

TWENTIETH-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 24, 2025



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Parish Office Hours

Monday 10:00 am – 1:00pm Wednesday 10:30 am – 1:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.
 The office will be closed to the public from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM for administrative duties.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Wednesday August 27	5:00 pm	O'DONNELL'S OLD CEMETERY	For the Faithful Departed Of Ste. Anne's Cemetery
Saturday August 30 <i>Please Note time & location</i>	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Pauline, William, Albert, Don & Vincent Fleming Brendan St. Croix; Catherine Hayward
	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Dean Kielly, John, Marie & Gerald Kielly & deceased family members Anita Stamp, Geraldine Cahill Chris & Violet Dobbin & deceased members of the Power & Dobbin families
Sunday August 31 <i>Please Note time & location</i>	9:30 am 11:15 am	St. Joseph's Mount Carmel	Ann & Austin McEvoy; Agnes O'Brien; Martin Gough "Missa Populo" For Parishioners Joe & Josephine Corrigan; Marie Gregory; Mary Hearn & deceased family members (re-scheduled)

MINISTRY LIST

Saturday August 30	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Cross Bearer: Nellie Gibbons Reader: Dan St. Croix Collectors: Derm Fleming, Randy Roche Gifts: Randy & Anna Roche Eucharistic Minister: Mary Fleming
Saturday August 30	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Cross Bearer: Hubert Kielly Reader: Thelma Stamp Collectors: Pat Butler, Ron Molloy Gifts: Denise White, Marg Singleton Eucharistic Minister: Shirley Kielly
Sunday August 31	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	Cross Bearer: Hughie Lawlor Reader: Lucille Gambin Collectors: Pat Singleton, Bill McDonald Gifts: Karen Hearn, Margaret Power Eucharistic Ministers: Howard Power
	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Cross Bearer: Don Power Reader: Mary Nolan Collectors: Victor Cole, Don Power Gifts: Donna Critch, Ann Power Eucharistic Minister: Rosalind Philpot

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: The next Marriage Preparation course is scheduled for **October 4, 2025**. It is recommended that couples complete the course at least six months prior to their wedding. Registration can be completed at this link: <https://rcsj.org/chancery/marriage-preparation/register> Couples will receive further information upon submission of registration. The next course after that will be in the Spring of 2026.

FINANCES ACKNOWLEDGED WITH SINCERE THANKS

Aug 16 & 17: St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/St. Joseph's/Riverhead will be published next week.

THANK YOU: Well John, if the amount of people who showed up for your visitation and funeral, is any indication of the lives you touched, you left behind a great legacy. My heart was full with the show of love and support shown to our family at this difficult time. There are many thank you's that I would like to acknowledge: First, to the many visitors to our home over the last several months, as John was navigating his illness, that really lifted his spirits as well as mine, thank you. Second, to the people who brought food to our home, the funeral home and the community hall, it was much appreciated, thank you. Third, to the ladies who served the meal after the funeral, a huge thank you. Fourth, to Ron Fitzpatrick (Dunphy's Funeral Home), thank you for your care and compassion during this difficult time. Fifth, to Carol Ann Myles, who helped me keep my sanity for the last three months and who continues to bring sunshine to my life, when I am feeling down, thank you, my friend. Sixth, to Brenda Young and Theresa Butland, you ladies are Angels, you show such care and compassion to your patients, I've seen it first hand, during John's final days. Seventh, to all those who sent cards, donated to the cemetery fund, those who kept us in prayer, thank you. Eighth, to those who took the time to watch the live stream of the funeral, thank you. Ninth, to all those who came to the funeral home for the visitation, the vigil, those who participated in the funeral service, Sandi Miller, Violet Leonard, Tammy Penney and Peter McEvoy for your Awesome voice, everything was perfect, thank you. Tenth, Sandi and Pat Miller, a heartfelt thank-you for the roses and the beautiful bouquet of flowers. If I forgot anyone, it was not intentional, every act of kindness was appreciated. God bless each and everyone of you. *Lucy Hawco*

LIVING FAITH

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THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Luke 13:22-30

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.

Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few be saved?' He said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.

When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us",

then in reply he will say to you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets."

But he will say, "I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!"

There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out.

Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'



TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

The Gospel that we heard proclaimed today is another difficult Gospel. What is it all about? There are many possible interpretations. The key might be in the very last line, "some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." What is certain is that, in the Kingdom of God, all is not as it is in other places; somethings get turned upside down! Do we seek position and prestige? Or do we seek to serve? If we look to Jesus, we will find our model.

PONDER AND DISCUSS

- Have you seen anyone who puts other first? ... who really seeks to love and serve?
- What would our world look like if people put others before themselves?

The Narrow Door

"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to." Luke 13:24 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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1. 8-15-21-19-5 _____
2. 3-12-15-19-5-4 _____
3. 5-14-20-5-18 _____
4. 4-15-15-18 _____
5. 15-21-20-19-9-4-5 _____
6. 11-14-15-3-11-9-14-7 _____
7. 19-20-1-14-4 _____
8. 16-12-5-1-4-9-14-7 _____
9. 15-16-5-14 _____
10. 14-1-18-18-15-23 _____

CLOSED	KNOCKING	OUTSIDE	DOOR	STAND
PLEADING	ENTER	NARROW	OPEN	HOUSE

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope



Charity

Charity is a principal characteristic of the Christian life. No one can think that pilgrimage and the celebration of the indulgence of the Jubilee can be reduced to a form of magical ritual, without knowing that it is a life of charity that gives them ultimate meaning. Furthermore, charity is the preeminent sign of the Christian faith and its specific form of credibility. In the context of the Jubilee, the apostle Peter's invitation cannot be forgotten: "Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Pet. 4:8).

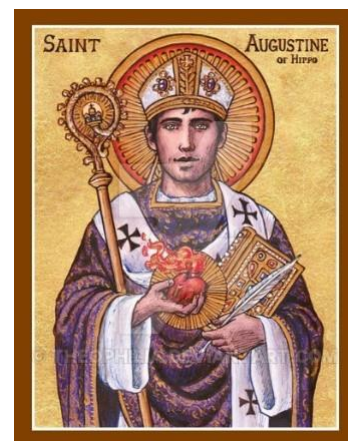
According to John the evangelist, love toward one's neighbor, which comes not from man but from God, will ensure that true disciples of Christ will be recognized in the future. It is apparent, therefore, that no believer can claim to believe if they do not then love, and conversely, they cannot say they love if they do not believe. Paul the apostle also reiterates that faith and love make up the identity of the Christian; love is what begets perfection (see Col. 3:14), faith that enables love to be such. Charity, therefore, has its special place in the life of faith; moreover, in light of the Holy Year, Christian witness must be reaffirmed as a more expressive form of conversion.

FEASTS THIS WEEK A MOTHER AND SON



**ST. MONICA (322-387)
AUGUST 27**

**ST. AUGUSTINE (354-430)
AUGUST 28**



Because of her name and place of birth, Monica is assumed to have been born in Tagaste, Algeria). She was married to Patricius, a Roman pagan, who held an official position in Tagaste. Patricius had a violent temper. Monica's alms, deeds and prayer habits annoyed Patricius, but it is said that he always held her in respect.

Monica had three children who survived infancy: sons Augustine and Navigius and daughter Perpetua. Unable to secure baptism for them, she grieved heavily when Augustine fell ill. In her distress she asked Patricius to allow Augustine to be baptized; he agreed, then withdrew this consent when the boy recovered.

Augustine turned to wayward ways, and Monica drove him away from her table. She visited a bishop who consoled her with the now famous words, "the child of those tears shall never perish." Monica followed her wayward son to Rome, and Milan, where he had gone secretly.

Here she found Ambrose and through him she ultimately had the joy of seeing Augustine convert to Christianity after years of resistance. Monica died six months later at Ostia, the port near Rome.

Augustine was born at Tagaste, in Algeria. He was the son of Monica and Patricius, a Roman African, early Christian theologian and philosopher from whose writings influenced the development

of Western Christianity and Western philosophy. He was the bishop of Hippo Regius in north Africa and is viewed as one of the most important Church Fathers in Western Christianity. Among his most important works are *The City of God*, *On Christian Doctrine* and *Confessions*.

Believing that the grace of Christ was indispensable to human freedom, he helped formulate the doctrine of original sin and made seminal contributions to the development of just war theory.

Augustine is recognized as a saint in the Catholic Church, the Eastern Christian Church, and the Anglican Communion and as a Doctor of the Church. His memorial is celebrated on 28 August, the day of his death. Augustine is the patron saint of brewers, printers, theologians, the alleviation of sore eyes, and a number of cities and dioceses.

Watch a video about Augustine [here](#).

Watch a video about St. Monica [here](#).

