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Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

Pastor:

Father Hamish Currie

Parochial Vicar

(Associate Pastor):

Father Jeff Shannon

Parish Office:

Monday-Friday

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Office Admin Jennifer

Winter Mass Schedule

Starting September 2, 2023

Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm

**Sunday Mass: 9:00 am &
11:00am**

Weekday Masses :

Morning Mass:

Tues to Fri at 9am

Sacrament of Penance :

Saturday : 4:15pm-4:45pm

Baptism :

Usually on the **3rd Sunday** of the month. Please make arrangements **one month in advance** by contacting the Parish office.

Marriage :

Please make marriage arrangements **6 months in advance** by contacting the Parish office.

Papal Blessing :

Please **allow at least 6 months** for Papal Blessing to arrive after the request has been made.

Knights of Columbus :

Ernie Console

CWL President :

Maureen Gooderham

705-945-0852

Liturgical Music / Choir :

Bruce Douville

bruce.douville@gmail.com

Bulletin Announcements :

Email yours to

pbcathedral@on.aibn.com

Before 11:00 AM Wednesday

Prayer Line :





CWL News

Memberships - If you are interested in joining the CWL and have any questions, please call Denise Moreau at 705-949-1442. There will be a membership drive in September. New members are welcome!

The next general meeting is **Tuesday September 5th** at 7 pm.

Sunday November 5th - Precious Blood Snowflake Tea, Craft and Bake sale.

Save the date! Start preparing crafts. Bev Dunn will be collecting new items in September to make baskets. If you have questions for Bev, contact her at 705-759-0164.

Collecting Rosaries - rosaries will continue to be collected for students being confirmed in the future. New or gently used rosaries can be dropped off in the basket in St. Anne's room.

Coffee Sundays

The first Sunday of each month—join us after the 11 am mass for coffee in the Gathering Place.

Coffee Hour: September 10, 2023

Shawl Ministry

If you know of someone who is in hospital or at home or at the Hospice that is in need of comfort from a shawl.

Contact Corona at **705-575-6975**.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday August 26, 2023 @ 5pm

† Brenda Marie Bumbacco by Maria & Ralph Esposito

Sunday August 27, 2023 @ 9am

† Phil Lemay by Sharon Lemay

Tuesday August 29, 2023 @ 9am

† Joe LaRue by Aldo Diotallevia & Clare Lennox

Wednesday August 30, 2023 @ 9am

In Thanksgiving by Femina Felix

Thursday August 31, 2023 @ 9am

† Bob Barbeau by Aldo Diotallevi & Clare Lennox

Friday September 1, 2023 @ 9am

† Nadia Amadio by Fyfe Family

August 26th & August 27th 2023	<u>Greeter & Collection</u>	<u>Collection & Communion Ushers</u>
<p>Saturday August 26th</p> <p>5:00pm</p>	<p><u>St. Anne's Entrance</u></p> <p>Joanne Young</p> <p><u>Queen Street Entrance</u></p> <p>Sam Biasucci</p>	<p><u>Collection & Communion Ushers</u></p> <p>Linda Clement</p> <p>Femina Felix</p>
<p>Sunday, August 27th</p> <p>10am</p>	<p><u>St. Anne's Entrance</u></p> <p>Bambi Alexander</p> <p><u>Queen Street Entrance</u></p> <p>Riccardo Di Tommaso</p>	<p><u>Collection & Communion Ushers</u></p> <p>Tony Pino</p>
<p>Saturday August 26th</p> <p>5pm</p>	<p><u>Lectors</u></p> <p><u>August 26th</u></p> <p>Kathleen MacDonald</p>	<p><u>Eucharistic Minister</u></p> <p><u>August 26th</u></p> <p>Ralph Esposito</p>
<p>Sunday August 27th</p> <p>10am</p>	<p><u>Lectors</u></p> <p><u>August 27th</u></p> <p>Fil Lettieri</p>	<p><u>Eucharistic Minister</u></p> <p><u>August 27th</u></p> <p>Paula Smith</p>

**Weekday Scripture Readings:
August 28th–September 2nd, 2023**

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	1Thessalonians 1.1-5,8b-10	Matthew 23.13-22
Tuesday	Jeremiah 1.17-19	Mark 6.17-29
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2.9-13	Matthew 23.27-32
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3.7-13	Matthew 24.42-51
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4.1-8	Matthew 25.1-13
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4.9-11	Matthew 25.14-30

Sunday Collections

August 19th & August 20th 2023

Weekend \$2835.00

On Line weekly donations in August

\$1335.00

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The Twenty-First Week of Ordinary Time

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Keys are central to readings for the **Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The first reading from **Isaiah** offers the story of the faithful servant Eliakim, who will be given the keys for his master's palace. Paul's brief reading from the **Letter to the Romans** is a moving prayer filled with awe at the depth and unknowing ways of our Lord. In **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus asks his followers what people are saying about him. Then he asks the real question, "Who do *you* say I am?" Peter's direct answer, "You are the Christ" prompts Jesus' reply that Peter would be given the keys to the kingdom of heaven and would be the rock upon which his church would be built.

This week we have the **Memorial of St. Augustine** and the **Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist**.

The first readings this week are from Paul's **First Letter to the Thessalonians**, the oldest book in the New Testament. The letters are affectionate and frank reminders of the humiliation and challenges that Paul met in preaching to this community he loved so much. These readings are a wonderful reminder that the letters of Paul were just that - letters to teach, encourage and support early communities of Christians.

Matthew's Gospel this week includes stories of Jesus strongly challenging the Pharisees. He saw how they made people's lives so difficult by their insistence on the rules and appearances while neglecting mercy and good faith. He chides them for paying attention to the extraneous and not the message: "Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!" His criticism grows stronger: "On the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing." Jesus teaches about preparation: Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. "In the parable of the ten maidens who go out to meet the bridegroom, many of the women did not prepare for the meeting and do not have enough oil for their lamps and Jesus says again, "Stay awake." Saturday's gospel is the dramatic story of the three servants who are given resources by their master and rewarded or punished for what they did with the resources they had.

Our week ends as we look to the **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We see a glimpse of the Prophet **Jeremiah** who understands the pain of following the Lord and decides not to speak the Lord's name again, "but then it becomes like fire burning in my heart." Paul's letter to the **Romans** encourages those ancient Romans - and us - not to conform to this age but to discern the will of God. In **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus corrects his disciples' resistance to his own passion and death, telling them that if they try to save their lives, they'll lose them. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Prayer Line

Anyone wishing to have prayers for a special intention, or someone who is ill, having surgery, for the deceased, or any other intention may contact Corona at 705.575.6975

Daily Prayer This Week

The old Baltimore Catechism defined Prayer as “raising the mind and heart to God.” It reminds us that prayer is not simply saying words to God, or even thinking over religious things in our heads. Real prayer becomes a matter of the heart. We understand prayer best when we think of it as a relationship. Growing in prayer is to grow in love, in intimacy, in a type of communication that is “heart to heart.” So, on the human level, if we have a difficult time receiving love or in surrendering our self-absorption and giving love or if we just haven't had much experience of being intimate and vulnerable with another human being, then it will be difficult for us to do that with God. Conversely, anything we can do to develop our relationship skills, to de-selfish ourselves and practice accepting love and loving generously will help us grow in our relationship with God. Praying can often become easier, more personal and intimate.

This week, we can go from hearing these wonderful readings to listening to Jesus with our hearts. It is great to begin this week asking for the grace to reflect throughout the day on how we will enter “the narrow gate”, by how we go about our day, interact with people, or return home from work. Then we can reflect on how we can humble ourselves and what that means for our day to day choices.

We could ask for the grace to go deeper than the externals and rules and get to the heart of our faith - loving others with the same compassion and love that Jesus shows us. For some of us, it might be extremely helpful this week to take the word “awake” and to carry it all day long. “Help me stay awake, Lord: to be alert and attentive, focused and reflective today. It will be busy, but I ask that you help me be consciously aware that you will be with me all day.” We may want to ask, “Lord, let me be conscious of the many gifts and blessings you have given me. Let me reflect upon how I use each gift gratefully and for others. Let me really see today if there are gifts that I am neglecting, squandering, or simply are afraid to use. Then, give me the courage to give you thanks and to be a good steward of your gifts.”

As we prepare for Sunday, we can begin to reflect upon giving up the honors in our lives. We can begin each day praying, “Lord, help me humble myself today, put myself last in caring for my family, in doing my job with a more selfless sense of service. Help me forgive people who aren't performing well or behaving well. Help me see the way you give me life in this surrender, in this freedom to spend brief moments today in talking with you, friend-to-friend, in heart-felt connection with you, for others.”

Winter Mass Times Will Resume **September 2, 2023**

Saturday September 2, 2023 @ 5pm
Sunday September 3, 2023 @ 9am & 11am
Weekly Tuesday-Friday @ 9am



Unwrapping Laudato Si'

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Our Common Home
In Laudato Si', Pope Francis has given us a compelling social encyclical on "Our Common Home" the Earth. We invite you to be part of a 6-week study group of Laudato Si' beginning Monday, October 23, 2023 – November 27

PLACE: The Gathering Place, Precious Blood Cathedral

TIME: 7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

COST: The course is free. The book and the study guide are \$25.00 and will be available after you have registered.

To register, please contact one of the following facilitators by September 29, 2023

Dale Nelson – 705-942-2920

Jan Poulin-Zurawinski – 705-253-7536, cell 705-254-8747



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