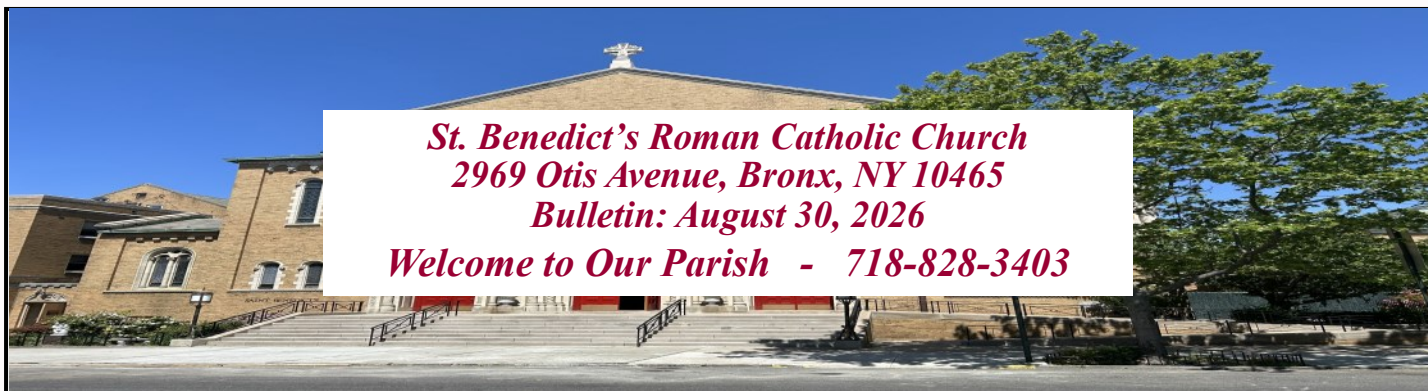




St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465
Bulletin: August 30, 2026
Welcome to Our Parish - 718-828-3403



Religious Education

REGISTRATION for 2026-2027 IS NOW OPEN
for Religious Ed (CCD) and Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd (CGS)

ONLINE REGISTRATION for both our Parish programs is available on our Parish website @stbenedictchurchny.org. All information regarding program fees, class times and dates, along with the registration form and online payment option are also available on our Parish website.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION upon request. Please email Maria Pirraglia at: reled@stbenedictsschool.com to schedule an appointment.

The Seven Sacraments



Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist,
 Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick,
 Holy Orders, Marriage

This is an Invitation to ALL Adults who have not received their sacraments. You are invited to attend classes here at Saint Benedict's starting the end of September 2026. If you are interested, please come to the rectory to register. Any questions, please go to: Rectory@stbenedictchurchny.com or call 718-828-3403, x101. Thank you.

St. Benedict's School Registration

We know summer is well underway, but time flies and pretty soon we have to get back into school mode. If you are thinking about what school to place your child in for this coming September, one way to show love to your children is to offer them a catholic school education. So, please feel free to contact St. Benedict School at your convenience to set up a tour. **Registration for the 2026/2027 school year is OPEN and we have availability in all grades.** If you are looking to apply you may do so by going online to our website at **stbenedictschoolbx.org** and clicking APPLY NOW. SBS serves grades PK-3 students all the way through 8th grade. PK classes are curriculum based and 8th graders are guided and prepared to enter high school. PK-3 must be aged 3 by 12/31/2026 and PK-4 must be aged 4 by 12/31/2026. **Financial aid for the 2026/2027 school year will be available to the families with students FULLY REGISTERED and ENROLLED in grades KINDERGARTEN through 8th grade and is on a first come, first served basis.** You may contact the school at 718-829-9557 for further information about our school and to set up a one-on-one tour.

Have a blessed, safe and enjoyable rest of the summer!

CLERGY:

Reverend Fr. Nikolin Pergjini
 Pastor

Reverend Fr. David L. Birkdale
 Parochial Vicar

Deacon Nestor Halpern

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekdays: Monday through Friday
 8:30am

Saturdays: 8:30am and 4:00pm
 (Saturday Evening Vigil)

Sundays: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
 11:00am, 5:00pm

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, August 30th; Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Rosemarie Belluzzi
8:00 Carmine and Carmela Romano
9:30 Olivia Pignatelli
11:00 Javier Fontan
5:00 Miguel Rodriguez

MONDAY, August 31st

8:30 Michael Driscoll

TUESDAY, September 1st

8:30 Danilo Diaz

WEDNESDAY, September 2nd

8:30 Margaret and Lester Kamocsai

THURSDAY, September 3rd; Saint Gregory the Great

8:30 Domenick Viscogliosi

FRIDAY, September 4th

8:30 Sebastian and Theresa Bartolotto

SATURDAY, September 5th; Saint Teresa of Calcutta

8:30 Mary Elizabeth O'Neill
4:00 Angelo D'Onofrio

SUNDAY, September 6th; Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Johanna Livesay "Living"
8:00 Domenico and Maria Del Vecchio
9:30 Michelangelo Cipollone
11:00 Christopher Jonathan Brown
5:00 St. Benedict Parish

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR BREAD, WINE, AND ALTAR CANDLES HAVE BEEN DONATED BY:

The Belluzzi Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Rosemarie Belluzzi

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Your Loving Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Frank Di Giannantonio
Happy Heavenly 100th Birthday

THIS WEEK'S ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES HAVE BEEN DONATED BY:

Annemarie Marino
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Mary Angela Kalanz

In Loving Memory of John Myers

Our family wants to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has reached out with messages of love, prayers, and support during this incredibly painful time. Your kindness has brought us immense comfort.

We invite family and friends to join us as we honor and celebrate John's remarkable life and legacy.

Service Details:

Date: Friday, September 25th

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: St. Benedict Church

This loss is profound and we continue to pray for strength during this difficult time. Thank you for keeping us in your hearts.

With love,
Anne Myers

BUS TRIP TO PADRE PIO

Monday, September 21, 2026

National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Rd, Barto, Pa
Depart 8:00am from the Bruckner Blvd side
Depart 4:00pm from Barto, PA

\$60.00 per person round trip (No Refunds)

Bring your own lunch

THERE ARE NO MORE SEATS AVAILABLE!!!

SAVE THE DATES - 2026

- St. Benedict's Women's Cornerstone Retreat will be **Oct. 2nd and 3rd**
- St. Benedict's Men's Cornerstone Retreat will be **Oct. 23rd and 24th**

There will be more information next weekend

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased Members of Our Parish and their Grieving Families:

Augustin Bayon, Larry Echevarria, Ralph Rodriguez, Jr.,
Donato Signore, Rosemarie Verderosa

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Message from Fr. Pergjini,

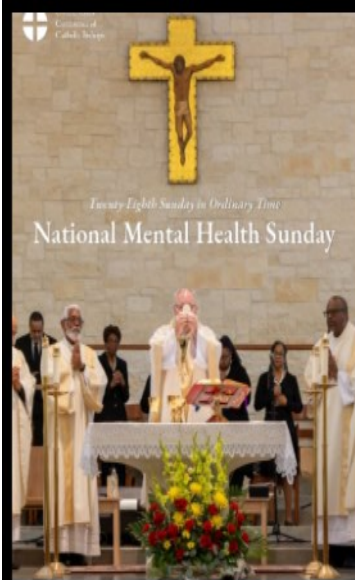
Last week we heard from the gospel of St. Mathieu that St. Peter was highly praised and blessed for saying who Christ is, the Son of the living God. This gift or charisma of St. Peter to reveal the divinity of Christ is a gift from Almighty Father. However, the blessing of the gift that St. Peter received to reveal who Christ does not mean that Peter was always going to be on the right side, always to be praised. Today's passage reminds all of us that our human value does not depend on our gifts or charisma we have received and blessed from Almighty Father. Our human value depends on our conversion, willing to accept our cross, our sufferings as Christ did. None of us can pretend to be blessed with certain gifts, whatever gifts we have received from Christ and unwilling to accept the need of our conversion. St. Peter, as many of us sometimes with good intentions, we try to avoid the suffering and the cross that we must carry in our lives. St. Peter was rebuked and even called get behind me Satan when he tried to prevent the suffering, the Cross, and the death of Christ. The readings and the gospel today directly and indirectly have the same message for us. The prophet Jeremiah, was tortured because he always told the truth. His sufferings and persecution were unbearable to the point that he was tempted many times to give up his mission. Still, his soul was thirsting for the living God, and he never abounded his prophetic mission. Saint Paul is urging us to offer our bodies as the living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, our spiritual worship, not to conform ourselves to this age but to discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. We come to the presence of God to worship Him and to be aware what Christ is asking from us. Many times, we try to avoid, to ignore and escape whatever takes the form of suffering and the burden of our daily cross to carry. There are many Catholics who are unwilling to hear the message regarding to accept sufferings that often is our daily cross to carry. The doors of our Catholic Church are opened to everyone. However, those who come and are willing to pay attention to God's word are aware that Christ always wants the conversion of our hearts. This Sunday, the readings remind all of us that without suffering and the cross it is impossible to belong to Christ. Last Sunday Christ praised Saint Peter for revealing his divinity, while today Christ rebukes Saint Peter who wants to avoid the sufferings of Christ. He made clear to them that those who are going to follow him must deny themselves, take up his cross, and follow him. It is impossible to imagine belonging to Christ and avoiding the cross, our daily cross. It has been for a long time a silent exodus from the church. Why? Frequently, we hear that the teaching of the church is not adequate for our time and should change. Others say the church has lost the power they had long ago. Many

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Many others say that the commandments are too hard and impossible to follow and belong to the past and are not adequate for our time. All these opinions have been circulating for awhile and continue today. There is confusion in our church, our society, and our country. There are many people who are lost and unable to find a proper direction. Unfortunately, they are not aware or do not want to be aware what the mission of the Catholic Church is and stands for. It comes to my mind the words of late Pope Benedict XVI many years ago, 1989, who said: "The Church can present to us only what she has and what she is." What the church can present to us as she did for two thousand years and will continue today? The Gospel of Christ, the objective Truth, the divine commandments that save our broken souls. That is what the Catholic church can present and lead us toward union with the Father through Christ. The church can never, and never will invent or compromise the divine Truth. The doors of our Catholic Church are open to all. Those who are willing to enter must know that we cannot pick up and choose according to our feelings, pleasures, and sinful lifestyles that many think is a normal way to express our love to each other, even if that love is against God love and nature. The pleasure and feelings come and go. We can never help someone by ignoring the teaching of the Church and continue to live in sin. The Gospel from the beginning to the end, tell us that Christ forgives and loves; with one condition: Christ and sin can never co-exist. Either living in sin or living in a state of grace. A state of grace in our Catholic teaching means that our soul is cleansed of a grave or mortal sin through the sacrament of confession and Eucharist. Only in this way, we experience the power of the words of Saint Paul: to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, our spiritual worship. And then we are able to follow Christ, deny ourselves and take up our cross. The rebuke of Christ to St. Peter is the same rebuke to all of us who sometimes are insisting to remove the cross and the suffering from our lives and to replace with our feelings, pleasure along with its sinful lifestyles. Christ reminds us today and always that He will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to our conduct. May this passage be for all of us to think that we cannot pretend to rely on our gifts or charismas thinking that we can make right decisions in our lives. We can rely only on our continuous conversion which can help to realize we are sinners, we humbly place ourselves before Christ not to avoid what is the norm of our Christian identity that we are sinners and in dire need of our conversion.

May the power and grace of the sacraments keep our body a living sacrifice and follow Christ by taking up our Cross, and allow Christ to lead us to the Father's Glory. Amen!

50/50 WINNER: August 9, 2026 - \$136.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Miserendino



SAVE THE DATE
October 11, 2026

(the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

National Catholic
Mental Health Campaign
& Mental Health Sunday

Recommended by the USCCB
 to break the stigma around mental
 illness, offer spiritual accompaniment
 to those who struggle, and to highlight
 mental health awareness and healing.

Catholics are invited to pray the
National Mental Health Novena **From October 10 to 18**

Digital resource links

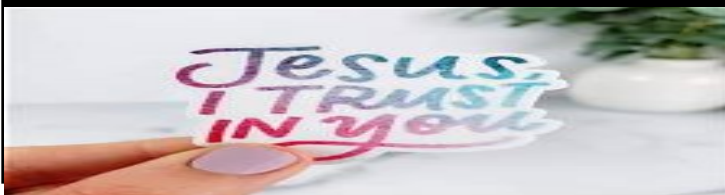
USCCB Campaign & Reflections: usccb.org/healing-and-hope

Daily Novena : usccb.org/mental-health-novena

Catholic Mental Health Ministers: catholicmhm.org

Catholic Charities Wellness Resource: catholiccharitiesusa.org/publications/whole-hearted/

If you or a loved one are carrying the silent weight of anxiety,
 depression, or grief, please know that you are a beloved child of God,
 and you are never alone.



The Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group is taking a break for the
 summer. God willing, we will begin again in the Fall
 (date to be determined).

Have a Blessed, Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

"See you in the Fall"

Providence Rest Chapel, Generational
Healing Mass, 3304 Waterbury Avenue

There will be a Generational Healing Mass
 on **Monday, August 31, 2026**. Fr Justin Cinnante
 will celebrate the Mass at 7:00pm at the
 Providence Rest Chapel (inside the black gate)
All are welcome!

Please Remember to Pray for the Sick!

May they find healing and comfort in Jesus Christ!

Sr. Claire Regan, Stacey Addario, Joseph Abbate, Louis Amend,
 Donna Antonacci, Yselsa Arroyo, Gustavo Bardana, Andrea
 Emilia Bernabey, Jack Bonacorso, Kathleen Bowers, Joseph
 Brenner, Wendelin Brenner, Walter Buddington, Peter Burnett,
 Amy Buscamonte, Caceres Family, Diane, Georgina Cales,
 Frankie Carpenter, Fay Carter, Jay and Patricia Cepero, Carolyn
 Chiappetta, Patricia Coughlin, Tom Curran, Maryann Cuttita,
 Lillian Cuttler, Frank Dailey, Vinny D'Amico, Louis D'Annucci,
 Debbie, Carla DeCicco, Anton Deski, Danielle Deviccaro, Angela
 Diaz, Lali Dilone, Anthony DiNardi, Emily DiNardi, John DiNardi,
 Margaret Dionisio, Dorothy DiPierro, Pat Eaccirano, Sandra
 Edwards, Sean Fagan, Barbara Farrell, Melissa Fonseca,
 Francisco Fernandez, Isabelle Mercedes Fernandez, John
 Fernandez, Filomena Fidanza, Christopher Filardi, David Fisher,
 Anthony Fortunato, Roseann Frattini, Debra Ann Garcia, Richard
 Garcia, Sr., Richard Garcia, Jr., Rose Gettenberg, Ralph Giorgio,
 Hope Mercedes Fernandez, John Fernandez, Nereida Ferrer,
 Gordon, Marion Gruber, Frank Hinz, Jr., Sharon Holzapfel, Donna
 Inzano, Eileen Jeninngs, Edward Kennedy, Paul Korngold,
 Stephanie (Tyko) Kreps, Daniel Kundig, Josephine Lambell,
 Manuel Larino, Elise Lawle, Luis Gabriel Leal, Geraldine Lee,
 Mary Alexandra Lee, Virginia Lee, Frankie Lettera, Jessica
 Lettera, Francine Lettley, Katharina Listner, Frank Lomangino,
 LauMei Sheung Louie, Tiffany MacKnight, Ernie Magnotta, Julia
 Magnotta, Adrienne Malave, Elizabeth Mandile, Ann Marro, Olga
 Martinez, Robert McCarthy, Margo McGinty, Annette Matranga,
 Denise McPadden, Sue McVey, Carolyn Morello, Christie
 Madonna Muccino, Paula Mullane, Rosa Munoz, Lisa Murphy,
 Oyola Family, Maylee Roman Overman, Angelo Palumbo, Sr.,
 Juana Perez, Aida Perez, Pasquale Preziosa, Paolo Principe,
 Michael and Robert Prokop, Linda Ranallo, Kim Rappold,
 Richard Reale, Joshua Reaser, Philip Rebia, William F. Reilly,
 Maritza Resto, Frank Riegel, Phillip Rivera, Joanne and Walter
 Robinson, Mario and Nelson Roman, Antonette Roublick, Sylvia
 Russo, Angela Dello Russo, John Russo, Carl Saglimbeni, Ann &
 Dave Samhammer, Peter Samoylo, Ashley Saucedo, Ada
 Scanga, Margaret Geddis Schmidt, Nicolai Soriano, Maria Soto,
 Edward Spar, Lois Stabile, Virginia Strasser, Theresa Stanton,
 Ramon Surita, Pasquale Tartaglione, Jennifer Tully, Stefanie
 Ural, Teresa Bosquez Valdez, Fran Walsh, Loretta White

+ Babies/Children +

Amber, Baby Amari, Baby Rose, Brayden, Brinley, Mia Carolla,
 Daniella Grace Comblo, Charli Mary Carozza, Crosslyn, Declynn,
 Sebastian DeLuca, Caleb DeJesus, Erma, Marco Garcia,
 Joseph Gentile, Ella Grazia Delli Carpin, Eli, Blake Salvatore
 Haddock, Harry, Jr., Hayden, Noelle Jablonka, Katherin,
 Savannah Longo, Sophia Lopez, Emi Lun, Aubrey Madden,
 Maizy, Giulia Sofia McCullough, Mila, Natalie, Noah, Lucas Ortiz,
 Sihanna, Anastassia Savov, Tiffany Toro, Summer Rose Vachna

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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II. *Nikolas Stanovic and Kristina Djurovic*

Preston Center of Compassion's English as A Second Language Program

PCC is offering our ESL Program; details are as follows:

Where: St. Frances de Chantal (Throggs Neck), 190 Hollywood Ave., Bronx NY 10465

When: Registration is Sept. 13, 14 or 15
9:30 - 11AM. Late Registration is Sept. 20, 21 or 22
9:30 - 11AM.

Classes begin September 20th and are weekly MON, TUES WEDS 9-11AM.

Classes are free!

For further information contact:
Anne Desel, Preston Center of Compassion,
718-892-8977.



Prayer for The United States of America!

Father, I come before you, lifting up the United States of America. I pray for unity among its people, that love may bridge the divides, and that grace may guide our interactions. Grant wisdom and discernment to our leaders, so that they may govern with integrity and seek the well-being of all.

May Your peace reign in our land, and may Your purposes prevail.

In Your mercy, heal our nation, restore hope, and let righteousness and justice flow like a mighty river. Amen!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration for 2026-2027 is now open.
Visit the Parish website: stbenedictchurchny.org
Registration deadline is **FRIDAY Sept. 4, 2026**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for GRADES 1 - 8

Wednesday session 4:15pm to 5:45pm OR
Sunday session 10:30am to 11:45am

Classes meet at St. Benedict's School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for Pre-K & Kindergarten

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 (ages 4-6)

Sunday session #1 8:30am to 9:30am OR

Sunday session #2 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Classes meet at the Convent

NOTE: this class is NOT offered on WEDNESDAYS.

If interested in a tour of the atrium (classroom) email

Maria Pirraglia at:

reled@stbenedictsschool.com

FIRST DAY of CLASSES:

Wed, Sept.23, 2026 and Sun, Sept 27, 2026

2026 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

The Archdiocese of New York is pleased to announce the launch of the 2026 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal!

This is an Important moment for our parish and our archdiocese, as we are all called to consider contributing to the *Cardinal's Appeal*.

Thank you to those who have already participated this year. If you have not yet done so, please join our fellow parishioners in supporting the mission of the Church today. Together, we can reach our goal in the amount of \$71,000.

Thank you for making a difference!

To make a gift, please visit: cardinalsappeal.org
or call **646-794-3300** today.

***Thank you for your consideration and for
being loving and generous
stewards of our Archdiocese and its mission!***

God Bless!

The Federal Education Freedom Tax Credit

We want to bring your attention to an exciting new opportunity launching next year: the federal Education Freedom Tax Credit. This program allows taxpayers to support K-12 tuition and education scholarships at zero net cost.

There are extra flyers at the rectory!

San Silverio Committee of Morris Park BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Friday, September 18th at 6:30pm

Morris Park Association
1824 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx

\$35.00 per person. 6 games - 3 cards per game
Cash Prizes and Raffles, Beverages included
Bring snacks and goodies to share with your table.

To reserve your spot, please call:
Domenic at 718-344-4103 or
Angela 347-204-8183

Quotes from the Fathers of the Church, the Saints, and the Great Teachers!

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world."

Pope Saint John Paul II



St. Benedict's Church Bronx, NY Online Giving with We Share

To strengthen your involvement with our community.

Consider signing up for safe, secure, & confidential online giving.

Used by over 2,000 Catholic parishes to accept donations online, quickly & easily



Visit our Website: www.stbenedictchurchny.org

Prayer List For Our United States Servicemen and Women

U.S. Air Force:

1st Class Airman Eric Bosco, General Thomas D. Crimmins, Ismael Guiles, Major Roger Illari, 1st Airman Darren Morello, Stephanie Mendez, Air Force Airman, Msgt. Daniel Rivera, Lieutenant Colonel Alicia Stumpf, Lieutenant Colonel Sean Stumpf.

U.S. Army/U.S. National Guard:

SPC, Army National Guard, Middle East, Marcus Cassin, Pvt. Matthew Dooley, Sgt. Scott Douglas, Jason Engeldrum, Sgt. Pedro Flores, Pvt. Anthony Grieco, Jr., 2nd Lt. Christopher Hackett, Johnny Jiminez, 82nd Airborne, Corporal Jenna Kuhl, Sergeant First Class Javier Mendoza, PV2 James McCarthy, Private Patrick W. Mooney, Major Peter Anthony Orlando, Pvt. Anthony Ottaviano, Reverend (Captain) Peter Pompisello, Major Lori Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Jr., Pvt. Sidney Antonio Kearns Rodriguez, Pvt. Justin Roman, Ryan Shank, Timothy S. Valentine, S.J., Capt. Javi San Juan, 1st Lt. Renee San Juan, Colonel Raymond Van Pelt, Franky Perez, Sgt. Andrew Santander, Staff Sgt. Matthew Wickes, SPC Albert Zapata, Staff Sgt. William Ziegler.

U.S. Coast Guard:

Jayke Hooks, Seaman Apprentice, Thomas J. Hooks, Brandon A. Moreno, YN3, Ryan T. Moreno, CS3; Seaman Apprentice, PO3 Eberlee Santander.

U.S. Marine Corps:

Corporal Michael John Canzone, III, Liam Deenihan, Parris Island Boot Camp; 1st Lieutenant Ryan E. Dengler, Master Sgt. Mark S. Lynch, Corporal Kevin S. Major, LCpl Erik Mango, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Parisi, Reserves, In Basic Training Daniel Smith Peters; Sgt. Benjamin Rodriguez, Staff Sgt. Randy Vaccaro, Reserves; Pvt. 1st Class, Jason R. Wager

U.S. Navy:

Chief Petty Officer Laurence Bueno, Lieutenant Commander Diplomat John Brunetti, Lieutenant JG Bethany Lee Champlin; Petty Officer Gillen, LCDR Jennifer Groger Widman, ABH3 (AW) Christopher Hough, Ensign Brandon McGaughan, Jordan McKay, Active Reservist, Naval Airman E-3, Sea Bee Sammy Pizzano, Petty Officer William F. Ramos, Ralph Romero Sanchez, Richard Torrens, Lieutenant Commander Victor Schaefer, E-4 Edwin Vargas, Pvt. Nicholas Zayas.

Spiritual Readings for the Wk of Aug 30, 2026: 30 SUN TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 (124) Pss II
31 Mon Weekday 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30) 37

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1 Tue Weekday 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37 (432)
2 Wed Weekday 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44 (433)
3 Thu Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church white Memorial 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
4 Fri Weekday 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39 (435)
5 Sat Weekday [Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin; BVM] 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk

6 SUN TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME