

CHURCH OF

# SAINT AIDAN

August 23, 2020

# AUTHENTIC JESUS

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

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(13-20)**

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Rev. Solomon Odinukwe  
Rev. Ken Grooms

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Rev. Edward Sheridan

**Deacons**  
Rev. Rudy Martin  
Rev. Salvatore B. Villani

**St. Aidan School**  
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Ms. Barbara Graham

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Mr. Pat Perez

**We invite  
everyone to walk  
with Jesus  
and experience  
His healing  
power and love**

**RECTORY OFFICE 516-746-6585**

**HOURS**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**

**DAILY MASS**

Catholics are dispensed from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Daily Mass can be viewed on staidanparish.org and on Facebook. Houses of Worship are permitted to host services at limited capacity. Masks or cloth facial coverings must be worn by all present.

**COMMUNION**

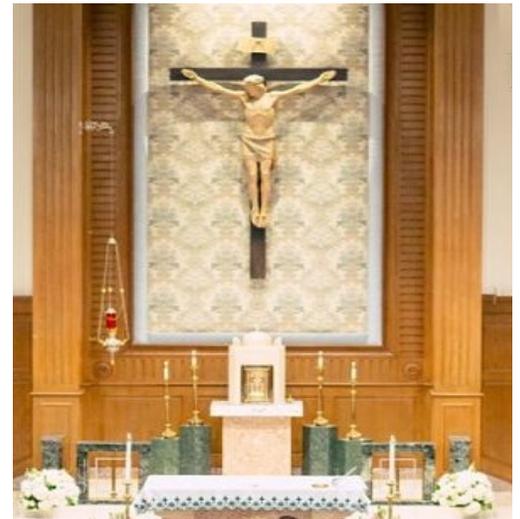
Holy Communion will not be distributed during the liturgies. The Act of Spiritual Communion may be recited. Please remain after to receive.

**VISIT THE CHURCH**

St. Aidan Church will remain open for private prayer from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Please wear a face mask and maintain the proper precautions regarding distancing and do not congregate in groups of people.

**BAPTISM**

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday at 1:30 PM.



**MARRIAGE**

Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory office at least 9 months in advance. Pre-Cana and FOCCUS registrations must be arranged through the parish.

**CONFESSION**

Confessions can be scheduled in churches, provided there is a screen between the priest and penitent. Six feet of distance should also be maintained between priest and penitent. This will require most Confessions to be held outside of the confessionals. Confessions are available in the St. Aidan sacristy meeting room on Saturday from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Enter by the church door at the children's play area. You can also make a confession appointment with a priest by calling the rectory office.

**ANOINTING & COMMUNION**

The anointing of the sick takes place after the 12:00 PM Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month.

**ADORATION**

First and third Fridays of the month 1:00 -3:00 PM in the church.

**PARISH EMAIL**

To be added to email distributions of the Parish Bulletin please email Bonnie Parente at bparente@verizon.net.

# THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN

505 WILLIS AVE. WILLISTON PARK, NEW YORK 11596-1727

## MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Fr. Ed 6:30 AM  
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  
Fr. Solomon 12:30 PM  
Bishop Andrzej 5:30 PM

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

John Wilken  
Agustina Borja (3rd Anniversary Rem.)  
Patricia Prendergast  
Juniper Ty

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Fr. Solomon 6:30 AM  
Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM  
Fr. Ken 12:30 PM  
Fr. Ken 5:30 PM

## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 21

John Wilken  
Jane K. Sullivan (10th Anniversary Rem.)  
Robert J. McEnroe (Birthday Rem.)  
Richard Longboat

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 21

Fr. Ed 6:30 AM  
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  
Fr. Ken 12:30 PM  
Fr. Ken 5:30 PM

Diane Stoltz (1st Anniversary Rem.)  
Lv. Ints. of Monica Lee Williams (Birthday)  
Tom Donato  
Evelyn Slater

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 ST. MONICA

Fr. Ken 6:30 AM  
Fr. Ken 9:00 AM  
Fr. Adrian 12:30 PM  
Fr. Adrian 5:30 PM

Kenneth Azris  
Thomas Moschetto, Jr.  
Peter J. Tennis  
Anne Eckhoff

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM  
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  
Fr. Solomon 12:30 PM  
Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM

## ST. AUGUSTINE,

Vincent Infantino  
Pauline Minutillo (2nd Anniversary Rem.)  
Angela Murphy  
Joseph Mazziotta

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  
Fr. Solomon 5:00 PM

Dennis Morell  
Maria Nappo (1st Anniversary Rem.)  
Eleanor Martin  
Maria Del Carmen Perez  
Peter J. Tennis  
Francis Quinn

Fr. Ken 7:30 PM

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

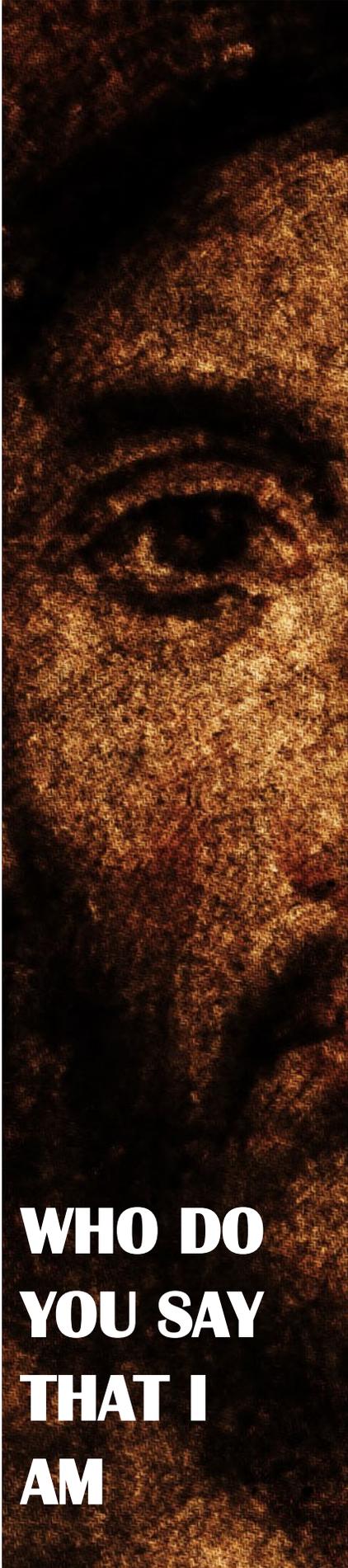
Fr. Ken 7:30 AM  
Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM  
Fr. Adrian 10:30 AM  
Fr. Solomon 12:00 PM

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

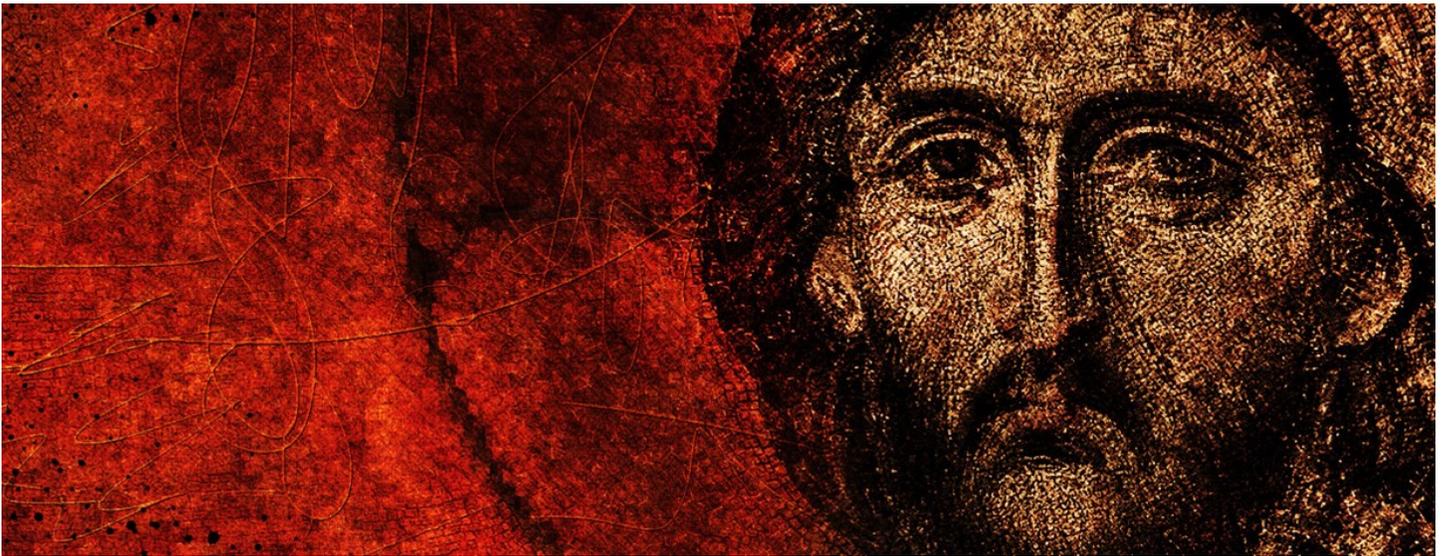
James Laverty  
Daniel & Sheila O'Brien  
De Forest & Grace Mellor  
Bob Azopardi  
John F. Mangeri  
Thomas Joseph Moschetto  
Susan Rynkar (5th Anniversary Rem.)

Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM

Parishioners of St. Aidan



**WHO DO  
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THAT I  
AM**



## *What's Pastor Thinking*

Surfing the TV channels or scanning the radio, you can't but notice the different ways interviewers ask questions. Some interviewers ask

questions that probe deep into the topic while others ask questions that allow us to see into their guest. Some are like lawyers who only ask questions to test the guest, while others ask questions that cannot be answered, as if to get at their guest. Some ask questions to confirm their own opinions while others ask questions to explore differing opinions.

Teachers use questions all the time to lead their students into new discoveries. Parents ask loads of questions, one right after the other. You rarely get a chance to finish one before they are asking the next one. Husbands and wives ask each other questions that often seem unrelated. After several of those questions, they reveal something more and more.

In today's gospel Jesus asks a couple of questions: 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' 'Who do you say that I am?' I wonder how is He asking these questions? Does He have a 'right answer' in mind or is it simply an exploration of ideas? Is He giving His disciples a final exam, or is He simply taking a poll to determine the success of getting His story out? Is He verifying His own understanding of events so far or testing the waters to see what needs to happen next? And how do the Disciples feel as He asks the questions? Are they answering over a sandwich or is there sweat beading on their foreheads as if they have

been put on the spot?

Those questions are also asked of us who claim a relationship with Jesus, who are His Church. Who do we say He is? And do we know, or care, what our neighbors say about Him and His Church?

We share Peter's belief that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. But we also share Peter's humanity. The Church is not perfect; it is made up of human beings like Peter who claim faith one day and deny Jesus the next. Yet it was 'upon this rock' that Jesus built His church, and 'the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.' It was to Peter that Jesus gave the keys to the kingdom of heaven so that 'whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'

As keepers of the keys, we need to be careful about who we lock in and who we lock out. When we close our doors or close our hearts or close our minds to people who are outside the walls of our Church, when we cannot answer the question of what our neighbors think about Jesus, then we are denying them the opportunity to experience this relationship with Jesus Christ that brings joy into our lives.

'Who do you say that I am?' Do we know or care about what our neighbors think about Jesus? What experiences have they had with the Church? We do not want to lock anyone out of heaven, but our hope is that we will unlock our heart so that we may learn to love our neighbor in a way that allows them to experience the love of God.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

John Smith  
 Maria Smith  
 Olga E. Inzerillo  
 Timothy Driscoll  
 Eleanor Lusardi

**WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Jill Ohl  
 Lily O'Rourke  
 John Joseph Mulrooney  
 Steve Pomticello  
 Kay Perro  
 Mark Cristello  
 Maryann Katkowsky  
 Sean Anderson  
 Francesca Caccavale  
 Thomas Yorke  
 Ashley Lyons  
 Judy Kostovick

Jack Groothuis  
 Sharon Devis  
 Agnes Chun  
 Blaise DeCario Webber  
 Virginia Fallon  
 Kathleen Donnelly  
 Frank Keenan  
 Isabella Mueller  
 Eileen Fitzgerald  
 Richard Arcario  
 Janet Stemberger  
 Jho Martin  
 Mercy Velasco  
 Anthony Bosco  
 Bernadette Abbate  
 Helen Bondurant  
 Tony Sigonolsi  
 Shirley Aguirre  
 Daniel Kozak  
 Vittoria Fellin

Baby Amandamarie Shinnick  
 Walter Ruzek  
 Peter Testani  
 Ambrose Donnelly  
 Siobhan O'Keeffe  
 Linda Hayes  
 Christine Adelman  
 Alicia Zumbrunn  
 Anthony Siconolfi  
 Rob Clarkin  
 Geraldine Massey  
 Dana Cavanaugh  
 Ann McGarry  
 Dominic Caccavale  
 Greg Sasso  
 Baby Nolan Shelley  
 Eileen Lenney  
 Noel Mcpartland  
 Baby Luke Patrick

**FR. EDWARD SHERIDAN  
FAREWELL MASS**

Rev. Edward M. Sheridan was resident at St. Aidan for the last two years as he served as Vicar for Clergy Personnel in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He is now leaving St. Aidan to take up his appointment as Pastor of the Church of Saint Anthony of Padua, East Northport. Fr. Ed will say a Farewell Mass at 10:30 AM, this Sunday, August 23rd at St. Aidan. We thank him for his assistance and friendship and wish him many years as pastor in St. Anthony's.

**STEWARDSHIP**

8/18/19 \$22,261  
 8/16/20 \$22,817  
 (+2.4%)

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED  
MOTHER COLLECTION**

8/15/19 \$ 7,843  
 8/15/20 \$ 2,979 (-62%)

**ONLINE GIVING**

Over 350 parishioners are donating online. Go to [staidanparish.org](http://staidanparish.org). Click DONATE.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Parish Goal \$150,000.00  
 Pledges \$99,277.15 Donors 378  
 Payments \$87,158.40  
 Percentage of Goal 66.18%

**YOUR DONATION TODAY ALSO  
GOES TOWARDS THE HOLY  
LAND COLLECTION**

Holy Land Collection was held on April 10th. If you missed it you can donate today. Each day, the news reminds us of the violence

and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Holy Land collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land.

**NEXT WEEKEND THE 2020  
MISSION APPEAL FOR THE  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-**

August 29/30 Deacon Paul Neuhedel will be speaking at all masses on behalf of the Dominican Republic. Information is found in today's bulletin.

# ST. AIDAN REMAINS OPEN

- \* The Church of St. Aidan is open from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM and is sanitized regularly
- \* As the numbers of people attending Masses over the past weeks have not been overwhelming, we are opening 50% of pews (every other row).
- \* Masks or cloth facial coverings must be worn by all present.
- \* Kindly sit in the pews where there are no blue markings.
- \* Please maintain 6 feet social distance from non-family members.
- \* Those who are sick or vulnerable due to age or health conditions are strongly encouraged to remain at home.
- \* The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect.
- \* Mass from the Church of St. Aidan can be viewed online at [staidanparish.org](http://staidanparish.org) and on Facebook.
- \* Weekday Mass: 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:30 PM and 5:30 PM.
- \* Saturday Mass: 9:00 AM, 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM.
- \* Sunday Mass: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM.
- \* Confessions are held in the sacristy meeting room. Screen only. Saturday 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Please enter at the children's play area.

## HOLY COMMUNION

- \* Those who desire to receive Holy Communion may do so after the conclusion of the Mass.
- \* We have two communion lines – St. Anthony & St. Teresa. Please use both communion lines. The priest or Eucharistic Minister will return to the second line after they finish distributing at the first line.
- \* Follow the arrows. Maintain a 6-foot distance from each other as you come forward.
- \* We are encouraged to receive in the hand. Those wishing to receive on the tongue may come at the end and receive kneeling.
- \* Remove any face coverings immediately before receiving Holy Communion.

## PLEASE NOTE

- \* Altar Servers, Ushers, Choir members are not required at this time.
- \* Eucharistic Ministers who wish to serve, please email [cacafrisch@yahoo.com](mailto:cacafrisch@yahoo.com).
- \* Lectors are invited to resume their ministry but there is no obligation.
- \* No meetings, prayer groups etc. can be scheduled.
- \* There is no entrance, offertory or recessional procession.
- \* Please do not enter the sacristy.
- \* Bulletins are available but not to be distributed.
- \* Hymnals are removed from the pews.
- \* Collection baskets will not be passed around. Please place your donation in the collection boxes at the doors or continue to donate online. Thank you for your support.
- \* Call the Rectory Office to request Mass Intentions for 2021 and to schedule baptisms, weddings, funerals etc..

**CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE 516-746-6585**  
**Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM**  
**Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.**

AUGUST 23-29, 2020



The new school year is about to begin! Start off the school year with a prayer. We're praying for you and your families.

## Prayer to Begin a School Year/Semester

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of body and mind and heart;  
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge  
to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year (or semester/term)  
we implore your mercy:  
bless the students, teachers, and staff of N.,  
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love  
as we learn from you and each other  
how to follow your Son Jesus.

Expand the horizons of our minds,  
that we may grow in wisdom,  
understanding, and knowledge;  
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;  
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

**R/. Amen**

I will give thanks to  
your name, because  
of your kindness  
and your truth:  
When I called, you  
answered me; you  
built up strength  
within me.

—PS 138:2-3



**JOIN US ONLINE FOR DAILY MASS FROM THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN AT ST.AIDANPARISH.ORG AND ON FACEBOOK.**

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

As Pope Benedict XVI said in his Encyclical, Deus Caritas Est, "Everything has its origin in God's love, everything is shaped by it, everything is directed towards it. Love is God's greatest gift to humanity; it is his promise and our hope."

**FOOD PANTRY:** Please bring all non-perishable food/ personal hygiene items to the Sacred Heart cCapel in church or to the Parish Social Ministry office.

Items Needed: mayonnaise, ketchup, cookies, sponges, clorox wipes, tuna fish, detergent, Boost, napkins and detergent

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES** - We are asking for Target/Staple/Walmart gift cards to help our families with getting school supplies for their children.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Social Ministry office hours are: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please use the Finamore Parish Center entrance (across from the church on Willis Avenue).

### **2021 MASS BOOK IS OPEN**

If you would like to arrange Mass intentions for the year 2021, please contact the Rectory Office.

### **BAPTISM CLASS**

Parents who are bringing their first child for baptism may now attend a baptism class. The next class is on Sunday September 13th. Please contact the Rectory Office.

### **RCIA SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

Candidates will receive the sacraments at the 7:30 PM Mass on Saturday, September 12th.

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER HAS GONE "VIRTUAL"!**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called Restore – Rekindle – Renew. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

### **PRE-CANA AT ST. AIDAN**

We are holding a weekend Pre-Cana course for couples on September 26th and 27th in Msgr Kirwin Hall. Couples can contact the Rectory office to register.

### **DEACON ORDINATION AND MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

Mr. Jerry Magaldi will be ordained a Deacon on Wednesday, September 23rd at St. Agnes Cathedral. Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Aidan to be decided.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Confirmations at the Church of St. Aidan will be celebrated Saturday, October 24th and Saturday, November 7th.

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Today, Sunday, August 23rd, 2020 at 1:00 PM

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to the children and their families who celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend. We look forward to celebrating again with children from Faith Formation on: Saturday, August 29th at 11:30 AM.

Children attending St. Aidan School will receive First Holy Communion on Saturday, October 3rd at 11:30 AM and 2:00 PM.

Tickets for attendance will be issued to each family. Services will be livestreamed on [staidanparish.org](http://staidanparish.org) and on Facebook.

## **CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP WITH BLD GROUP**

Every Friday from 7:15 PM to 9:30 PM.

## **'MEDIUMS'**

Bishop Barres issued a letter on "Mediums" and the Catholic Faith. It is on the diocesan website and social media.

## **CHIEFS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION**

Chiefs PAL Football online registration for the Fall 2020 Season is available at <http://mineolapal.org/football-registration/>. The sign up is for flag (5 and 6 year olds) and for tackle (7's, 8's, 9's, 10's, 11's; 12's). The registration fee for tackle is \$195 and for flag is \$60 but we have turned off the payment feature at this time. We just want to register children to know who wants to play so we are ready for a Fall Football Season, noting that tackle football practices will start soon, when allowed. If you have any questions, email [football@mineola.org](mailto:football@mineola.org) or call 516-408-5720.

## **COLLECTION FOR THE DIOCESAN MISSION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Deacon Paul Neuhedel will speak at all Masses the weekend of August 29/30. Envelopes will be available in the pews. Parishioners can drop the donations in the wooden boxes at the doors of the church.

- Bishop Connors from the Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana in the Dominican Republic invited Bishop Emeritus John McGann to sponsor two parishes in the Dominican Republic: Saint Peter the Apostle in El Cercado and Our Lady of Fatima in Hondo Valle. These parishes, now the official foreign mission to the Diocese of Rockville Centre, have continued to flourish under the faithful support of Bishop John R. Barres and the generosity of our donors for over 35 years.

- Although we currently do not have any Diocesan missionaries present in the DR, among the former leaders in this ministry were Monsignor John I. Cervini, ministering to the people of El Cercado for over 15 years, Sr. Jane Reilly, CSJ serving in the remote parish of Our Lady of Fatima in the mountainous region of Hondo Valle for over 30 years, and Sr. Beatrice "Babs" Barry, CSJ who cared for the sick and poor at the Inn of the Good Samaritan in the capital city of Santo Domingo for over 30 years (now the Sisters of Restoration serve there). Prior to Monsignor Cervini's arrival in the poverty-stricken frontier of the DR, Fathers Andy Connolly and Thomas Mallony served the Mission.
- Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ provide help to those in need but also receive their assistance; therefore, creating a ministry for the poor aided by the poor. The people are a very hopeful and happy people. National disasters and setbacks never seem to affect their tremendous spirit. Former missionary Sr. Jane Reilly offered the following, "the palm tree is the best image to describe them. In tropical storms or during a hurricane, a palm tree can be stripped of its branches, but within a few weeks of the storm, one sees the new shoot emerging from the trunk - just like the spirit of our people!"
- What is a day like in our Mission to the Dominican Republic? Well just imagine as you wake up, make coffee, shower, drive your car and get your kids to school, someone in our Mission is waking up too. In the Diocesan Missions in the Dominican Republic life is very primitive. The small homemade houses of two rooms have no flooring, no electricity or running water, no glass windows and no toilet facilities. A simple cookhouse a short distance from the home shelters the pit fire where the mother prepares the daily fare of rice and beans. There is little variation and little meat. A few proud owners of chickens have eggs and an occasional meal of rice and chicken. Rarely do they have money to buy such luxuries as clothing or shoes.
- At the rivers' edges women squat by rocks where they wash clothes which they hang on nearby trees. Men work in the fields and take care of small farms on which they grow beans, rice, corn or coffee. They

plant in rocky, sloping, dry fields using hand-held plows. There is never any guarantee that the plant will produce a harvest. Extremely heavy unexpected dry season can substantially reduce or destroy a crop.

- The one event that often presents an almost unsurmountable obstacle is serious sickness. There is so much suffering due to the lack of medical facilities and supplies. For the fortunate who have the strength to walk long distances to rural clinics, basic care can be obtained. But for anything more complicated one must go to a specialty hospital in Santo Domingo, a trip of 5 or 6 hours from their homes.
- Over the last 35 years, our local church has donated over \$3.2 million to our Mission in the Dominican Republic. These monies have built countless aqueducts, necessary as a source of potable water, approximately 15 chapels and worship sites, regionally, and one Church in the campo of Derumbaderro. The construction of church in San Juan Santiago in the Hondo Valle region is underway but still needs additional funding. The Fe y Alegria, K-8 elementary school and now a high school have been completed, staffed and are full of eager children who are excited to learn. Currently, the last phase of the vocational school building is underway. After high school, the opportunity for employment is practically non-existent so the need for vocational training is evident.
- In the height of the cholera epidemic, our donors raised over \$20,000 for the building of latrines where no facilities existed and literally provided water to homes where women would use to walk 2 or 3 miles for water and carry in buckets on their heads back to their homes. A retreat

center in El Cercado that can accommodate 64 persons overnight was built and serves as a meeting site for many of the faithful groups and visitors. The senior center and peanut factories were built with donor funds as well as the founding of the agricultural programs. The St. Vincent de Paul Society for the Mission is solely funded by our donors and provides monthly baskets of food to those who normally go without. In Hondo Valle, the NutrInfancia program has been established to identify women and children at high risk of malnourishment. Most of the donor funds have been and are continued to be used to help sustain the overhead expenses of the 2 parishes and the INN, which on average operate on approximately \$5000 per month.

Your continued support of our Diocesan Mission to the Dominican Republic is greatly appreciated by the people we serve. It is vital to the everyday lives of so many. Please consider donating today.

"What we imagine as the poorest of the poor pales in comparison to the reality that exists in our Mission. Yet, the JOY of Christ in the hearts of those who live there is greater than any I have ever encountered. I never wanted to "Go Forth" more in my life than when serving my brothers and sisters in Christ who had so little but offered all they had to this stranger; their homes, meals, love and greatest of all, sharing of faith."

*Hello! My name is Deacon Art Candido!*

As **DIRECTOR OF DIACONATE FORMATION**, my ministry is to **FORM CATHOLIC MEN INTO DEACONS** who serve in our Diocese of Rockville Centre.

If you have ever thought about **SERVING GOD AND THE CHURCH** as a deacon, I invite you and your wife to attend one of our **INFORMATION SESSIONS** so I can share about the diaconate with you.

*There are three meeting dates to choose from—*

**7:00 PM Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00 PM Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> OR 7:00 PM Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

*at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743.*

**To reserve a place at one of the meetings,**  
*contact my assistant, Carol, at 631-423-0483 Ext. 179  
or email [diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org)*



# Faith FORMATION

**GREAT NEWS! FAITH FORMATION HAS A NEW PAGE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE:** [staidanparish.org/ff](http://staidanparish.org/ff). The webpage contains student registration information as well as forms for catechists and volunteers. There is an option to complete forms online or to download forms and leave the completed forms in the drop box outside the Finamore Parish Center or return to the Faith Formation Office via U.S. Mail **2020-2021 School Year:** Due to the current pandemic, the Faith Formation program will be a blended program for the upcoming school year, which will include children working at home under the direction of their parents, support catechists, and the Faith Formation Office plus small Church Gatherings where children will come together in the church while remaining socially distant. Detailed emails to the parents will provide more information. Children must be registered to participate.

**Registration:** Children attending public schools are expected to participate in Religious Education classes every school year from grade 1 through grade 8. Each grade must be successfully completed in order to move to the next grade. Children are placed in the order that we receive their registration paperwork. Registration will end on September 1<sup>st</sup> except for transfer students.

**Attention First Grade Parents:** Welcome to the Religious

Education Program! Please check the Faith Formation webpage on the [staidanparish.org](http://staidanparish.org) website. If you know any families with children entering grade 1 in September who attend public school, please pass on this information or ask them to call the Faith Formation Office at (516)746-6585 x404. A copy of the child's Baptismal certificate is required for all 1<sup>st</sup> grade children. Preparation for First Communion is a two year process. Children must complete both grades 1 and 2 in the Religious Education program in order to be properly prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion at the end of grade 2.

**Multisensory Religious Education:** St. Aidan's has had a multisensory Religious Education program for over ten years. This program uses creative teaching techniques and smaller class ratios to serve children who learn better in such an environment. For further information, please call (516)746-6585 x406. A meeting with the Director is required before registering for this program.

**Catechists Needed:** Catechists are needed for the Multisensory Program. If you can help, please contact the Faith Formation Office **Student Aides:** Are you a high school student who enjoys working with children? Are you possibly considering a career goal working closely with children and families? Are you looking for opportunities to have an ongoing service

experience? If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions or you are curious to learn more about actively assisting in the Multisensory Program, please call the Faith Formation Office at (516) 746-6585 x405 or contact the Director at x406.

**Attention First Communion Religious Education Parents!** Please continue to use the materials provided at the First Communion Parents' Meeting to help prepare your children for the reception of this sacrament. First Communion Practices: All First Communion practices will be held in the church. Tuesday August 18 @ 7PM for August 22<sup>nd</sup> @11:30AM; 7:45PM for August 29<sup>th</sup> @11:30AM

**Confirmation Fall 2021 Candidates:** All Confirmation Packet work from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade packet including Mass Reflections, Projects, and Community Service Reports are cancelled for this school year.

**Confirmation Fall 2020 Candidates:** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on October 24<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>. Parents received email notifications regarding their children's assigned Confirmation dates and times. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you have not received this information. **Please note** that the Confirmation Registration Forms, Sponsor Testimony Forms signed and stamped at the sponsor's home parish, and the Letter to the Pastor

requesting Confirmation were due on August 21<sup>st</sup>. These forms should be submitted to the Faith Formation Office. They are necessary in order to receive Confirmation in this Fall.

**Helpful Websites:** During this time of pandemic precautions, the following websites may be helpful. Google usccb.org (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops) which provides the Scripture readings for Mass. Catholicmom.com, which ordinarily has many of the Mass worksheets made available to the children at the Family Mass, is providing videos and articles about how to celebrate the Faith at home in the “domestic church.” Loyolapress.com and religion.sadlierconnect.com have some family activities and informative articles.

**Contact Us:** The Faith Formation Webpage includes the contact information for each member of the Faith Formation Office Team. During this time of phasing into a more “normal” schedule, the office is open by appointment only. Please contact us with your questions and concerns. We welcome your phone calls and emails during this challenging time. If you have paper work to submit, there is a Drop Box outside the building for your convenience. If you want to stop by the office, please call ahead of time.

Let us pray for one another!

## FAMILY MASS

During this time of transition, the Family Mass will continue to provide some limited materials each week. The Magnifikids magazines are available every week along with the Children’s Worship Bulletins for ages 3 to 7 and ages 7 to 12. They are located in the Children’s Corner racks in the main lobby of the Church. Even if you are not yet returning to Mass due to pandemic concerns, these materials can be used at home. Take a few minutes to stop by the church to pick them up for home use. Please do not leave them in the church.

Today is the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The liturgical color remains green. Each week, we have been focusing on a Word of the Week to help link the Gospel to Family Life. This week’s Word of the Week is KEYS. Write the word or draw a pair of KEYS and place it on the refrigerator as a reminder throughout the week. In today’s Gospel, (Matthew 16:13-20), Jesus poses a very direct question to His disciples by asking them, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” Jesus’ followers gave some responses that they probably heard among the people. Remember that the Jewish people were waiting for the Messiah, the Anointed or Promised One, foretold in the Old Testament. The disciples were still in their comfort zone because they were relating what they heard, not necessarily what they understood or accepted themselves. Then Jesus singles out Peter whose original name was Simon. Jesus asked, “Who do you say that I am?” Simon/Peter answered with what we would call a profession of faith as he acknowledged Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus recognized that Simon/Peter received this clarity through God working within him. It was then that Jesus changed Simon’s name to Peter meaning rock. In the Jewish tradition, naming and name changing are very significant. Name changing occurs in the Scriptures when a person is set apart for something new. Simon was now taking his place of leadership as the rock or solid foundation of what would be the birth of

Christianity. The image of the KEYS associated with unlocking things is a clear symbol of how through the Church, encountering God becomes a living reality for us.

Children understand the general purpose of keys. For very young children, you can demonstrate the point easily enough with a set of house keys. For older children, have a conversation early in the week about this gospel story and pose Jesus’ question to them. Who does each family member say Jesus is? Each family member can use his/her KEYS of faith to cooperate with God working within them to unlock the many “doors” that block us from being the best followers of Jesus that we can be.

These doors are lived out every day in family life. There are the doors of confusion, disagreement, confrontation, and fear that clog our relationship with Jesus and one another. Pray together at the dinner table for whatever “keys” the family determines will open whatever door(s) are closed particularly between family members. Older children can also include situations that create fear and concern in them such as the many conflicting things they hear on the news or social media. Intercession is a very powerful way to connect with God because we naturally seek to have our needs satisfied.

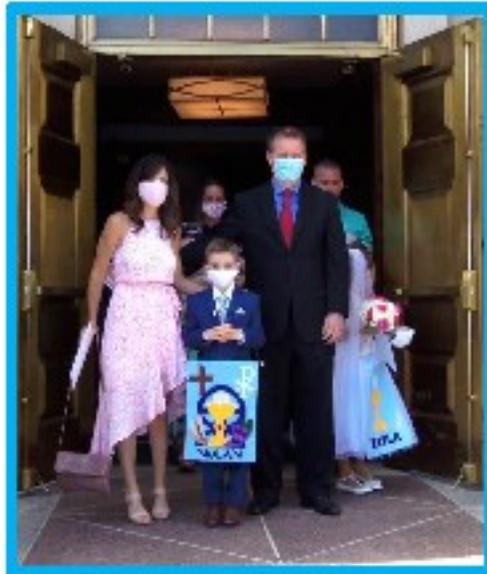
Remind children that God gives us the KEYS of His blessings to bring them comfort and peace in all situations. Celebrate the importance of each family member’s name. There may be many people on earth with the same name but each person is unique and special to God. He wants us to share what we know and what we believe with others so they, too, will receive the Keys to the Kingdom.

Through Baptism, we are part of the Body of Christ. The family is the domestic church and the best “training camp” we have for modeling how to be active disciples of Jesus. By our prayer and by our actions, who does our family say Jesus is? This is great “food for thought.” Enjoy exploring the possibilities of family discipleship training. Remember the KEYS and see how many doors can be opened!



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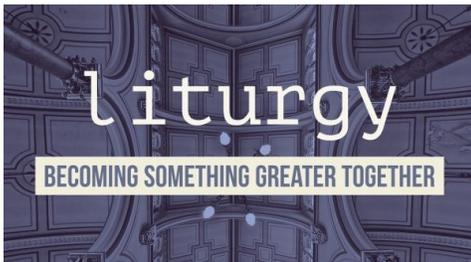
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The first major portion of the Gospel of John is the Book of Signs and describes the ministry of Jesus. He is baptized, calls his disciples, and begins His earthly ministry. He travels from place to place informing His listeners about God the Father in long discourses, offering eternal life to all who will believe, and performing the miracles, which the author calls signs, that prove the authenticity of his teachings as well as His divine nature. This leads to tensions with the religious authorities who decide that He must be eliminated.

Many incidents from John, such as the wedding in Cana, the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well, and the raising of Lazarus, are not seen in the synoptics. There is some debate over the source and some scholars argue that the author drew these from an independent source called the "signs gospel", and the speeches of Jesus from a second "discourse" source, but the author himself says that he was an eyewitness, whose words are true, which is accepted as the literal answer to their source by other scholars. This argument is strengthened by the historical accuracy of descriptions in John, such as the picture of the Pharisees who are portrayed as more uniformly legalistic and opposed to Jesus in the synoptics, whereas John presents them as sharply divided; they debate frequently in John's

accounts. Some, such as Nicodemus, even go so far as to be somewhat sympathetic to Jesus. This is believed to be a more accurate historical depiction of the Pharisees, who made debate one of the tenets of their system of belief.

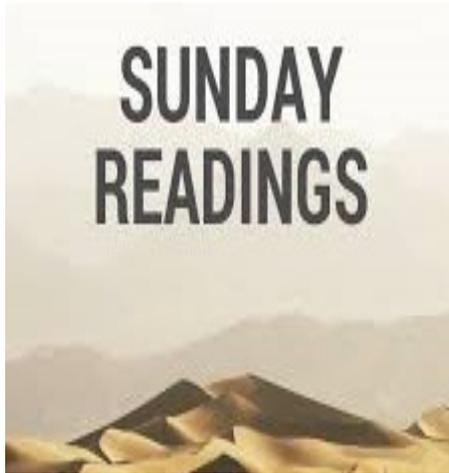
Another difference between John and the synoptics is the style of writing and presentation. In the synoptics, quotations from Jesus are usually short, pithy sayings or parables. In John, there are many much longer quotations and detailed discussions. Think of the discourse between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. The vocabulary is also different, and carries great theological import. Most scholars view these interchanges in John not as parables, with their hidden meanings which Jesus had to explain to His disciples, but rather as metaphorical stories or allegories, such as those of the Good Shepherd and of the True Vine, in which each individual element corresponds to a specific person, group, or thing and the explanations are contained in the course of the speech. All this carries through both the Book of Signs and the Book of Glory and is in keeping with the author's intent to demonstrate that Jesus is God and is the Messiah and salvation comes through belief in Him.

This is the message that flows consistently through the Book of Signs, the import of which is not that they are miraculous and awe the people, but that they prove Who Jesus is. There are seven of them, but we will touch on just a few of the most significant ones here. The author is concerned with the significance of these, and so each is

interpreted for the reader by following them with reflections, narratives, or discourses. The first sign is the transformation of water into wine at Cana. This represents the replacement of the Jewish ceremonial washings with the Baptism John the Baptist preached and symbolizes the transforming work of Jesus. It also shows us the influence of the Blessed Virgin. When she asks Him to change the water into wine, even as He says essentially, not My problem, and I'm not ready to start My ministry yet, He immediately does as she asked. That, and Mary's words to the stewards, "Do whatever He tells you" provide a lesson for us of her influence and good advice in her words. The second sign, the cure of the royal official's son simply by the word of Jesus at a distance, demonstrates the power of Jesus' life-giving word. The third sign, the cure of the paralytic at the pool with five porticoes, continues the theme of the water of Baptism giving new life. In the preceding chapter, Jesus had offered living water springing up to eternal life to the woman at the well in Samaria, a symbol of the revelation that Jesus brings; here Jesus' life-giving word replaces the water of the pool that failed to bring life. Later, and in common with the synoptics, the multiplication of loaves and the walking on the waters of the Sea of Galilee are related to manna and the crossing of the Red Sea as will later be the Passover narrative, and they symbolize a new exodus. But in John, The multiplication of the loaves is further interpreted for the reader by the discourse that follows, where the bread of life refers to the revelation

of God in Jesus and as an introduction to the Eucharist. After a series of dialogues reflecting Jesus' debates with the Jewish authorities at the Feast of Tabernacles, there is the sixth sign of the young man born blind. This is a narrative illustrating the conflict in the preceding two chapters and separation from traditional Jewish laws (not God's laws); Jesus is the Light of the world and triumphs over darkness. It is a marvelous narrative of controversy between the Pharisees and the young man who had been given his sight by Jesus, showing how the young man not only gains physical sight, but grows rapidly in his spiritual sight as he successfully debates more strongly with the spiritually sightless Pharisees. And finally, the seventh sign, the raising of Lazarus is the climax of the signs. Lazarus is the foretoken of the real life that Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, Who will now ironically be put to death because of his gift of life to Lazarus, will give to all who believe in Him once He has been raised from the dead. According to the Synoptics, the arrest of Jesus was a reaction to the cleansing of the temple, while according to John it was triggered by the raising of Lazarus. It is, in fact the last straw for the Pharisees, who decide right after Lazarus is raised that Jesus must be killed.

Soon after the account of this seventh sign, the "hour" of Jesus arrives, and the author passes from sign to grim but glorious reality, as he moves on to the Book of Glory.



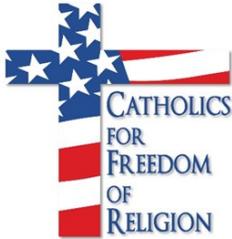
Commentary on the Readings for Today, August 23, 2020 the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
While attending Mass today or any Sunday, if you were asked to go up before the congregation and explain why you are a Catholic, what would you say? Think for a moment; what would you say? This is essentially what Jesus was asking His apostles: "Who do YOU say that I am?" There was no Church as we know it today, so everything depended upon one's knowledge and faith in one person, Jesus Christ. Could we then, or now, say as Peter did: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This would be a tough question for most of us to answer either in private or before a congregation, but that is exactly what Jesus is asking of us every day. "Who do you say that I am?" He wants to know, and He wants us to know just where we stand on this subject.

In the First Reading, from the Prophet Isaiah (22:19- 23), we hear only a small portion of the instructions the Prophet Isaiah gives to Eliakim, the messenger of King Hezekiah of Jerusalem. These instructions were essentially the same as Jesus asks Peter. Isaiah is saying to Eliakim, "In whom are you

putting your trust? You profess to believe in the God of Israel, so now act upon that belief; otherwise you will hang like dishes." (For the full text of this story go to 2 Kings 18 and 19). If we say we are Catholic, if we say we believe in the God in Jesus Christ, then we must show it through our speech and actions.

The Responsorial Psalm (138:1-8) is a prayer of thanksgiving that King Hezekiah might have offered after God turned back the Assyrian general at the gates of Jerusalem. The essence of this prayer is the phrase, "When I called, you answered me." God is waiting for us to call. Do we have enough trust? In the Second Reading, from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (11:33-36), we hear Paul extol the Wisdom of God in His divine Plan of Salvation. Paul is quoting several Old Testament statements of belief which acknowledge God's wisdom in giving the gift of faith first to the Jews and then to Christians. Together, we should complement one another for the "greater honor and glory of God."

The Gospel Reading is from Matthew (16:13-20). We have all heard this story many times, and yet, do we really get the message? In these few lines, we hear Jesus question all the Apostles, but it is Peter who gives the ultimate answer. Could we do the same? Jesus then goes on to give Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven." This is a symbolic phrase. It is not "keys" literally, but rather authority. Thus, the Church is established, the Kingdom of God has begun. Now, can you answer the question, "Why are you a Catholic?" and "Who is Jesus to YOU?"



Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

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### Creative Christians Find Unique Places to Worship

Worshippers met in a local Walmart on June 26 in North Versailles, PA, after Gov. Tom Wolf ordered that individuals "should not gather in religious buildings or homes for services or celebrations until the stay-at-home order is lifted." (1)

The church had moved its worship service from its building to Walmart after police officers interrupted to disperse the congregation. Law Enforcement Today (LET) reported, "If people can safely gather at a Walmart to worship, then it is absurd to suggest that the actual house of worship is any

more dangerous."(2) "This just further affirms the bias that is taking place across the country in the name of 'safety' and 'quarantine.' Liquor stores and marijuana shops were deemed essential, but not houses of worship." (3)

A group of 500 Evangelical Christians held a prayer & praise service in the lobby of a 1,600-person capacity Las Vegas casino on Aug. 6, since Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak restricted services in houses of worship to 50 people but allowed casinos to operate at 50% capacity. Retail stores and restaurants are also allowed to reopen at 50% capacity. "The governor allows hundreds to thousands to assemble in pursuit of financial fortunes but only 50 to gather in pursuit of spiritual ones. That is unconstitutional," said lawyers for the church. (4)

This casino prayer & praise event came two weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected the plea of Calvary Chapel in Nevada to suspend the state-imposed 50-person limit for church gatherings. In a 5-4 decision, justices denied the church's appeal to allow services for up to 90 members, 50% capacity, while fully complying with social-distancing

and other rules.

Dissenting Justice Sam Alito wrote, "We have a duty to defend the Constitution, and even a public health emergency does not absolve us of that responsibility." "The Constitution guarantees the free exercise of religion. It says nothing about freedom to play craps or blackjack..." (5) ([wnd.com](http://wnd.com), 8/10/20(1); [1cfn.com](http://1cfn.com), 8/7/20(2)(4)(5); [lawenforcementtoday.com](http://lawenforcementtoday.com), 8/8/20(3); [thechristianpost.com](http://thechristianpost.com), 8/8/20;

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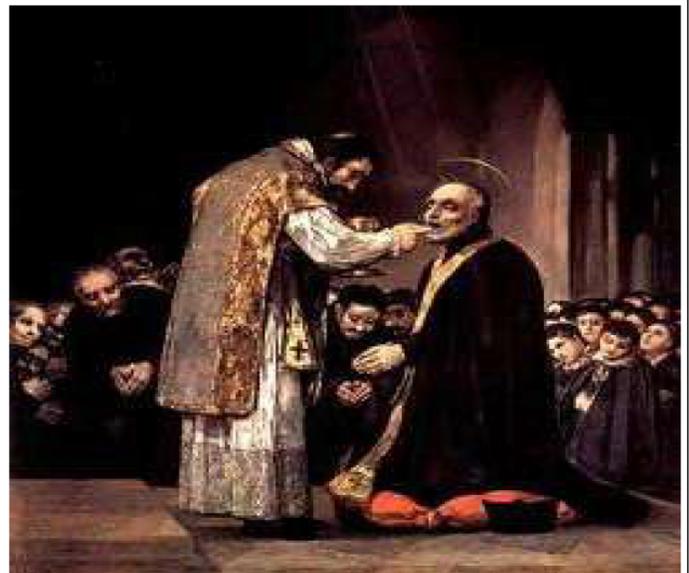
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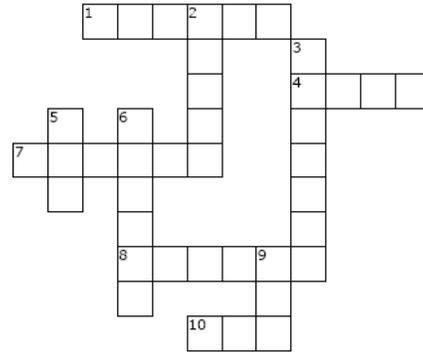
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- A male parent
- The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets
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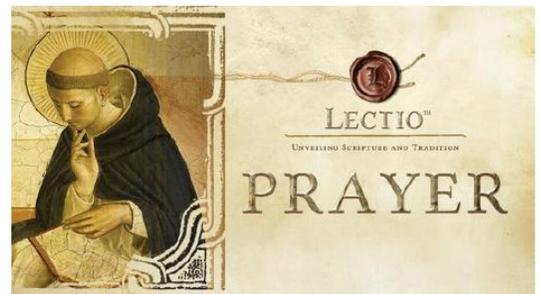
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