



“WHO DO YOU SAY  
THAT I AM?”

Rev. Msgr. John A. Ecker



This question of Jesus directed towards His first disciples was responded to by Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” An answer prompted by a deeper inspiration from God, the Father. What if Jesus was to stand here before us today and He was to ask the same question of us, because He does ask each of us, “Who do you say I am?”

We know how we should answer — the same answer as given by Peter. But, are we convinced of our answer? Does our life reflect the truth of that response? Often people or missionaries from different churches might ask you, “Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?”

I hope and pray that everyone here could and would respond with a definitive and enthusiastic “Yes!”.

Accepting Jesus as our personal Savior entails much more than a verbal “Yes”. It involves a life-long commitment to live lives reflective of our personal acceptance of Jesus into our lives. It is not just a one-time agreement, but a continuing effort at personal change to grow into becoming more like Him; in re-forming our lives and continually striving to live that answer — a resounding “Yes!”

As we contemplate today’s Gospel message, may we ask the same question of ourselves as Jesus asked his first disciples, “WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”



LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1169

Processional Hymn      How Firm a Foundation      No. 687  
Gloria      No. 322

Responsorial Psalm 138  
*Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of hands.*

Gospel Acclamation  
*You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church  
And the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.*

Offertory      Jesus, Lead the Way      No. 715  
Holy, Holy, Holy      No. 365  
Memorial Acclamation      No. 366  
Amen      No. 367

Lamb of God      *from Mass of Creation*

Communion Hymn      Come to the Banquet.      No. 928  
Your Are the Way      No. 682  
Recessional Hymn      I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say      No. 707

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**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:30PM  
(Closed 12:00 Noon-1:00PM)  
**Weekend Mass Schedule**  
Saturday: 5:30PM & 7PM (Spanish)  
Sunday: 7, 9, 11AM, 1PM (Spanish) &  
7:00PM Life Teen

**Daily Mass Schedule**  
Monday, Wednesday Friday: 7AM  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8AM  
Spanish Mass Tuesday: 7:00PM

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 4:00PM or by Appointment

**Baptisms**  
Please call Parish Office

**Weddings**  
Four months preparation required

**Adoration**  
Fridays 7:30AM-6:00PM Benediction

**Monday Evening Prayer**  
Weekly 5:30PM-Chapel

Complete Staff listing inside.



# 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2023

M Aug. 28 St. Augustine  
T Aug. 29 Passion of St. John the Baptist  
W Aug. 30 Weekday

TH Aug. 31 Weekday  
F Sept. 1 Weekday  
S Sept. 2 Weekday

LAST WEEK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING TOTAL: **\$12,771.40**

### COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES

Beginning the Feast of Assumption of Mary, we resumed offering Eucharist under both species of bread and wine. This is a matter of personal choice—no obligation or pressure. The total Christ is received either under one or both species.

If you wish to avail yourself of this privilege, after you have received and consumed the host, approach the minister of the cup who will present the cup to you with “the blood of Christ” and you respond “Amen”. Then take a sip of the cup PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DIP YOUR HOST INTO THE CUP. Church discipline allows only to ordained clerics or officially designated acolytes. Thank you for your cooperation!

### LIFETEEN & SPY EDGE

Are looking for dedicated volunteers to help lead our High School and Middle School programs. If you are interested, contact Shawn at (509) 902-7150 or e-mail at [stpaullifeteen@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaullifeteen@hotmail.com).

### GRADE-SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for this coming 2023/2024 year will continue next week in the office.

**1st Year Religious Ed** - Classes will be held **Sundays** from 11:00am-12:45pm. The first day of class will be on Sept. 17th at St. Paul's Cathedral School.

**2nd Year Sacramental Prep** - Classes will be held **Tuesdays** from 5:15pm-6:45pm. The first day of class will be on Sept. 19th at St. Paul's Cathedral School.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Are looking for Catholic men who may be interested in following Blessed Michael McGivney's mission to protect Catholic families in our area as an Insurance Program Field Agent. This is full time work. It is not necessary to be a Knight of Columbus to apply. Training will be provided. If interested contact Daniel O'Keefe, Assistant General Agent 360-808-2052 [daniel.okeefe@kofc.org](mailto:daniel.okeefe@kofc.org)

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### ONLINE

## Sunday Offering

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING!



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION



“To offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”  
*Pope Francis* (Aug. 2015).

**This Friday, Sept. 1st** has been set aside as the annual observance of this day.

### LABOR DAY 2023

On the first Monday, September 4th, we will offer Mass all working people and those who have worked in the past, for the sanctification of their labor. Mass will be in our Cathedral at 9:00am (NO 7:00am Mass).



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**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE/ITALY**  
October 13-24, 2023. Contact Father Richard Sedlacek, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church (1107 W. Fremont Ave. Selah, WA 98942) at 509-539-0037 or [Adameks@msn.com](mailto:Adameks@msn.com)

### ABUSE HOTLINE

Our Diocese has this private line for those wishing to report incidents of sexual abuse regarding clergy, diocesan, or church employees or volunteers.  
**1-888-276-4490**



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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Twenty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



### ST. VINCENT CENTERS

Support St. Vincent Center Food Bank by helping with daily operations. Volunteers are needed Monday and Thursday from 9AM-12PM and Thursday from 3-5PM to help prepare donations, re-stock shelves, assemble boxes and perform light janitorial tasks. We would love to have you join our team! Go to <https://catholiccharitiescw.org/services/involvement/volunteer-opportunities> to begin the process of becoming a volunteer.

### CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Rehearsals and in-place singing will resume the first part of September. All our choirs are searching for new members. If you are interested, please contact the music director or choir leader after Mass this week. Thank you! We are still looking for children to form a new Childrens' Choir and for bell ringers!

### WHOLEHEARTED

On Saturday, September 30, St. Patrick's in Pasco will host a Wholehearted Women's Gathering. Wholehearted is a one day retreat offering inspirational talks, Adoration, Reconciliation, moving music, and much more. Limited tickets go on sale at Eventbrite on August 15 at 7am. For more information email [wholeheartedpasco@gmail.com](mailto:wholeheartedpasco@gmail.com) or call April Burris at 509-987-6279.

### ALTAR SOCIETY?

Your Cathedral Parish is in need of devoted parishioners to re-establish an altar society to care for the vestments, altar linens and cleanliness of our cloths and hangings, banners and Church decoration. Pray about your possible participation in this endeavor. Please call Msgr. Ecker.



### PRAYER GROUP

**Do you feel the nudge to go deeper?**  
Wednesday Evenings 5:30-6:30pm, join us in the chapel and IGNITE a deeper trust, surrender and obedience to Christ. *Starting in September.*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



**TO:** Wendy Alguard, Andrew Richardson, Anthony Soria, Lily Lopez, Gerry McGree, Codey Rochelle Nonnenmachen, Donald Ballew, Juanita Kranz, Michelle Prado, Rhonda Wellner, Carol Alexander, Ryan Gilliam, Lee Cathleen Hanses, Jonathan Hernandez, Jack Maris, Rosie Sziebert, Robert Valicoff, Sr., and to all who celebrate this week!