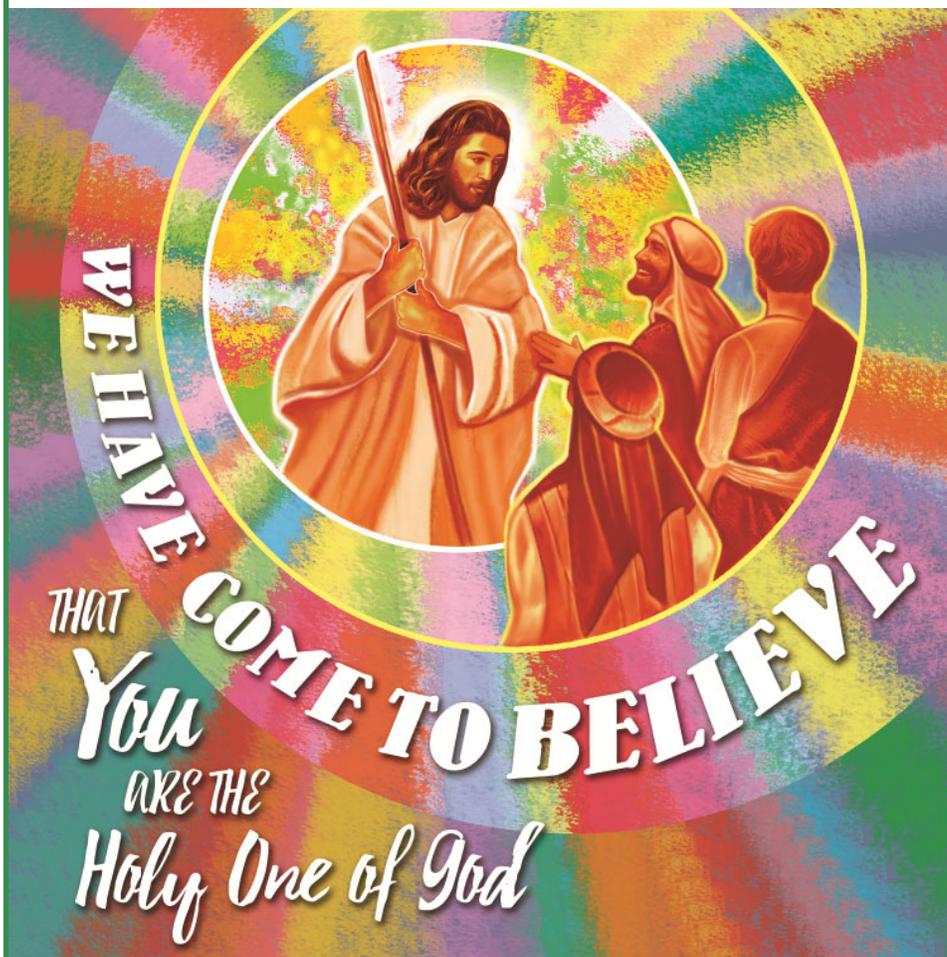


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AUGUST 22, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday in
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
Monday: 8:30 AM
Wednesday: 8:30 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM

MASS AND ADORATION

Tuesday: 8:30 AM Mass
9:00 AM Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Thursday: 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM

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WELCOME

We trust that the message will uplift and encourage you
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The **10:30 Drive In Mass** will continue, please park in the north end of the parking lot. Tune your radio to **90.7 FM**.

Thank you for worshipping with us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 21

4:00 PM Robert Zakroczymski by Pat Zakroczymski †

Sunday August 22

8:30 AM Audrey Terle by Petner Family †

10:30 AM Angelique Johnson Carter by Rosemary Watts †
Rodger & Barbara Horton (51st Wedding Anniversary)
Awomolo Family (In Thanksgiving) by Rita Awomolo

Monday August 23

8:30 AM Olusumbo Ajayi (85th Birthday) by Rita Awomolo
Antancio Soberano by Thelma Montgomery & Oblepias Family

Tuesday August 24

8:30 AM Joseph Adducci. by Wife †

Wednesday August 25

8:30 AM In Memory of Fr. Anthony Talarico

Friday August 27

8:30 AM In Memory of Fr. John Powers

Saturday August 28

4:00 PM Thomas Lanigan & Helen Lanigan by Marilyn Lanigan †
George Samaan by Mary Samaan †

Sunday August 29

8:30 AM In Memory of Fr. Anthony Talarico

10:30 AM Mojisola Majasan (Birthday)

To request a Mass intention in memory of a loved one, for a member of your family, in celebration of an anniversary or birthday, please contact the rectory office or put a note in the weekly collection. The stipend is \$10.



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in the way of Christ
and grow in the
knowledge of God's love.*



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The hosts used at Mass for the Eucharist for the month of **August** is a gift from Catherine Byrd

We are grateful and thank them for their support. To sponsor the wine or hosts for a month in 2022 contact the Rectory office. The donation for wine is \$65 and for hosts is \$45.



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Please pray for the soul of Ronald E. Henning. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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If you or a loved one needs prayers due to an illness, please call the parish office to put your name on the prayer list. Names are kept on the list for four weeks unless we are notified the person has not recovered. Please contact the parish office at 708-333-3550 and leave a message if you would like to have your loved one on the list for another four weeks.

AUGUST SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE



Be sure to put your \$5 \$plit the Pot envelope in the collection box. Additional \$5 envelopes will be available at the church doors. The drawing will be on Wednesday, September 8th after the morning liturgy.

Current Pot \$ 660



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&
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From the Heart...

In the gospel these past several weeks we have heard Jesus telling us He is the Bread of Life. This section of John's gospel (John6:22-59) is known as "The Bread of Life Discourse".
In today's gospel, (Jn 6:60-71) which continues after the Discourse, we hear of many disciples leaving Jesus because it is so difficult to understand what Jesus was telling them. However, those who remained, even though they did not fully understand what Jesus was saying, recognized that He was no ordinary man. He had fed the 5,000 and performed many miracles, and yet, still many walked away from Jesus because they could not understand that He is the source of salvation. As people of faith we come to the mass with open minds and hearts. We come to experience the Presence of God in our Eucharistic Celebration. We come to receive Jesus when we take the Body and Blood of Christ in our hands and consume Him. We not only come to receive Him but He also comes to receive us and consume us. It is a joining of God to humankind in a most personal way. As we receive the flesh and blood of Jesus we become more fully the hands and feet of Christ to witness to the world the Love of God. We come in faith trusting that Jesus is God and His words are true. When our faith is tested and life is challenging, we may want to leave our faith behind. However, just as Jesus asked Peter and the other apostles, "Do you also wish to go away?" (Jn 6:67) Let us stand firm in faith even when we may doubt, and like Peter, respond, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6: 68) *Deacon Tim*



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32).

Gospel — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

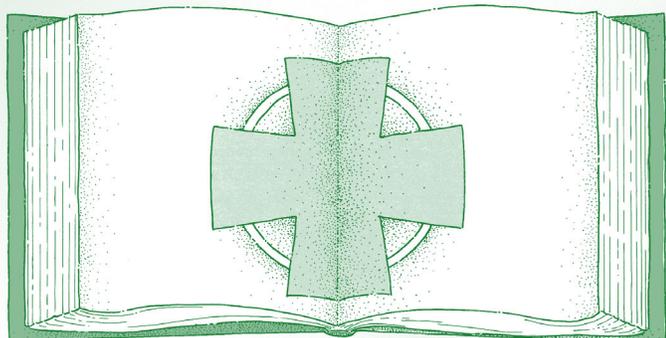
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD. — Joshua 24:15b

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have
insight, you are a thousand times blessed.
—Anonymous

**YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF
ETERNAL LIFE**



Master,
to whom
shall
we go?

Taken Out of Context

If you want to start an argument, try telling your wife that St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians says she should agree with everything you say. I'm sure that many people have taken out of context the line about wives being submissive to their husbands. In fact, the first sentence says they both should be subordinate to one another. (Eph 5:21) And even more important is the last verse: Paul says he is actually talking about Christ and the Church.

So what does Christ show us guys about being subordinate to our wives? Paul mentions the main example: Christ handing himself over for her (the Church) refers to his death on the cross. "Handed over" is a scriptural term for Jesus' giving himself to be crucified. He made it even clearer for them the night before he died: He washed the feet of his disciples and told them to do the same for each other. (Jn 13:14-15) If you ever had your feet washed on Holy Thursday by the pastor, and were humbled by that experience, imagine how it would feel to have the Son of God wash your feet!

Still not sure that subordination is a mutual quality in marriage? Paul explains that marriage is the best example of "love your neighbor as yourself." He quotes Genesis 2:24 about two people becoming one body. So your love for yourself now becomes love for your spouse. Do I love my wife so much that what she needs is as important to me as what I need? Are we willing to listen to each other and support each other? Do we encourage and support each other in our chores and weaknesses? Do we support each other's faith? Ladies, ask yourselves the same questions.

Paul's conclusion is that marriage is a sign of what the church should be. If you ever want to know what the love of Christ for his Church is, look at how a couple in a strong marriage love each other. And if you want to have a good marriage, love each other as Christ loves you. Tom Schmidt, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

DECISIONS

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Do you also want to leave?

My dear friends, today we come across this very beautiful and important question of Jesus to His disciples. Do you also want to leave?

A couple of years ago I met a man at a certain parish who was complaining of so many things at the parish ranging from liturgical music to many collections they had at the parish. Nothing pleased this man at this particular parish. He was planning not only to leave the parish but also to stop going to church. I decided to approach another parishioner and get his views on what was going on. This second parishioner was different, he was positive. He didn't see many Sunday collections and poor liturgical music as a hindrance in practicing his faith.

People in practicing their faith can be discouraged by many things, some may be serious and others very trivial. When you walk around, you will come across people who have left the Catholic Church because the pastor at their local church was not nice, Masses on Sundays were often too long, I couldn't put up with some of the parishioners, parishioners were not welcoming, I wanted my son's baptism to be on Saturday and the pastor insisted it should be on Sunday, my mom's funeral was not well handled by parish, I read some bad stuff on the internet about the Catholic Church and I decided I will no longer go to church, the Archdiocese closed our parish and I was upset and I decided I will never go to church in my life etc. Then comes serious issues like I don't go to church because I'm too old and I can hardly move, my body is in excruciating pain and I can barely concentrate in church etc. When you weight these two sets of reasons you find they are different. When we do evangelization and try to bring people who have left the church back to church we find ourselves compromising with them and we try our best to smile in church and be nice so that people may feel attracted to our congregation and keep coming. In general, in order to sell our faith we have to make it look good and attractive otherwise people will not buy it!

In today's Gospel we see Jesus asking His twelve apostles if they also wanted to leave. This was after other disciples had left him and went back to their former ways of life because his teaching on eating his body and drinking his blood was too difficult for them. In His approach He does not compromise with the people. He gives them options; do you want to stay with me or leave? He is not scared by them leaving. He is fine with few who understand Him, believe Him and are committed to Him. Sometimes we feel discouraged by our numbers in church, our numbers are getting smaller and smaller. Secularism and materialism are deepening their roots and we feel afraid that we will lose the battle. Liberalism even in the church which has its origins in the early 20th century movement called "Modernism" is growing too!! We should not be afraid, those who are committed and love Jesus and His Church will always be faithful. It is not about numbers, it is about our commitment.

In the Lord,
Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura.

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We are in the planning stages now and we hope Genoa can again count on you for another successful drive.

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