

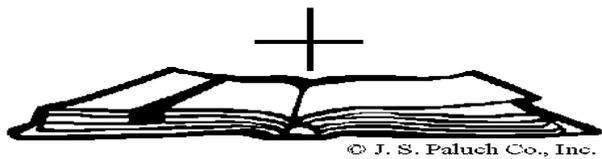
**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 18, 2019**

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.  
— *Hebrews 12:2*

**LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS**

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

**Mass Intentions**



**Sat., Aug. 17, 4:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Thomas Pitre, Amy Goff, Earline Mauthe, Christie Armstrong (L), Milsap Family (L), Dick and Ruthi Olson (L), For Thanksgiving

**Sun., Aug. 18, 7:30 a.m.** Parishioners

**Sun., Aug. 18, 9:15 a.m.** Carol Pieri

**Sun., Aug. 18, 11:00 a.m.** Bob Pecunia, Bruno Touchard, Joseph Legnon, Joan Hoffman, Connie Tyler, Carol Bollinger (L), Gene Vizzini (L)

**Mon., Aug. 19, 8:00 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mule'

**Tues., Aug. 20** NO MASS

**Wed., Aug. 21, 8:00 a.m.** Juan Navarrette

**Thurs., Aug. 22, 8:00 a.m.** Ray Bovia Jr.

**Fri., Aug. 23, 8:00 a.m.** Gertrude Newfield

**Sat., Aug. 24, 4:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Larry Kass, Huval Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Thomas Pitre, Amy Goff, Earline Mauthe, Milsap Family (L), Marty Murphy (L)

**Sun., Aug. 25, 7:30 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mule', Carol Pieri, David Tucker, Gloria Fabre, Ruth Christie, Joan Hoffman, Madeline Maggio Von Almen, Sal Mule' (L), Tuck Tucker (L), Most Reverend Archbishop Gregory Aymond (L)

**Sun., Aug. 25, 9:15 a.m.** Parishioners

**Sun., Aug. 25, 11:00 a.m.** Audrey Eiermann

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. John Eudes  
Tuesday: St. Bernard  
Wednesday: St. Pius X  
Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Friday: St. Rose of Lima  
Saturday: St. Bartholomew

**PRAYER LIST**

Helen Lafleur	James Michael Cole
Scott St. Romaine	Michael Estrada
Lou Lavedan	Billy Cahill
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Audrey Maracich	Florence Hoffman
Sylvia Callahan	Trey Pertuit
Max Jones	

Please remember these parishioners and friends in your prayers. May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and restored soon to the full active life of our community and their families.

**Weekly Collections**  
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Envelopes	\$ 2,065.00
Loose	\$ 1,959.25
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 95.00

**THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:**

Sanctuary	Michael Holmes (L)
Blessed Mother	Alexander Bradford
St. Joseph	Katie Carlin (L)
St. Ann	Greg Stahel (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers on the Altar are in memory of

**Steve Berger**

**MINISTRY HEAD MEETING**

Fr. Vincent is asking all ministry leaders of St. John's to attend a gathering for an information meeting of each ministry or committee on this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in Odilo Hall.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the office.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

## RCIA

### ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic Church?
- Is an adult who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized in another Christian religion, but may be interested in the Catholic Faith?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to discern if God is calling them to continue their faith journey as Catholics. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the office at 985-796-3806

## PIVOTAL PLAYERS

On Wednesday August 28th at 7:00 PM in the Jonathan Hall library, we will study St. Augustine, who is perhaps the premier example of how faith in Jesus Christ can change a person. In an age when people insist upon sharp demarcations between spirituality and religion, or between Christ and the Church, St. Augustine provides a unifying way forward. We do not have to choose one way or the other, but are chosen by Christ for His Church.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS!

This Rite of Enrollment ceremony marks the beginning of a "journey of faith" for children who are in the sacramental formation process. It is also a sign to the larger community that all of us have a role in the formation of anyone in the parish. On Sunday, August 25th at the 11:00 a.m. St. John's confirmation candidates will sign the Rite of Enrollment book. They are: Justin Basse, Ethan Cancienne, Mia Castagnetta, Elis Ramirez and Rosi Sandoval.

**PSR needs a volunteer teacher for seventh grade to teach on Wednesday nights from Sept. thru May from 6:15-7:30. If you love children and want to share your faith, please consider volunteering. The books are easy to follow; the teacher's guide has all the answers! If interested please call the office at 796-3806.**

**The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets in front of church on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> after all masses. The K.C.'s annual Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please consider purchasing raffle tickets to support the K.C.'s Council at St. John's Church.**

## WILLWOODS MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT:

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at the newly renovated St. Joseph Abbey's Christian Life Retreat Center in Covington, LA on August 24-25, 2019.

A Married Couples Retreat does not mean that someone is failing but rather it is a falling into the arms of our Lord. It is a weekend dedicated to giving you and your beloved the opportunity to find rest, strength, and enrichment, which is something we all need! A once a year commitment to attending a retreat as a couple is a great habit that will bless and deepen your love for God and each other!

To register, call (504) 830-3716 or visit [ww.FaithandMarriage.org](http://ww.FaithandMarriage.org). A suggested donation is requested but not required. Cost should never be a reason why a couple cannot make a weekend! You may download a flyer here.

You are invited to a Magnificat Breakfast, a Ministry to Catholic Women, on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at Benedict's Plantation from 9 a.m. till noon. Tickets are on sale now in the St. John's Church office and are \$16.00 each. The deadline for purchasing tickets is this Thursday. No tickets will be sold at the door.

## REMINDERS!

The next Knights of Columbus meeting is on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall

First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month

Monday Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. in the Library

Men's group meets at 7:00 p.m. in Library every Thursday except second Thursday

Catch Fire Youth Group will meet Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> in Odilo Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Centennial Committee Meeting, Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. in the office

## OCCUPANCY

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place.