

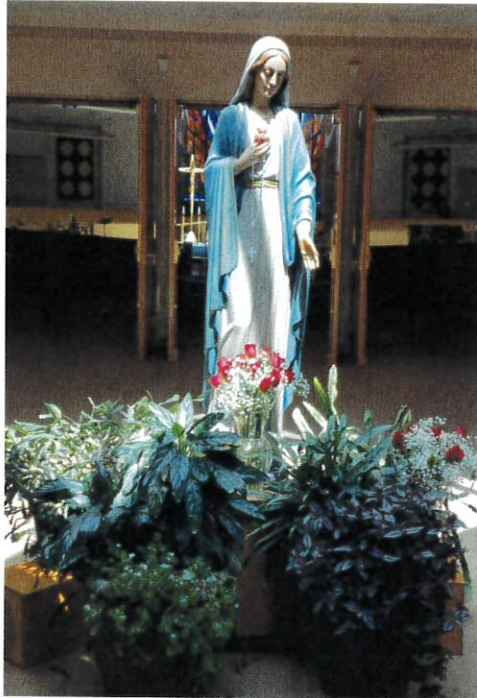
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Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel

Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Chapel

Adoration: Fridays from 9:00 am-5:00 pm in the Chapel

Silent Prayer: 1st & 3rd Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm in the Seton Room

Centering Prayer: Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 in the IHM Library

Rosary: Every 1st Saturday After 8:00 am Mass in the Chapel

Our Priests will be on their

Annual Clergy Retreat

August 28 thru September 1st.

Please pray for them to have a safe

trip and be enlightened

by the Holy Spirit!

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS!

Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm **Sunday Masses:** 7:30 am, 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses will be posted in the bulletin & on the website

Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:00 pm — 3:30 pm or by appointment

Adoration: Every Friday of the Month **Office hours:** M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

St. Ann, Palisade Sunday Mass: 9:30 am Holy Days: TBD

10:30 am Mass each Tuesday of the month

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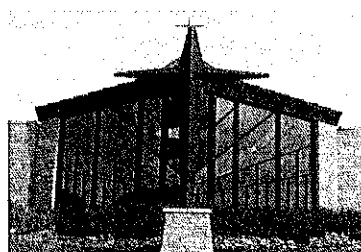
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Theresa Brandorff, Lee Byram, Alex & Ashlynn Kirstatter, Bob Ferencsik,
Marty Olesky, and for all those written in the Red Book of Prayer.

If there is someone you wish to have put on our prayer list please contact Judy
in the parish office after receiving permission from the person or persons.



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contact info!**

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online for tithing
and still receiving
envelopes in the
mail? Are you
receiving more
envelopes than you

need? Are you just putting
your tithing in the basket at
mass? Have you had a change
of address or phone number?
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us to update your information
in our records. Thank you!



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: A:
THE TRUE IDENTITY OF JESUS
(Is: 22: 19-23; Rom: 11: 36-37; Matt: 16: 13-20)**

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very happy to see you all though this homily. Today's first reading is from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah assures the people of Israel that the Lord God will remove the corrupt official Shebna, who did not take care of the chosen people of God. In his place the Lord God will appoint Eliakim who will take fatherly care of the people of Jerusalem and of Judah. He will rule the people with fairness and justice. Thus the Lord God will bring justice to His chosen people.

The second reading is from the letter of St. Paul to Romans. Paul tells the Christian community in Rome and all of us about the inscrutable mystery of God - that He is the creator and the Lord of all that exists. We humans with all our wisdom and human understanding are very much limited. We cannot comprehend or understand the wisdom of God.

"Who do you say that I am?"

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Matthew. Jesus reveals His true identity during His conversation with His disciples. Jesus puts two questions to His disciples. The first question was, "Who do men say that I am?" He was interested to know from His disciples the various opinions people had about Him. The answers as expressed by the disciples consist of the following: They said, "Some say you are John the Baptist (who has come back to life) or the Prophet Elijah or the Prophet Jeremiah or one the prophets of old.

Hence the perception of the people were limited to the understanding of Jesus as a prophet or as a man of God. Then Jesus puts a second question, a very personal one to His disciples. "Who do you say that I am?" It is a very searching question. Peter immediately speaks up and confesses. "You are the Christ, the Son of God." Impressed by this answer Jesus praises Peter and tells him then and there that this confession of faith is something extraordinary and it is a revelation from the heavenly Father. Jesus further adds that Peter will be made the head of the future Church and he is the rock on which He will build His Church.

Today Jesus puts the same question to each one of us: "Who do you say that I am?" As He converses with us we could think of the faith journeys we had in our lives. Perhaps the image of Jesus in our early stages in life have undergone tremendous transformation. Perhaps as the years have gone by, our faith experiences of Jesus have deepened and strengthened. Maybe we could also share our faith experiences with others as the Apostles did. They transmitted their faith experiences to the future generations.

"There are so many religions and each one has its different ways of following God. I follow Christ. Jesus is my God." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

"I see Jesus in every human being." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

I wish you all Blessed Sunday and Lovely weekend to you all. God Bless you all. Fr. Selva.

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**Deanery Eucharistic
Gathering**

Saturday September 9, at St.
Mary's in Montrose, from 9:00
am-3:00 pm.

Everyone is invited!

Come gather with the other parishes in our
area to celebrate our faith in our
Eucharistic Lord!

Hear how the Holy Spirit is bringing people
closer to Jesus in our parishes!

Be inspired by our shepherd,
Bishop Stephen Berg!

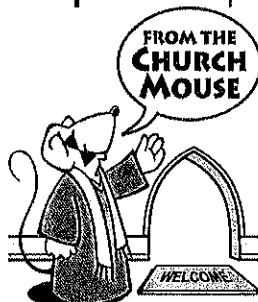
Be equipped with tools for sharing the good
news of the Eucharist in our parish!

If you would like to attend

Please register at:

diopueblo.org/md-deanery-gatherings

Early registration will assist with luncheon and
room capacity numbers. Thank you!



Attention Eucharist Assembly (Mass) Minister's!

There will be a training
Tuesday September 12 at 9:30 am
in the Sanctuary.

This training will bring all
Assembly Eucharist Ministers (not homebound)
together using the same procedures
given by Church teachings for those of you
who serve at mass. Questions and concerns will
be welcome.

To sign up please contact
Judy Hettinger in the Parish
office at 970-242-6121



Attention!

All Middle and High School
students! We are excited to
announce the return of middle and
high school youth group! Our
youth group will meet on
Wednesdays in the Youth Room from 6pm-7pm.
Come join us as we play games, enjoy food, and tap
into our creative gifts.

**Be sure to join us for our first meeting on
Wednesday, September 6th and feel free to bring
your friends!**

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website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



Please join Father Chrysogonus Wednesday
evenings from 6-7:00 pm for Bible Study in
the friendship room. The first study will be
the Book of Revelation. Join us for an
evening of spiritual growth and wisdom in our
Catholic Faith.



A representative will visit
Immaculate Heart of Mary church
the weekend of August 26 & 27th.
He/she will be available to answer
questions, collect names and numbers of those who are
interested in signing up for a stroke scan.

The scanning will take place on
September 7 & 8th here at the church.
Additional information is in the Narthex

Minister Schedule for September 2/3, 2023

All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am Sept. 2, Mass (†) Walter Olesky by Charles Olesky
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

4:00 pm Sept. 2, Mass (†) Clayton Tipping by Mike Phillips &
 Cindy Adams
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: B. Kline, M. Meyers, D. Schmitz, L. Watson & 4 Vol.
Hospitality: A. Davis, S. Mills & 3 Volunteers
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Lectors: E. Hoy

7:30 am Sept. 3, Mass (†) Manual & Irene Schmalz by George &
 Marie
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: M. Kiser & 7 Volunteers
Hospitality: L. Duncan, D. Lytle, G. Watts & 1 Volunteer
Servers: E. Scott & N. Scott
Lectors: J. Bennett

9:30 am Sept. 3, Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

10 am Sept. 3, Mass (†) Dorothy Dougherty by Pat Graves
Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: D. Peugh, J. Peugh & 6 Volunteers
Hospitality: J. Nasalroad & 3 Volunteers
Servers: D. Hurd & 1 Volunteer
Lectors: M. Hurd & G. Hurd

5:00 pm Mass Sept. 3, (I) Bill & Phillis Hoffman by Mike
 Hoffman
Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: B. Luff & 7 Volunteers
Hospitality: B. Mills & 3 Volunteers
Servers: 2 Volunteer's
Lectors: 2 Volunteers

Readings for the Week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: IS 22:19-23 ROM 11:33-36 MT 16:13-20

Monday: 1 THES 1:1-5, 8b-10 MT 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 THES 2:1-8 MK 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 THES 2:9-13 MT 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 THES 3:7-13 MT 24:42-51

Friday: 1 THES 4:1-8 MT 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 THES 4:9-11 MT 25:14-30

Calendar of Events Week of August 27, 2023

Sunday, Aug. 27 7:30 am Mass
 Stroke Scan Plus Sign-ups
 8:45-9:45 Sac Prep
 9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade
 10:00 am Mass
 Stroke Scan Plus Sign-ups
 11:30 am Faith Formation, Confirmation,
 RCIA, 2nd Yr. RCIC & Sac Prep
 5:00 pm Mass
 Stroke Scan Plus Sign-ups

Monday, Aug. 28 8:00 am Mass
 Priests on Clergy Retreat

Tuesday, Aug. 29 8:00 am Communion Service
 Priests on Clergy Retreat
 6-9:00 pm Knights
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wednesday, Aug. 30 8:00 am Communion Service
 Priests on Clergy Retreat
 6-7:00 pm Faith Formation, 1st yr. RCIC,
 Sac Prep

Thursday, Aug. 31 8:00 am Communion Service
 Priests on Clergy Retreat

Friday, Sept. 1 8:00 am Communion Service
 9 am-5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel
 Priests on Clergy Retreat

Mass Intentions

Sunday Aug. 27, 2023

7:30 am - (†) Chuck Rosa by Friends
 10:00 am -(I) IHM Staff
 5:00 pm-(I) IHM Children & Youth

Monday Aug. 28, 2023

8:00 am -(†) Justine Knapp by Justine Tilger

Tuesday Aug. 29, 2023

8:00 am - (†) Gilbert Sanchez by Friends

Wednesday Aug. 30, 2023

8:00 am-(I) Mary Ann Rollison by Kathy Sassano

Thursday Aug. 31, 2023

8:00 am-(†) Rose Winburn by Friends

Friday Sept. 1, 2023

8:00 am-(†) Rhonda Jean Multz by Keski Family

Saturday Sept.2, 2023

8:00 am -(†) Walter Olesky by Charles Olesky
 4:00 pm-(†) Clayton Tipping by Mike Phillips & Cindy

Transforming Distractions At Mass and Eucharistic Adorations

Continued from last week...

I was reminded recently that children are not only distractions, they are blessings that remind us of God's love, creativity, diversity, beauty, humor, and love for humanity. They listen, present their prayers and blessings to God in the only way they know, some crying, others climbing pews, while some of them doodle in their coloring worship books. They will do this until maturity dawns on them. To those whispering loudly in the back of church, they are in need of prayers and examples of reverence, but I believe that they are presenting to God their praises, joy, challenges and their dysfunctionalities. To the person with a cough, they are in need of our prayers for healing.

The truth is that we are all of these people at some time in our life. Every sick member of our faith is a visible sign of the frail nature of our Church and human society. So many intentions for us to pray. Isn't that just like God, always suppling us with reasons to pray and converse with Him. We are all brought together in this place of worship at the same time so that we might share in one another's perfection and frailty; and at the same time complete God's plan for the salvation of His people. We have to make up for that which is lacking in the cross of Jesus (Colossians 1:24). There is a whole world full of things to disrupt our prayers and adoration, but the thing of prime importance is the desire, love, the intention for which we pray and our sincere devotion to God. God wants such devotion in others to draw us to himself. Hence Christ explained: "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." (John 4:23-24) So "come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.". Let us worship him with gladness and joyful songs (Psalm 95:6 and Psalm 100:2).

To fully understand what we are participating in we need to ask a few questions. What is the Eucharistic assembly? What does it mean that the church is at worship? The Eucharistic celebration is the gathering of the good, the bad and the ugly. The just and the unjust participate together. Sinners and the righteous sit together. Heaven and earth merge, saints and people like us embrace and together, acclaim: Amen!!! For what? To thank God for the gift of his Son and for our salvation. We gather for *eucharisia* - thanksgiving. All these are directed to the glory of God. While we are still on earth, none of us are perfect. Our presence in the Church signifies that the church, - i.e. 'us'- is still fighting against concupiscence, sin and imperfection. Hence the Council Fathers were apt in saying: "For the liturgy, through which the work of our redemption is accomplished." Most of all, in the divine sacrifice of the Eucharist, is the outstanding means whereby the faithful may express in their lives, and manifest to others, the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church. It is the essence of the Church that she be both human and divine. Visible and yet invisibly equipped. Eager to act and yet intent on contemplation. Present in this world and yet not at home in it. She is all these things in such a manner, that in her, the human is directed and subordinated to the divine, the visible likewise to the invisible, action to contemplation, and "this present world to that city yet to come, seek." (SC 2; Heb. 13:14.)

To be continued next week...

By Father Chrysogonus Nwele & Shirley Petroff

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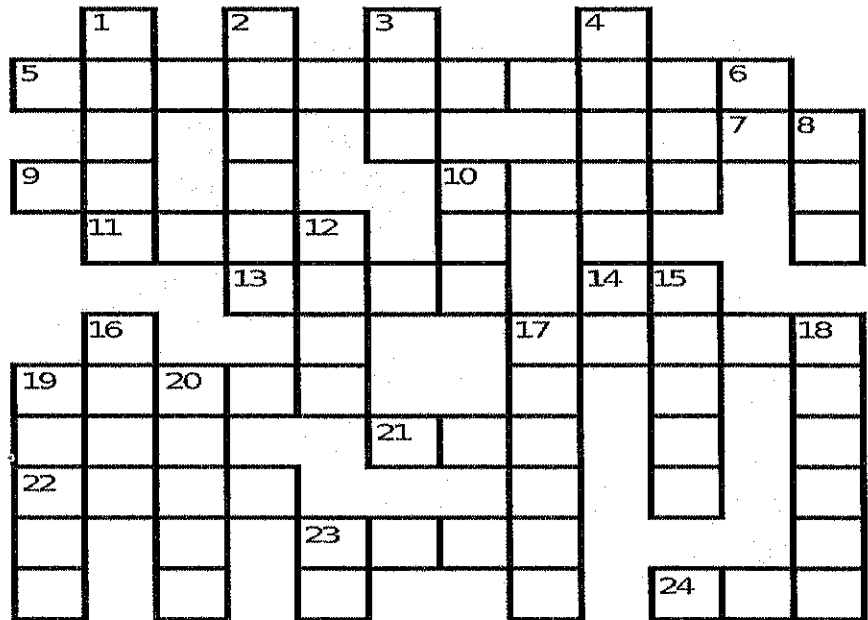
Kids Corner- Twenty-first Sunday

"Who do you say that I am?" CROSSWORD

See how well you know what happened in today's Gospel story!



**YOU
ARE
THE
CHRIST!**



ACROSS

5. "...the gates of the _____ will not prevail..."
7. "..._____ this rock I will build my Church..."
9. "Whatever you bind on earth shall _____ bound in Heaven."
10. "I will _____ you the keys of the kingdom..."
11. "On this _____ I will build my Church."
13. Jesus made Peter the _____ of the Church on earth.
14. "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed _____ Heaven."
17. "_____ and blood have not revealed this to you..."
19. "_____ asked them, 'Who do you say that I am?'"
21. God _____ Peter in charge of His Church on earth.
22. Jesus changed Simon's _____ to Peter.
23. "Flesh and blood _____ not revealed this to you..."
24. "...You are the Christ, the _____ of the living God!"

DOWN

1. _____ said, "You are the Christ..."
2. "On this rock I will build my _____."
3. "Blessed _____ you, Simon..."
4. "...the gates of the netherworld shall not _____..."
6. "Who _____ people say that the Son of Man is?"
8. "Flesh and blood have _____ revealed this..."
10. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living _____!"
12. "I will give you the _____ to the kingdom of Heaven."
15. When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?
16. _____ belong to the Church that Jesus started.
17. The Heavenly _____ revealed to Simon who Jesus was.
18. "...the keys to the kingdom of _____..."
19. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of _____..."
20. Peter's name before Jesus changed it.
23. Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that _____ was the Christ.



Our Faith Formation Program is still in need of a 1st year RCIC Catechist for our Wednesday night class from 6-7:00 pm. If you enjoy working with children and love our faith please consider this rewarding Ministry!
If interested call Bernadette in the parish office 970-242-6121 ext. 204



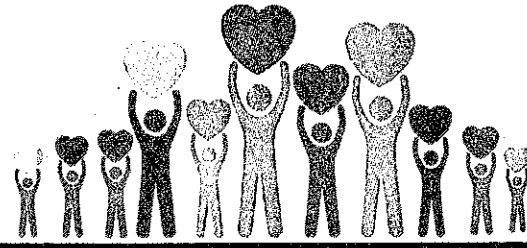

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