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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2020

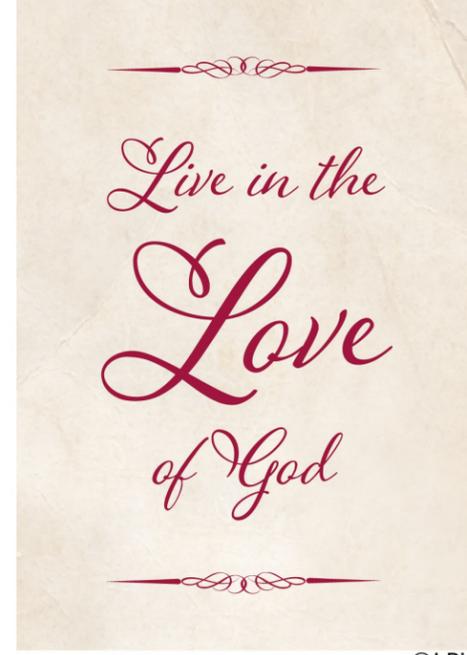
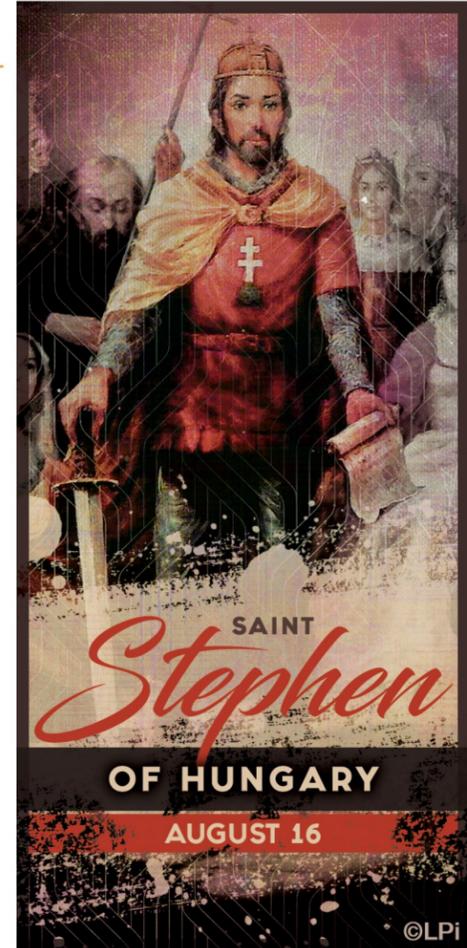
- SUN 8/16** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
- MON 8/17** Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
- TUE 8/18** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30
- WED 8/19** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
- THR 8/20** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
- FRI 8/21** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
- SAT 8/22** Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
- SUN 8/23** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2020

- Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday:** St. John Eudes, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Pius X, Pope
- Saturday:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

As much as some folks may not want to admit it, we all want to be healed. Human beings suffer physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. There are many wounds. Of all of the maladies that can afflict us, the ones that require the greatest attention are of a spiritual nature. What can happen if we are healed inwardly, brought back to center, and restored in our relationships, especially in our relationship with God? We will find the courage, strength, conviction, and hope needed to deal with the more tangible struggles that may not find an easy remedy. Inner strength, gained by persistent faith, is what allows strong, determined, and courageous people to overcome incredible challenges and hurdles. Be persistent in your faith, and seek the inner spiritual healing that you so desperately desire and need.



COMMUNION
 (drive-thru under the porch
 at the Family Center)
Saturday, August 15 from 5:20 to 5:30 pm
Sunday, August 16 from 9:50 to 10:00 am

Bishop Toups' Visit
Tuesday, September 1, 2020
Family Center, 6:30pm

CCE Registration
 Keep your eye on the bulletin for
 further announcements.

PRAYER REQUESTS
Please pray for: Wayne Norton, Thelma West, Jim Williams, Bill Batic, Martin & Claudia Nash, Doris Rossi, Debbie Graham, Walter Overstreet, Wyatt Ellis, James Byrd; David Byrne, Jhoanna Crawford-Schraver, Dillon Britton; Randy Griffith, Norton Leger, Don Watt, Ted Koch, Linda Dipuccio, Fr. Frank Rossi, Shirley Anderson, all healthcare workers

Homebound/Nursing Home: Mary Goodwine, Agnes Smith, Audrey Douzant, Lucille Muzny, Evelyn Schima, Loyce Didner, Mirley Trahan, Merle Kucera, Teresa Dale, Evelyn Sienkiewicz, Leola Kimball, Jeannette Borque

Rest of the soul: Royce McKee, Mike Paddie, Kathryn Howell; Louis Matthews

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.

Rules to block the Spread of the Coronavirus

- ◆ Strict limit of only 35 people per Mass in the Church
- ◆ Overflow in Parish Hall, communion distributed
- ◆ No physical contact on the Church grounds
- ◆ Must wear face masks
- ◆ Temperature will be checked
- ◆ Hand sanitizer must used when entering and exiting
- ◆ Mandatory 6 feet social distancing
- ◆ Social distancing if sitting in pews with non-family
- ◆ No hand holding or touching at the Our Father or the Sign of Peace
- ◆ The Church will be disinfected before & after Mass
- ◆ Limited singing by the Assembly
- ◆ For Holy Communion, follow the Ushers' guidance
- ◆ Communion is received **only** in the hand
- ◆ The Ushers will guide you for dismissal
- ◆ No congregating after Mass



Exploring the Catholic Faith
 If you would like to become Catholic or would like more information about the Catholic Church, consider the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* program. Each year thousands of people around the world enter the church, traditionally during the Easter Vigil. We will be continuing to prepare people to join the Church, though we do not know yet what part of the process will be virtual and what will be in person. Contact the OLOP office at (409) 283-5367 or Maureen Peltier at (713) 582-9838 or maureen@mpeltier.com for more information.

The Giving of Treasure

Question:
 Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:
 Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTOR

Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00pm.