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Catholic Church

August 22, 2021 | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Master, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. ~ John 6:68

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

VIGIL MASS - 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. & 11:30 A.M.

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:30 A.M.

FIRST SATURDAY

8:30 A.M.

HOLY DAYS

TO BE ANNOUNCED

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY

2:45 - 3:30 P.M. OR BY APPOINTMENT

(BETHLEHEM ROOM ONLY)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 Noon with

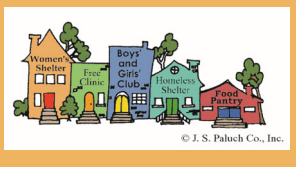
BENEDICTION AT 12:00 Noon.

According to Canon Law, "The Most Holy Sacrament, when exposed, must **never be left unattended** even for the briefest space of time." Therefore, be sure not to leave the Bethlehem Room before someone else is present.

To Know, Love and Serve As Jesus Did

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 22, 2021

As for me and my household,
we will serve the Lord.
— Joshua 24:15b



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS | MON. - THURS.- 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD,
WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

JOSHUA 24:15

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

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WHOM SHOULD WE FOLLOW?

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse in John. After Jesus' continued insistence that he is the Bread of Life come down from heaven, and that his words are "Spirit and life," most of his disciples drift away. The Twelve, however, affirm their faith in Jesus, whom Simon Peter professes to "have the words of eternal life." In the first reading, Joshua and the Israelites are preparing to enter the Promised Land, and Joshua asks the people to decide which god they will follow, the LORD their God, or the gods of neighboring peoples. The Responsorial Psalm features Psalm 34, the "taste and see" psalm, that reflects the kinds of struggles the Israelites faced during their sojourn in the wilderness. In the second reading, Paul gives counsel for maintaining domestic peace and happiness.

CROSSROADS IN LIFE, THEN AND NOW

Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

CAN WE STAY WITH JESUS?

The people who were frenetically following Jesus, crossing the lake twice to pursue him, eating the bread he miraculously provided, are now puzzled by Jesus proclaiming himself as "the bread of life," and they are incredulous. They can go with him no farther, so they gradually drift away. The Twelve, however, stay with Jesus. What else could they do? Who else offers such a profound vision of human life? Peter expresses it well: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not all of our life's crossroads involve our faith, but some do. Perhaps there is someone in your parish who chose to become Catholic and is now alienated from their family; someone who is unhappy with a new pastor and wondering about looking for a different parish; someone who was especially distressed by the clergy sex abuse and prayed long and hard before deciding that she needed her parish to get through it. There may be many in your parish facing such choices, and they need our support and our prayers. In the meantime, we can hope that someday they will again experience Jesus as the Holy One of God, offering them words of eternal life.

TODAY'S READINGS

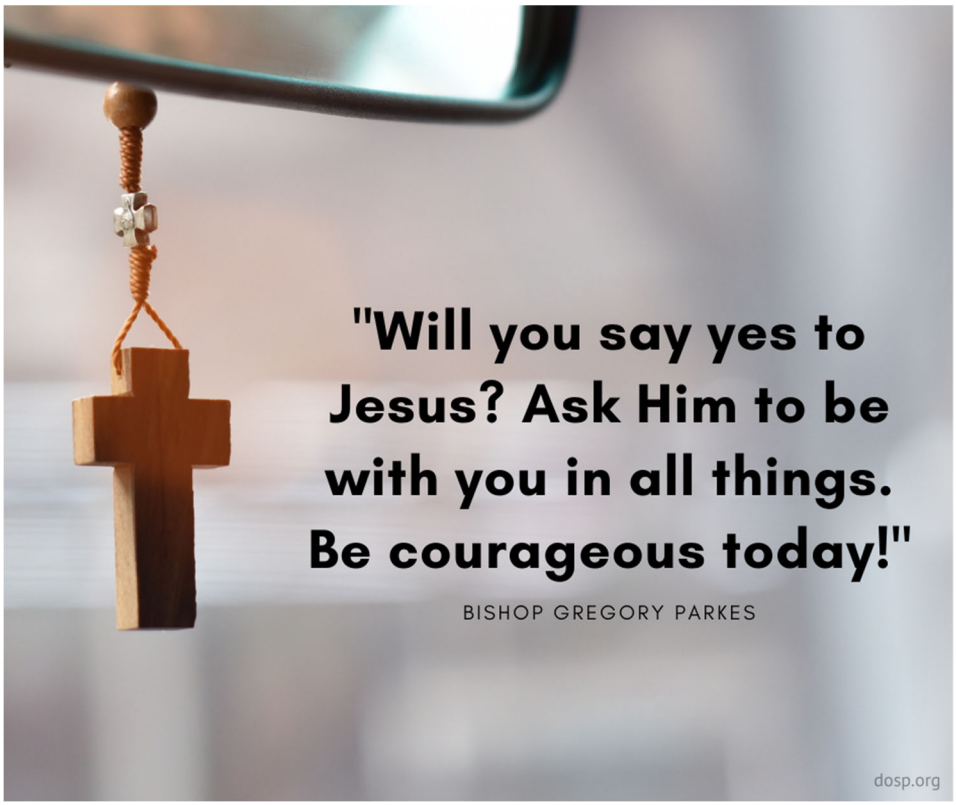
Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b
Psalm 34:2–3, 16–17, 18–19, 20–21
Ephesians 5:21–32 [2a, 25–32]
John 6:60–69

Sunday, August 22, 2021

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Will you say yes to Jesus?

"Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.'"- John 6:67-69



Those who encountered Jesus during His public ministry 2000 years ago had a decision to make…do I follow Him or turn away? Many chose to follow Him because they recognized that He had the words of eternal life. But many also chose to return to their former way of life and no longer accompany Him. Why did they choose the latter? Either because they didn't understand what Jesus was trying to teach them, or they found His teachings too difficult and challenging to follow. This was an unfortunate reality

The Savior of the World was right there in their midst, and yet they turned away. Perhaps life seemed to be better for them without Jesus. Maybe it was the pressure of the world, of others telling them that Jesus was not who He said He was, and thus causing them to doubt. Perhaps things were just more comfortable or easier without Jesus challenging them with His preaching and teaching. This sounds familiar today.

People will make up various excuses not to open their hearts to the Lord or to come to Church. They will rationalize or justify why they don't believe or haven't come back. We must remember that the Church is made up of sinners. Pope Francis has described the Church as a "field hospital" for those who are sick and in need of healing. Most sinners are trying, with the help of God, to more and more become the person that God has created and called them to be. They know the way to the Father, and want to bring others with them. They know the pain of this world, including the stresses and anxiety. But they also know that Christ is with them on the journey.

What will you do today? Will you say yes to Jesus, or will you do like some and return to a life without Jesus? Ask Jesus to be with you in all things. Be courageous today! ***- Bishop Gregory Parkes***

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23-AUGUST 29, 2021

MONDAY - AUGUST 23
8:30 A.M. **HAROLD LEAVITT † -** Ida & Jack King

TUESDAY AUGUST 24
8:30 A.M. **OUR CHILDREN -** SPECIAL INTENTIONS –Arlene & Euclid Dupuis

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 25
8:30 A.M. **HAROLD LEAVITT † -** Rose & Win Samson

THURSDAY - AUGUST 26
8:30 P.M. **PAULINE ANDREOZCI †** - Rose & Ray Morris

FRIDAY – AUGUST 27
8:30 P.M. **GREG CASMAY † -** Michele & Gary Schrader

SATURDAY - AUGUST 28
4:00 P.M. **KATHY & BRAD BRASSEUR -** 40th Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY - AUGUST 29
9:00 A.M. **JOSEPH DELUCA †-** Virginia & Peter Piro
11:30 A.M. **FOR THE PEOPLE**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23—AUGUST 29, 2021

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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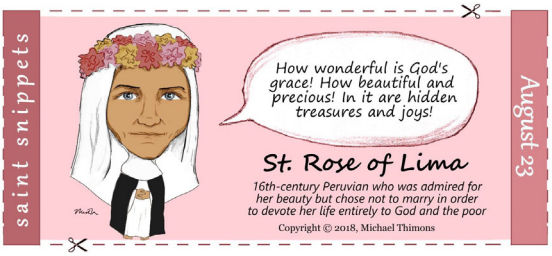
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Rose of Lima
Tuesday: St. Bartholomew
Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Friday: St. Monica
Saturday: St. Augustine © J. S. Paluch Co.



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We are delighted that you've joined us for worship and we hope that you'll return to pray with us often.

As a church community, we have many ministries to offer our members in addition to our weekly worship. If you have moved into the area, we invite you to become a member.

Feel free to call the parish office at *352-746-9422* or email us at: ***mychurch@stscholastica.org***

You may also fill out a new parishioner registration form which are located on the table in the Church narthex and on the St. Scholastica website: ***www.stscholastica.org***

Colleen & Benjamin Frank

ARE YOU REGISTERED

Did you know that demographic studies estimate that more than 1/3 of all Catholics are not registered in a parish? Please encourage your friends and family to register.

Registering is important because: If a parish doesn't know who is out there, how can it adequately serve the needs of all - especially singles, divorced or young families who may not see the need to register?

Registered parishioners receive helpful information about the parish.***Established membership in the parish*** is needed to obtain Baptism/Confirmation sponsor form. *Registering* is easy. Registration forms are available in the parish office, the narthex and on the parish website.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism - Registered parishioners should contact the office for instruction. This should be done three to six months prior to the birth of your child.

Marriages - Registered parishioners should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of making marriage arrangements.

Sick Calls - Please contact the parish office if you need a priest to come to your home to anoint you, or to be anointed at a weekday Mass.

Please call the parish office at 746-9422
for more information regarding the reception of Sacraments.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK
AUGUST 23-AUGUST 29, 2021

MONDAY - AUGUST 23
BULLETIN INSERTS DUE FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
8:30 A.M. MASS (CHURCH)

TUESDAY - AUGUST 24
8:30 A.M. MASS (CHURCH)
1:30 P.M. CULTURE OF LIFE MEETING (PARISH Hall)

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 25
8:30 A.M. MASS (CHURCH)
5:30 P.M. SCHOLA CHOIR (CHURCH)
7:00 P.M. CONTEMPORARY CHOIR (CHURCH)
7:30 P.M. K OF C DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS MEETING (LOYOLA ROOM)

THURSDAY - AUGUST 26
8:30 A.M. MASS (CHURCH)

FRIDAY - AUGUST 27
9:00 A.M. ADORATION (CHURCH)
9:45 A.M. LEGION OF MARY (LOYOLA ROOM)
12:00 P.M. BENEDICTION (CHURCH)

SATURDAY - AUGUST 28
2:45 P.M. CONFESSIONS (BETHLEHEM ROOM)
4:00 P.M. MASS (CHURCH)

SUNDAY - AUGUST 29
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 A.M.– MASS (CHURCH)
11:30 A.M. - MASS (CHURCH)

ATTENTION PARENTS

If your child or children **are away at school please encourage them to register at a parish where they currently reside or attend college**. Establishing church membership is very important. Should they be asked to serve as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, their **PARISH OF RESIDENCE** will need to verify their church membership and attendance and provide them with the required documentation.

If your child or children have reached the age of 18 and **continue to reside with you, please have them register on their own as a parishioner of St. Scholastica**. Establishing their own church membership as an adult is very important. Should they be asked to serve as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, or prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage, we will need to verify their membership and attendance here at St. Scholastica. Please feel free to call the parish office at 746-9422 if you have any questions.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR MILITARY

David Keith	James Britton, Jr.	Alexander Hayes	Eric Barkett
Ken Yates	Joseph R. Tress	Joshua Groom	
Martin Reinhard	Matthew Ratcliff	Jason Antanovich	
David Bareither	Robert Deyeso	Gregory Knowles	
Michael McNulty	Noah Barden	Matthew Hoops	
Chad Stratton	Ryan Nalepa	Ryan Welby	
Thomas McConnell	Luke Blanchette	Curtis Brooks	
Grant Rosen	Sean Grant	Doug Thompson	
Joseph Frantz	Joey Carosella	Danny Matrosic	
Anthony Haros	Colby Dawson	Bryan Creamer	
Travis Wiemann	Chris K. Stimpfl	Jack Guinn	
Jeremy Boucher	Michael Taylor	Julian Davelli	

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Are you considering making a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA to St. Scholastica or the Diocese of St. Petersburg for your Annual Pastoral Appeal Gift? Please make sure your financial institution includes your name on the contribution check so we can make note of your donation. If you have any questions, contact the parish office or your financial advisor.

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who are ill & those who care for them.

Jeannette Kollar	Marie Radoccia	Roxann McCue
Pat Konicki	Barbara Stier & Family	Mae White
Merry Guinn	Catherine Gimont	David Hennings
Elizabeth MacQueen	Lou Cyr	Louise Calise
Joseph Skender	Emile Marquis	Patrick Fore
Ines Monteverde	Elanor Hrabina	Harold Jenkins
Marge Harper	Tim Quinn	Alan Bock
William Ryan	Jim Murray	
Lillian Matos	Linda Murray	
Pat Muller	Patricia McDonough	
Richard Meyer	Judy Lawhon	
Tom Cardoza	Dominick Passalacqua	
Betty Olshewsky	Michael J. Guadagnoli	
Nancy Ostrowski	David Dillworth	
John Schott	Joan Ward	
Susan McElheny	Liz Embree	
Rita Coffman	Henrietta Olstynski	
Carole Aylward	Jimmy Flower	
Jim Guinn	Marlyn C. Dalumpines	
Connie Amato	Alejandra Vukelich	
Shirley Morgan	Rich Meyer, Jr.	
Katie Kazura-Huynh	Lorraine Marino	
Kay Torcuator	Dominick Minnelli	
Margaret Cappelleri	Luna Villalobos	
Larry Fritz	Faye Queck	

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Debbie Ortis. Through the mercy of God may they rest in peace.

BLESSED

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

—Anonymous

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

August 22, 2021
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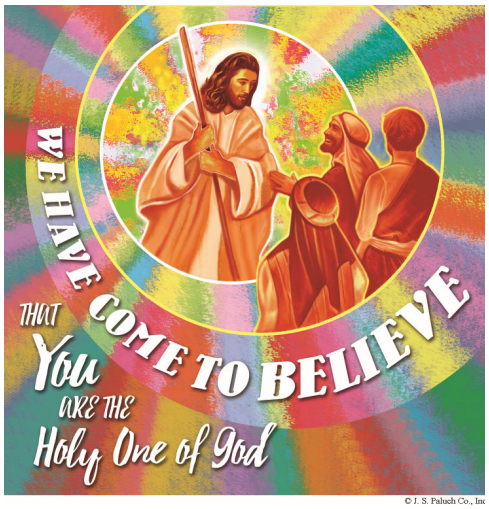
"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve…As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

WIN $100.00 MONTH

The Community of Catholic Women will be offering their $100 monthly drawing to all parishioners. Tickets are just $25 or three for $60. Each month, a name is drawn for $100 and then placed back in for next months drawing. YOU COULD WIN $100 A MONTH FOR A YEAR!!! For tickets, contact Connie Taylor at 352-527-2599.



APA 2021

Goal - $100,816.00
Pledged - $86,766.70
Total Paid - $77,712.87
Pledge Balance - $9,053.83
Family Pledges - 310
Pledges fully paid - 279
Pledges outstanding - 31
# of Families - 893
Average Pledge - $279.89
% of Goal Pledged – 86.06
% of Goal Paid - 77.08

Gifts to the Annual Pastoral Appeal help us courageously live the Gospel. Visit www.dosp.org/giveapa to make your gift today!

ONLINE GIVING

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

Reasons to sign up for Electronic Giving

- No need to write checks or bring cash to church.
- Peace of mind knowing that the church is receiving your contribution even if you are unable to attend.
- More secure than checks.
- All contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement with date of settlement.

IT COSTS YOU NOTHING!

You will have the option to keep receiving your regular offering envelope packets if you wish. Visit ***www.stscholastica.org*** to sign up and for more information.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEAST OF FAITH

Come, Spirit!

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an *epiclesis*, a Greek word that means "invocation upon" or "calling over here." At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: "Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son" (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first *epiclesis* the *epiclesis* of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another *epiclesis*, the *epiclesis* of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. "Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer III). —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

A MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!

Have you ever considered joining the St. Scholastica Music Ministry? Now that we are beginning to return to a sense of normalcy, it is a perfect time to warm those voices and instruments back up! We are seeking singers, instrumentalists, and handbell players! For singers, being able to read music is not mandatory, but any experience is a plus! Instrumentalists should be proficient on their instrument. If this interests you, please contact our Music Director, John Edel. You can e-mail him jedel@stscholastica.org, or stop by to speak with him directly after any of our masses.

Our Choir Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 5:30 pm and Handbell Rehearsals will be Mondays at 6:00 pm, beginning August 30th.

Come! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

RCIA

RCIA stands for "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults". Have you or someone you know thought about becoming a Catholic? Or were you baptized and need sacraments to come into full communion with the Church? Have you been away from the Church for a while and need to renew your lost faith? If the answer is yes, we warmly welcome you to join us and find out more about how RCIA can open your mind and heart to the Church and God's grace. We have scheduled an RCIA orientation meeting on Thursday, September 16 at 5 p.m. in the parish center. If you are interested in participating in RCIA or in being a Sponsor, please contact the Parish Office at 746-9422. Thank you.

St. Scholastica parishioners annually recite the Patriotic Rosary on September 11th in remembrance. We must never forget. This is the twentieth anniversary of that tragic day on 2001, which occurs this year on a Saturday. We will be reciting the Patriotic Rosary after the 4:00 p.m. Please join us.

AN INVITATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY INSTITUTE (LPMI)

The Diocesan Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute is a four-year program; an informal year of discernment and 3 years of formal academic training and spiritual growth. The LPMI is a program of leadership study and training designed for women and men involved in ministry who show leadership potential and seek to continue their growth as ministerial leaders. Please pray to be open to God calling you to participate in our LPMI Year of Discernment monthly sessions beginning in September 2021 through April 2022. Attending the Year of Discernment does not commit you to the 3 years of academic study. Interested adults can find brochures and more detail on the LPMI website at www.dosp.org/lpmi. Or, you may contact our office at the Pastoral Center by phone (727) 344-1611 or email at LPMISEPI@dosp.org.

FAITH FORMATION ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK

August 22

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

- To help your family understand that Jesus is the Bread of Life Eternal, ask everyone to decorate a small prayer card with the Bible verse: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Say the verse together each evening before your evening meal.
- Jesus is the Bread of Life for the world. In your diocesan newspaper, look for information about the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to feed the hungry around the world. Talk about how you might become involved in these organizations.
- Take out a loaf of bread and place it on the kitchen table. Gather your family around the table. Invite each person to offer thanks for something in his or her life that God has given him or her. Break the bread and pass it around to each family member. To conclude, hold hands and pray the Lord's Prayer together.
- Talk about decisions each family member is facing right now. Each person could write these decisions on a slip of paper. Place all these papers in a special box that the family has decorated. Then, one by one, take them out and talk about what would be the best decision. After each discussion, pray that Jesus helps the person to make a good choice.

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Due to technical difficulties, this article should have run last week.

August 15, 2021 Bulletin

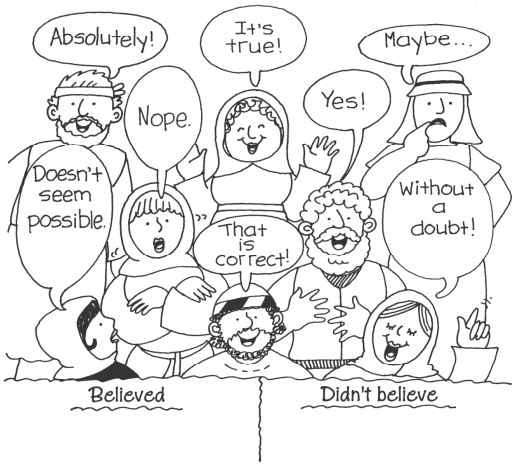
As we celebrate The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary today, I am going to confess something to you, my parish family… I have not always had an affection for our Mother Mary. It's not that I disliked her, I just didn't think about her much. That is not to say that I didn't believe that Mary is the Mother of God or that she wasn't a good and beautiful saint. I loved May Crowning when I was in Catholic grammar school and I thought it was so wonderful that we put a crown on her statue. I just didn't get praying through her to Jesus. Oh, I certainly said my share of Hail Marys, don't get me wrong, I just didn't have an affinity towards her. The Hail Marys were easy to say when I didn't know how else to pray. She was present in my church life, just not important for many years, in fact, most of my years. My go-to for prayer was Jesus and the Holy Spirit interchangeably.

I was on a youth retreat with the Salesians of Don Bosco in New York with 12 of my students from St. Petersburg Catholic High School in October one year. That was when I began to see Mary under the title of Mary Help of Christians in a different light. That is where I began to PRAY the Hail Mary and when I began to talk with Mary mother to mother. I read about her feast days and the different titles we have for her. Mary Help of Christians is the name I prefer, partly because of my relationship with the Salesians and St. John Bosco and partly because she is my helper, she brings my concerns, desires, tribulations, and confusion at times to her Son, Jesus. I still pray to Jesus and the Holy Spirit, however, I feel like I have a special woman friend in Mary and she intercedes for me.

That week in October several years ago made a huge difference in my prayer life and my relationship with Mary and Jesus her Son. I learned a prayer practice on that retreat that I still pray today. Every night upon going to bed and when things get a little out of hand for me I pray three times the following prayer…***Dear Mother Mary, ever Virgin, help me to save my soul…Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen***. I share this with you in case you might have the same feelings or lack of feelings for Mary. Read about her, learn about her and ask her to help you see her and ask Jesus to help you in your relationship with His Mother. Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

God's Word for Children

Not all of Jesus' followers remained loyal to him.
Some turned away because what he said
was hard for them to accept.
The question they needed to answer was,
"Is Jesus the Son of God?"
Read what these folks had to say, then use tally marks at the bottom
to record how many believed and how many didn't believe.



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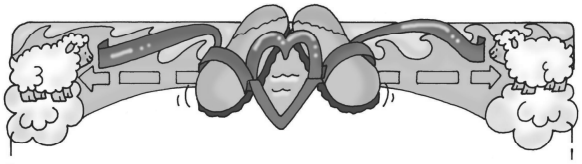
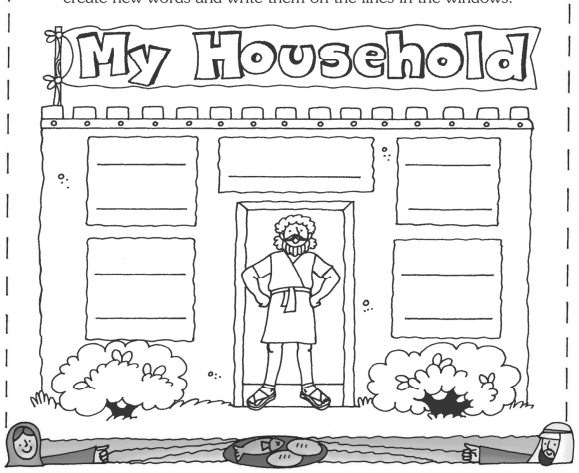
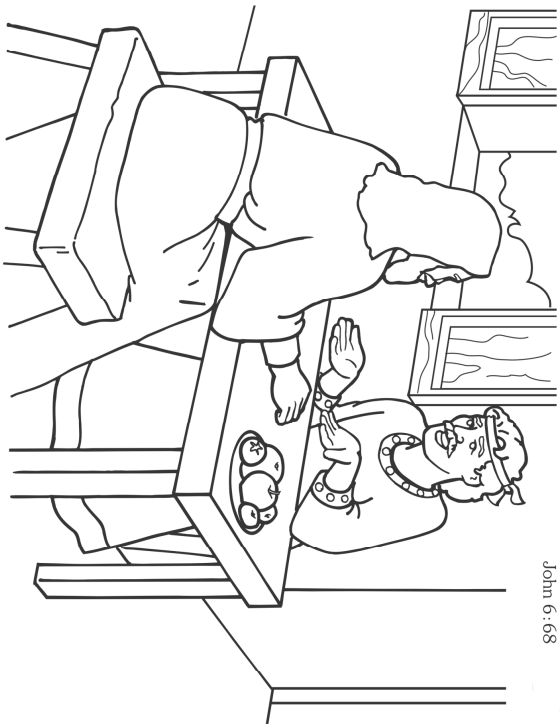


Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

When some of the tribes of Israel turned from worshiping God,
Joshua gathered their leaders together. He told them,
"As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).
Using only the letters in the phrase below,
create new words and write them on the lines in the windows.





"Master, to whom shall we go?"
John 6:68

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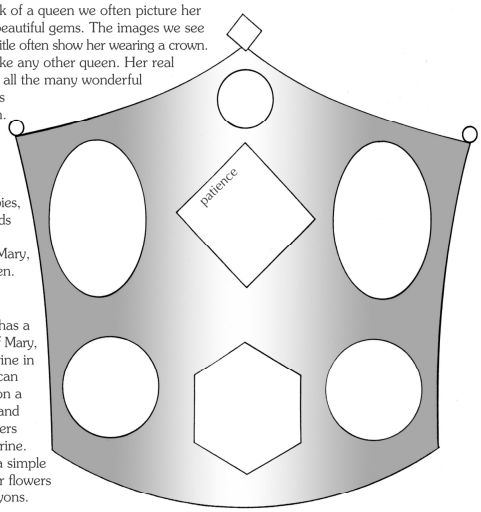
This crown contains outlines of some jewels. Instead of seeing diamonds and rubies, fill them with words that describe the loving actions of Mary, our heavenly queen. An example is done for you.

If your family has a statue or picture of Mary, create a small shrine in your home. You can place the image on a pretty blue cloth and gather some flowers to place in the shrine. You could make a simple crown using other flowers or paper and crayons.



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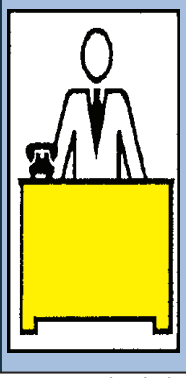

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