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## TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT BENEDICT

**AUGUST 30, 2020**

SAINT SCHOLASTICA



St. Scholastica Parish  
17320 Rosemont  
Detroit, Michigan 48219  
[www.stscholastica.church](http://www.stscholastica.church)

Fr. James W. Lowe CC, Administrator

### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Holydays	8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### MARRIAGE

Parish priest must be contacted six months prior to date of intended marriage.

**BAPTISMS**  
Contact Fr. James W. Lowe, CC

**CONFESSIONS**  
Tuesday-Saturday Mornings: Immediately Following Mass  
Saturday Evening Mass: 3:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.  
All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

**ROSARY**  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

**PHONE NUMBERS**  
Parish Office .....(313) 531-0140  
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## **REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**

The prophets often spoke bluntly, whether addressing the people or even God. Take Jeremiah today. He accuses God of seducing and overpowering him, making him speak a word that has led to his ridicule and persecution. He was even thrown down a cistern and left to die because of his preaching! Jeremiah confesses he has no choice in the matter. When he refuses to speak God's word, he experiences a fire burning in his heart, consuming his very bones.

The cost of drawing near to the living God can take us down a path we would rather not go. Peter saw this coming when Jesus began to speak of the suffering that lay ahead, instead of being the powerful Messiah people had been waiting for, who would cast down their enemies and restore Israel to the glory days of King David. Instead, Jesus spoke about taking up the cross, losing one's life, or, in Paul's words to the Romans, becoming "a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God."

God's plan for us is the transformation and renewal of our minds according to the pattern of God's Son Jesus. This transformation comes about when we "offer [our] bodies as a living sacrifice," seeking to discern and do God's will as Jesus did. Such self-offering may lead to our following Jesus on the way: finding life by losing it for the sake of others, and coming to know the living God as purifying fire, life-giving water, and nourishing food for our spirit.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.  
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## **LIVING GOD'S WORD**

We can pray that we have the strength to respond courageously to Jesus' call to be willing to lose our life for his sake. We ask to be able to discern in our daily lives the way we can "offer [our] bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, your spiritual worship."

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## **ST. SCHOLASTICA MASS STREAMED LIVE:**

St. Scholastica Mass is streamed live: Daily Mass and Week-end Masses are being broadcast live from the St. Scholastica Web Site. You may tune in to the Mass at [www.scholastica.church](http://www.scholastica.church). Please join us if you are unable to attend Mass at the Church. Daily Masses and Saturday morning are streamed at 8:00 a.m. Saturday afternoon Mass is at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday Mass is at 10:00 a.m.

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## **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**

### **THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

A central theme develops in today's Scripture passages regarding God's will. The prophet Jeremiah's personal relationship with God inspires him to do the Lord's will in spite of his reluctance. Even as his community mocks him, he prophesies against the leaders' idol worship and unjust treatment of the poor. In St. Paul's Letter to the Roman community, he encourages them to convert and renew their minds and bodies to *what is good, pleasing, and perfect* to Him in order to find God's will. In the Gospel from the evangelist St. Matthew, Jesus aligns himself with His Father's will when He tells His disciples that He will suffer, die, and be raised up on the third day. For Christian stewards, pursuing, finding, and then doing the Father's will leads to deeper discipleship and a personal relationship with Jesus. For wise stewards, they also find peace, joy, and fulfillment in this life. Establishing your spiritual life is key to discovering God's will. Begin by making daily quiet time to listen and pray to the Lord along with reading a few verses of Scripture

.From the AOD of Detroit Bulletin Announcements

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## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**



Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalms 63

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

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**Tuesday, September 1, 2020**

8:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, September 2, 2020**

8.00 a.m.

**Thursday, September 3, 2020**

8:00 a.m. That The Early Impressions School, Southfield, will have a safe, healthy, and happy year by Gerald and Mary Ellen Clark

**Friday, September 4, 2020**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday, September 5, 2020**

8:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m. † Theresa Homper by Valerie Fitzgerald

**Sunday, September 6, 2020**

10:00 a.m. For Parishioners

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## LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today we hear Jesus tell his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem where he will suffer and be killed and that—guess what? - whoever comes after him must take up his cross and follow him. It must have been quite a shock. This is the first time Jesus told them this. We know what happened nearly two thousand years ago, but the challenge is new for each generation of disciples. Are we willing to take up our crosses? Will we follow? Let our sharing in the Eucharist strengthen us as we take up the cross and follow him.

When Jeremiah heard the word of the Lord, it burned so fiercely in his heart that he had to proclaim it, even though it brought him derision and reproach. We have the opportunity to hear the word of the Lord every time we celebrate the Eucharist. Does it burn a fire within our hearts? Does it leave us with no choice but to proclaim it? Does it transform our lives? Or have we forgotten it by the time Mass is over? Let us open our hearts today to the word of God.

*From Pastoral Patterns*

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## SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

To watch Sunday, Saturday, or Daily Mass from home, click the links below at the corresponding Mass times. These services are available online or televised by [Catholic Television Network of Detroit \(CTND\)](#), the Solanus Casey Center, EWTN, and Fox 2 in English and Spanish.

The Archdiocese of Detroit will broadcast a private (closed-door) Mass celebrated by Archbishop Vigneron from the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament at noon Sunday. The faithful can watch and participate in real time below and on the [Archdiocese of Detroit's Facebook page](#).

## **Families of Parishes and Discernment of Family Members for St. Scholastica**

Families of Parishes are groups of parishes, generally three to six, in close proximity to each other, served by multiple priests and deacons, and sharing resources to advance the mission. Key elements related to Families of Parishes and Parishioners are:

- This new model will allow the priests, deacons, and lay staff associated with a single parish to better share their gifts and talents with the whole family of parishes.
- Forming "Families of Parishes" is our way to answer the Spirit's call we heard at Synod 16: for a complete renewal of structures to make them radically mission-oriented and Spirit-filled
- The new structure calls parishes to be communal. Families of Parishes enable us to establish and nurture new relationships. We are no longer isolated parishes; rather, we will become one complementary family.
- "God relates to his people not as isolated individuals but as a people, a family, united with one another in deep bonds of love" (Eph 4:1-6).
- The Church is communal. Parishes are communal.
- "We learn to give and receive God's love in and through our relationships with one another" (Unleash The Gospel Marker 3.1).

Attached are the Parishes in our proximity and their mission statements. Please take some time this week and visit the websites of each parish. Discern which parishes you think are good family members in partnership with St Scholastica.

Next week, on our website ([scholastica.church](http://scholastica.church)) there will be a form available for parishioners to select their choices for parishes to form the Families of Parishes to include St. Scholastica .



We continue to pray for our sick and homebound parish members, Bruce Henderson, Elma Thorpe, Annie Laurie Shannan, Courtney Atlas, Eileen Clark, Sandra Moulton, Christopher Staff, Margaret Porath, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Marian Hubbard, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, William Walker, Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen, Victoria Crowe, Dennis Lund, Matthew Onwudingo, Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Ellen Casey, Denise Goodine, Jonathan Jackson, Gwendolyn Dickerson, Yolanda Stephens, Suzanne Ross, Thomas Norfolk, Bennie Bailey, Julie Hacker, Michele Mooney, Robert Weed, Jerome Bies and Annie Stacherski.

## UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

### PRAYER for the NEXT PHASE of UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

#### HEAVENLY FATHER,

Thank you for the abundant graces of Synod 16: for awakening in us the vision and resolve to become again your Church on mission, eagerly working together to "make disciples of all nations," according to our commission from the Lord Jesus.

Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit, as a new Pentecost, to guide us in our next phase in our movement to Unleash the Gospel. By his power at work in us, transform our parishes into bands of joyful missionary disciples.

#### COME HOLY SPIRIT:

Set our hearts on fire to share the Good News of Jesus with all those who stumble in darkness, who hunger for hope, who thirst for eternal life. Above all, grant us the boldness and courage of the apostles to put the mission above all else, so that our community becomes the spark to ignite the fire of divine love that transforms this time and this place into the Kingdom of Heaven.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelization, and her mother, our Patron, St. Anne; and in the spirit of Blessed Solanus we thank you ahead of time for "accomplishing in us far more than all we ask or imagine."

We ask all of this in the all-powerful name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever.

**AMEN**



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Let us call on the Lord's name and offer fervent prayer for ourselves and for all people.

For the ministers of the Church: that the Lord will uphold them as they give their lives for the Gospel of Christ. We pray to the Lord.

For public officials of this community, state, and nation: that the Lord will uphold them as they work to protect our environment. We pray to the Lord.

For the poor, the hungry, and the homeless: that the Lord will uphold them by our assistance to them. We pray to the Lord.

For the grieving, the lonely, and the abandoned: that the Lord will uphold them with his unfailing peace. We pray to the Lord.

For all those suffering from addiction: that the Lord will uphold them and free them from their bondage. We pray to the Lord.

For the sick and the elderly: that the Lord will uphold them by our care for them. We pray to the Lord.

For all those who have died, that the Lord will uphold them in everlasting love. We pray to the Lord.