
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CHÚA NHẬT XXI THƯỜNG NIÊN

Ngày 20/ 27/ 2023 (Mt 16:13-20)

"Còn anh em, anh em bảo Thầy là ai?"

(Matthew 16:15)

Suy niệm: Chúa Giêsu đã không nói thẳng với các môn đệ của mình, phải không? Đúng vậy, Người muốn họ nói với Người những gì đám đông đang nói về Người. Nhưng Người không chỉ quan tâm đến "những lời đồn đại". Câu hỏi quan trọng nhất mà Chúa Giêsu đã hỏi các môn đệ của Người – câu hỏi tạo nên tất cả sự khác biệt – là một câu hỏi mang tính cá nhân hơn: "Anh em bảo Thầy là ai?" (Mt 16,15).

Đó cũng là câu hỏi làm nên tất cả sự khác biệt cho bạn. Bởi vì việc có thể giải thích những gì người khác nói về Chúa Giêsu không thực sự thay đổi cuộc sống của bạn. Khi bạn nghĩ về Chúa Giêsu là ai, bạn có thể nghe những tiếng vọng của mẹ hay ông nội đang nói với bạn rằng Chúa Giêsu là Con Thiên Chúa. Bạn có thể nghe bạn bè hoặc đồng nghiệp nói rằng Chúa là Người chữa lành hoặc một người lãnh đạo luân lý vĩ đại. Bạn có thể nghe một giáo viên hay một giáo lý viên nói với bạn rằng Người là Đấng Mê-si-a. Bạn có thể nghe cha xứ của bạn nói rằng Người là Chúa trên trời và dưới đất.

Nhưng còn bạn thì sao? Sau tất cả những gì bạn nghe được từ người khác, sau những trải nghiệm sống của chính bạn, bạn nói Chúa Giêsu là ai? Hôm nay, bạn hãy tìm thời gian để đưa câu hỏi này vào trong giờ cầu nguyện của bạn. Hãy xin Cha trên trời ân sủng – ân sủng mà Người đã ban cho Simon Phê-rô trong bài Tin Mừng hôm nay – để mạc khải Chúa Giêsu cho bạn cách sâu sắc hơn và để thuyết phục bạn cách mạnh mẽ hơn rằng Người là Đấng Mê-si-a và là Đấng Cứu Độ của bạn.

Rồi hãy thưa với Chúa Giêsu Người là ai. Nếu bạn cảm thấy sự hiện diện của Người trong lúc khó khăn, hãy ca ngợi Người vì Người là người hướng dẫn và là người bạn tốt nhất của bạn. Nếu bạn kinh nghiệm sự nhẹ nhàng và niềm vui của ơn tha thứ, hãy tạ ơn Người vì Người là Đấng Cứu Chuộc và là Đấng Cứu Độ thương xót của bạn. Nếu bạn thoáng nhìn thấy vinh quang của Người bên hữu Chúa Cha, hãy thờ lạy Người vì Người là Chúa của lịch sử, là Con Thiên Chúa.

Người mà chúng ta nói là Chúa Giêsu sẽ thay đổi mọi thứ. Vậy Người là ai đối với bạn? "Lạy Chúa Giêsu, Ngài là Đấng Mê-si-a, là Con Thiên Chúa hằng sống".

Thanks be to God! and thank you very much for all the people of St. Mary's.

- A special thank you to: Modern Nails, Dunkin Donuts, Ingles Starbucks Big A, Walmart, Steve & Mildred Supark, Brother John's Subs, Flora Butler, Cathy Staley, Dawn Woody Leon Womack, Ayen, Huong Doan, Thuy Tien, Duyen Nguyen, Lan Nguyen, Mai Nguyen.
- A special thank to all of people come join with us
- A very special thank you to the Ladies of St. Mary's, the Knight Of Columbus. May God bless what we have done to build our Church, our Community, our faith and love in God and our brothers.



St. Mary's Ladies

The Ladies of St. Mary serve to provide a community of fellowship and growth in faith, reaching out to serve and support our pastor, parish families and the community. We serve God through a commitment and uniting our members through prayer, work and service.



Meet: 2nd Wednesday of the month

- 10 AM: Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov

- 7pm: Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec

Co-Presidents: - Donna: (678) - 851 - 7170

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The Knights of Columbus Joseph M. Malik Council 9975



The Knights of Columbus is a world-wide organization of Catholic Men who are in communion with the Church and function under the four principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The members of Council 9975 are a hardy "Band of Brothers" to coin a phrase, that are dedicated to support our Pastor Fr. Henry Pham in his efforts as leader of our parish here at St. Mary's. For more information please look for any parishioner that is wearing a Bright Yellow Name Tag for more information.

Meeting & Activities

Membership Meetings: the 4th Tuesday /1 month

Parish Breakfasts: on the 1st or 2nd Sunday/1month

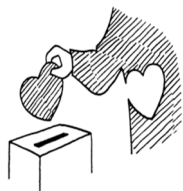
BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Bulletin Submission are to be sent to: stmarystoccoa@gmail.com **NO LATER THAN** noon on **Wednesday** for the bulletin. Late submissions may not be able to be placed.

PARISH MINISTRIES

The list of ministries and contact information is available in the Narthex of the Church and published on our church website: www.stmarystoccoa.org

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES



Please remember to keep up with your Capital Campaign Pledge contribution. By doing this, it will help to keep us on track to make this a successful build. Please make your checks out to St. Mary's Building Fund. Thank you!

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Religious Education will be starting soon please make sure to register your students.

Please reach out to Jessica Burger, if you can support Religious Education in any of the following ways:

- ◆ teaching (we will provide curriculum),
- ◆ breakfast manager (we need someone to organize the weekly breakfasts),
- ◆ or providing breakfast (we feed students each week).

If you have any questions, please contact with Jessica. Thank you very much

Offertory/Contribution Weekend of August 19 & 20, 2023

Weekly Budget	\$ 3,100.00
Offertory	\$1,958.00
Capital Campaign	\$120.00
Feast of Assumption	\$ 900.00
Ladies Guild Fundraising	\$2,444.00

The counters for this week are:

Nancy Williamson, Bill Mercure & Pat Kassal

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Building project update

"Architect Ron Hadaway, John Schiavone (CCSI), and Dave Slezigkey reviewed the bids this week. It was decided to meet with the low bidder, and maybe the second low bidder, to review their scope of work next week. After that the Building Committee will meet at the end of August 2023. Any questions please call Dave Slezigkey 706-779-1833."

Thank you.

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Sharon Cook, Eddie Hallford, Jay McAtee, John Craton, Lucca Fiorillo, Melissa Grigg, James Meyn, Dan Dwyer, Calvin Isbell, Jerry Powell, Alice Marold, Kim Kellams, Danny Carter, Joachim Phạm M. Tường, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr., Robert McGlone, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Rebecca Gonzalez, Joy Powell, Nancy Barbour, Mr Joaquin Fejeran & NH- Madeline Mary Singer, Connie Tirico, Tammy Tweedy, Nancy Sterling, Geneva Alexander and for all others not mentioned here.

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Mrs. Ayen Camilli ((706) 886-2819 ext – 1 or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at: 706 -963-0050 for a loved one who is sick. Our homebound Ministers are please to bring you the Holy Communion and Weekly Bulletin.



In Memory of

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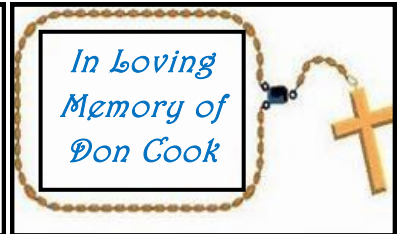


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*In Loving
Memory of
Don Cook*



"Do not forget to do charity work, help one another, for God loves such sacrifices." (Heb 13:16)

"Anh em chớ quên làm việc từ thiện, giúp đỡ lẫn nhau, vì Thiên Chúa ưa thích những hy lễ như thế". (Dt 13, 16)

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