

AUGUST 26, 2023 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday: August 26, 2023 Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36;
Matthew 16:13-20

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Anna Sanville, † Evelyn Cole and
† Anthony Rodenas

Sunday: August 27, 2023 Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36;
Matthew 16:13-20

8:30 am St. Edward: † Germain & † Ruby Choiniere and
† Priscilla Royer

9:30 am St. Mary: † Leo & † Claudette Chaput and
† In Memory of David O'Brien

10:30 am St. James: † Helen Belmore

11:00 am St. Mary: † Joseph Maarawi and the Intentions of the
Vocationist Fathers

Monday: August 28, 2023 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10;
Matthew 23:13-22

Saint Augustine: Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 am St. Mary: † John Girard and † Arline Belisle

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Janice Bouchard

5:30 pm St. Edward: Intentions of Fr. Rowland on the 13th
Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood

Tuesday: August 29, 2023 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Mark 6:17-29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9:00 am St. Mary: † Harold Kelley and † Adelard Poginy

4:00 pm St. Mary: Members of the Goulet Family

Wednesday: August 30, 2023 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13;
Matthew 23:27-32

9:00 am St. Mary: † Dorothy Begin

4:00 pm St. Mary: Parishioners of St. Mary's who are Sick

Thursday: August 31, 2023 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51

9:00 am St. Mary: Teachers & Students beginning a new School
Year

2:00 pm Northern State Correctional Facility: Intentions of Inmates

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Leo & † Jacqueline Isabelle, † Celeste
Isabelle & † Will Strouse

Friday: Sept. 1, 2023 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13

FIRST FRIDAY: Anointing of the Sick at all Masses

9:00 am St. Mary: † Diana Brennan

11:00 am St. James: Parishioners of St. James who are Sick

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Lawrence & † Janalene Fournier

5:30 pm St. Edward: Parishioners of St. Edward's who are Sick

Saturday: Sept. 2, 2023 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

9:00 am St. Mary: † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday: Sept. 2, 2023 Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2;
Matthew 16:21-27

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Leo & † Jacqueline Isabelle, † Celeste
Isabelle & † Will Strouse

Sunday: Sept. 3, 2023 Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2;
Matthew 16:21-27

8:30 am St. Edward: † Albert & † Theresa Fortin and † Patricia
Place & † Michael Place

9:30 am St. Mary: † Roland & † June Desrochers and
† Leonard Lizotte

10:30 am St. James: † Barbara Testut

11:00 am St. Mary: † Jordan Carpenter and the Intentions of the
Vocationist Fathers

Saturday: August 26, 2023

8:00 am – 1:00 pm St. Monica in Barre: Graces
of the Kingdom w/all priests

3:00 pm St. Mary: Confession w/Fr. Jim

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Sunday: August 27, 2023

9:00 am Sacred Heart in Troy: Holy Mass
w/Fr. Rijo

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Monday: August 28, 2023

10:00 am St. Edward: Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament w/Fr. Tom

10:00 am – 12:30 pm St. Edward: Adoration

11:00 am Island Pond: Graveside Service for
Barbara Testut w/Fr. Jim

12:30 pm St. Edward: Benediction w/Fr. Tom

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Tuesday: August 29, 2023

3:00 pm St. Mary: Coordinators' Meeting
for coordinators from all churches w/Fr. Rijo

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Wednesday: August 30, 2023

9:30 am St. Mary: Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament w/Fr. Rijo

9:30 am – 3:30 pm St. Mary: Adoration

3:30 pm St. Mary: Benediction w/Fr. Rijo

6:00 pm St. Mary or on Zoom: Bible Class
w/Fr. Rijo

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Thursday: August 31, 2023

9:30 am NCH: Hospital Visits w/Fr. Tom

2:00 pm NSCF: Prison Ministry w/Fr. Tom

7:00 pm St. Mary: Mystagogy w/Fred Barker

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Friday: September 1, 2023

First Friday: Anointing of the Sick at all Masses

10:30 am St. James: Adoration w/Fr. Jim

2:00 pm St. Mary: VAUS Prayer Group w/Fr. Rijo

6:00 pm St. Edward: Bible Class w/Fr. Tom

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Saturday: September 2, 2023

3:00 pm St. Mary: Confession w/Fr. Jim

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Sunday: September 3, 2023

9:00 am Sacred Heart in Troy: Holy Mass
w/Fr. Rijo

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

2023 Prayer List



Jo-Ann Alsgaard	Skip Lambert
Tracy Ashman	Elaine Langevin
Arthur Aulis	Elizabeth Langevin
Joanne Aulis	Mary Lou Lantagne
Chris & Betty Barrett	Robbie Lynn Leblanc
Jeanne Beaudry	Rose Lebeau
Tanner Blais	Ben Leblond
Betty Blair	Leo Leduc
Ronda Blanchard	Midge Lessard
Raymond Bowen, Sr.	Roger Lessard
Max Buck	Alicia Letourneau
Cindy Chaffee	Marc Letourneau
Sara Chaput	Bianca MacKay
Kevin Charboneau	Ezra Mann
Jean Christenberry	Ruth Marsh
Ann Collins	Phyllis Mayo
Adele Comeau	Bill McCormack
Claire Comeau	Paul McCoy
Steve Comeau	Bill McDonnell
Patty Cote	Paul Meunier
Paul Cote	Baby Julia Messier
Jacques Couture	Phil & Purie Mesina
Bernard Crowson	Fr. Curtis Miller
Peter Curtice	Rita Moulton
Emily Daddona	Helen & Tom Mullin
Gisele Damon	Joshua Noble
Mark Daignault	John Olson
Tony & Margo Daniels	Lorraine Orsini
Marcel Deslandes	Shirley Osborne
Jean Diette	Andrea Peden
Katre Dirth	Michael Pinard
David Drown	Joe Punk
Pierre Dupuis	Andy Ricard
Brandy Edwards	Claire Risicato
Rhonda Fletcher	Robert Rivers
Yvon Fortin	Roger Roberge, Jr.
Cindy Fournier	Timothy Roberge
Macie Fournier	Fr. Shawn Roberson
Shirley Fournier	Gerry Royer
Helen Gagnon	Pamela Ruigh
Anita Gervais	Cecilia St. George
Nunzia Phil Give	Denise Sanville
Nancy Goad	Nicholas Scarpelli
Rita Gobeil	Scott & Sean
Shirley Hand	Tara Selby
Paul Hazelton	David Shmidt
Beverly Hebert	Leland Sloan
Kathy Howes	Brenda Stuart
Deborah Hrdlicka	Kathleen Sweeney
Danielle Huntington	Joe Tepe Family
James Kavenaugh	Tiffany Tidrow
Kristi	Michael Trudo
Lorraine Jensen	Wayne Valley
John	Clarence Vandeymark
Helene LaBelle	Lucille Wing
Rita LaBelle	Yvonne Wood
Don Labitzke	Wendy Wooden
Anne Lalime	Dino Young



"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Today's Gospel from Matthew is a turning point in the ministry of Jesus. Alone with His

Disciples, Jesus asks them: "Who do people say that I am?" Some say John the Baptist, who, by this time has been beheaded by King Herod; others say Elijah, or Jeremiah, or another great prophet from the past.

Then Jesus gets to the point. "*Who do you say that I am?*" And Peter, impetuous Peter, whose mouth often gets him in trouble, boldly proclaims that Jesus is Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus realizes, of course, that it is His Heavenly Father who has revealed His true identity to Peter. In response, Jesus tells him that he is Peter, the Rock, upon whom He will build His Church. And so the Catholic Church, Christ's Church, begins.

But Jesus is not only questioning His Disciples in today's Gospel. "*Who do you say that I am?*" YOU! Not two centuries ago; not even a hundred years ago. Not all the theologians or saints like St. Augustine, whose feast day we celebrate on Monday. It doesn't really matter what they said or thought about Jesus, because Jesus today, here and now, is asking us the same thing: "*But who do you say that I am?*"

What Jesus says in today's Gospel is important to all of us. If we stand up when He whispers: *Who do you say that I am?*" and answer "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God", we make ourselves His disciples. And in becoming His disciples, Jesus teaches us that there are really only two realities left in our lives.

The first reality is faith. Acknowledging and truly believing that Jesus is the Son of God is an act of faith - of giving ourselves totally and completely to Him.

The second reality is an act of love. By building his Church upon Peter, the Rock, Jesus is establishing a community of men and women, ordinary people like Peter - and us, full of weaknesses, belonging to this earthly life, and subject to the misfortunes, pains, and difficulties of this life. But by joining this community, we are also able to become one with God's Son, Jesus. God sent His Son, Jesus to redeem us by dying for our sins: God's supreme act of love for us.

There is a third reality that is part of that love: service to others. God loves us and He serves us. And He asks us to join Him in loving and serving one another. But what happens when we fail to live the realities of faith, love, and service? Thankfully, Jesus is always with us, and each time we fall, He is there to lift us up, extend His hand, and invite us to go with Him. Get back up, take His hand and accept His invitation, and follow Him wherever He takes you.

Lord, You are my Rock and my Redeemer. You have called me by name and rescued me from my sins. I belong to You. You are my Savior in every part of my life. You give me everything I need. Help me to rely on You. I love You.