

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

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The Twentieth First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2023



Parish Mission Statement:

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church is a multi-cultural faith community in the historic St. Roch neighborhood. With the support of the Archbishop, we commit ourselves to prayer and service in our community. We are one family centered around Jesus and the Eucharist. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are working to build the kingdom of God.

Parish is staffed
by **The Divine
Word Missionaries**

Parish Staff

Pastor

Rev. Leon Ngandu SVD

Secretary

Mrs. Carol Ali Jenkins

Housekeeper

Deirdra M. Humphrey

Catechetical Leader

Danielle Bennette Dukes

Director of Music Ministry

Mr. Richard Cheri

Vigil Mass Organist

Dr. S. Carver Davenport

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9:00am - 3:00pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Evening Mass
6:00pm Tuesday

Morning Mass
12:00pm
Wednesday-Friday

Weekend Mass
Schedule
4:00pm Saturday Mass
10:00am Sunday Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00-3:45pm
and by appointment.

Parish Ministries

Pastoral Council
Eric Pepin

Finance Council
Eric Johnson

Environment Ministry
Eric & Sabera Pepin

Building & Grounds
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Prayer Corner

Mass Intentions:

Lorraine Magee, Ethel Henderson, William J. Neylan Jr., Bishop Fernand Cheri, Katherine Florent, Connie Green, Gladys Maugerite Epps Cheri, Brenda Savoy, Margie Faciane, Annie P. Oliver, Nelda Millon, Sybil Rattley, Warren Baudy Sr.

(Donation \$5.00)

The Sanctuary Candle: Burns this week for

Rita Rose Weaver, Shirley Vaughn.

Offered by: Family and Friends

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

Henry McCloskey, Matthew McKendall, Joan Humphrey, Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ, Ursula Crowden, Lucy George, Beulah St. Junior, Emma Sampson, Victor DuRapau Jr., Lucien Peters, Gloria & Raymond Lewis, Ginger Lewis, Erin Palmer, Sylvia Barrois, Tiara Jenkins, Henry & Margie Pratcher, Hallie & Owen Pratcher, Willie Solomon, Doris Westrey, Charles Harrison, Leah Chambers, Ernest Gabriel III, Brenda Bazile, Joann Goodman, Diane Dooley, Marilyn Johnson and Helen Steward.

Weekly Income for August 19-20, 2023

Saturday & Sunday	\$1,839.41
Parish Assessment	\$205.00
Assumption	\$140.00
Building Fund	\$75.00
Offertory Online	\$1,359.00
Food Pantry Online	\$50.00
Parish Assessment Online	\$15.00
Total	\$3,683.41

Thank You: for your continued generosity and support! Please remember that it takes **\$6,100.00** per week to cover the Parish's operating expenses.

Bible Readings For the Week

Sunday Is 22:19-23	Rom 11:33-36	Mt 16:13-20
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

Pastor's Corner

**God is Good all the time!
And all the time God is Good.**



August 27, 2023

**The 21st Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

Theme: "Who Do you Say that I am?"

In the Gospel today, Jesus did a kind of survey to find out what the people and his own disciples say that he is. The disciples reported to him that the people think he is John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. For Simon "Peter" who spoke on behalf of his fellow disciples, Jesus is not whom other people think but rather the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Because of Peter's confession, Jesus promised to build his Church upon him whose new name "Peter" means "Rock". Jesus reassured them that the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against this Church. He also promised to give Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever Peter binds shall be bound in heaven, and whatever he looses on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Through this Gospel, the Church, our mother, calls us to meditate on three points. The first point is Christology (when we focus on Peter's confession regarding Jesus' divine identity). The second point is Ecclesiology (when we reflect on the Church that Jesus promised to build upon Peter.) And the third point is the Sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation (when we meditate on the authority that Jesus gave to the Church through Peter and his successors to forgive sins or return them).

Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. He initiated his Church so that we his people gather together and pray to God. Knowing that we are human beings, many times we sin, he instituted the sacrament of confession to bring us back to God whenever we go astray through our sins. Let us ask ourselves these questions: Do I confess that Jesus is the Messiah? Do I come to Jesus' Church (our parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea), especially on weekends? Do I use the sacrament of confession regularly? Amen.

Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD



Parish Guidelines

Registered Parishioners:

Registered parishioners are those who have submitted a form to the parish office and use parish support envelopes consistently.

CCD & RCIA

School of Religion (CCD) classes meet on Sundays only for children K-12 who are attending public schools. RCIA classes are for adults who are wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church. See Danielle Bennette Dukes for more information.

Funerals:

Please contact the parish office **BEFORE** finalizing any arrangements with a funeral home.


Baptism:

Parents must be registered members of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church or another Catholic Parish for at least six months. Godparents **MUST** be confirmed Catholics. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class prior to the baptism. Call the office for more information.

Marriage:

The rules of the Diocese require at least a 6-month marriage preparation period prior to a wedding. Contact the church office **BEFORE** making any arrangements and to receive complete instructions.


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