



Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 23, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

Who's in Charge?

There are lots of reasons one could be in charge.

You might be the only one left to do the job. Or, in the case of babysitting, you might simply be older. You could be in charge because you are a bully with the biggest fists, sticks, or guns. Or you might be in charge because you are the best qualified for the job. Today's readings offer us two stories about being chosen for leadership.

In the Old Testament reading, Shebna, an official in King Hezekiah's court, overreached his position of authority. He was demoted and replaced by Eliakim. Carrying the key symbolizes authority over the entire household. Placing it on the shoulder suggests an investiture ceremony. In the Gospel, entrusting Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven suggests similar authority, though in a significantly different household.

In both instances the position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the

respective household. It was precisely because of his failure in this matter that Shebna was demoted and Eliakim placed in charge. What about Peter? The Gospel tells us that the choice of Peter followed his remarkable statement of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

These stories tell us that God chooses very ordinary people for positions of leadership. Why them? Are they the only ones left? Are they the oldest? Were they the best qualified? It was not because they were bullies. Obviously God thought they could do the job.

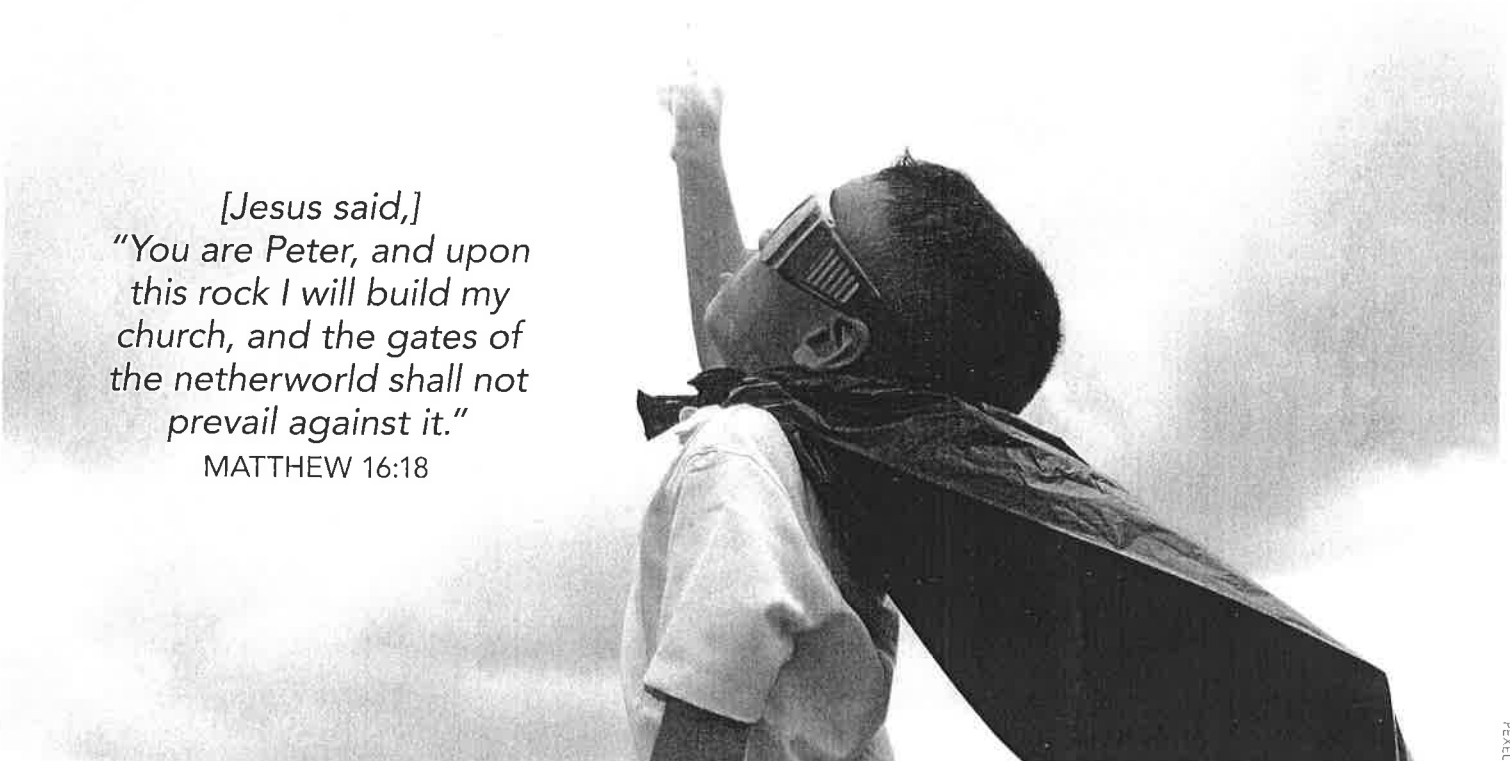
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * *It's not easy being a leader of God's people. Pray for those who have been called to that role.*
- * *Have you ever thought of volunteering to serve on a church committee?*

*[Jesus said,]
"You are Peter, and upon
this rock I will build my
church, and the gates of
the netherworld shall not
prevail against it."*

MATTHEW 16:18



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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Times August 23, 2020

Dear Friends,

"... You are Peter and upon this Rock I will build my Church," Matthew 16:18

Nearly two years ago I went with three priest friends to watch the movie, *The Two Popes*, in Savannah. None of us could have predicted then that something as ordinary as a casual movie night-out of popcorn and drinks would now be a rarity. It says how much our lives have been upended by the COVID.

In the movie, famous actor Anthony Hopkins plays Pope Benedict XVI while Jonathan Pryce plays the future Pope Francis. It is quite an atypical film bordering on the serious and the humorous. You struggle to separate what is fact from what is fiction amidst the humor of the two popes munching pizza as they watch the world cup. But the movie draws attention to an institution whose origins go back to the very beginnings of the Church and which has stood the test of time on the vicissitudes of human history.

In today's gospel, we hear Christ's words, "you are Peter and upon this Rock I will build my Church." As Catholics, we must take pride in our membership of a universal assembly of believers, built upon the foundation the apostles with Peter as its head. It is this same role that the pope, the Vicar of Christ, has played through the ages. Elsewhere in scripture Jesus tells Peter, "I have prayed for you that your faith should not fail, and when you have turned back, strengthen your brethren," Luke 22:32. Talking about faith, we have discussed faith formation in the parish for the coming year and will be putting out the details soon.

In times of uncertainty such as the ones we live in, it is to the metaphor of the rock, to its assurance of steadiness that we too must turn, for only in and through Christ, our firm foundation, that the gates of the underworld would not prevail against us!

In God's love,
Fr. Daniel Ter Melaba

Domingo Veintiuno en el Tiempo Ordinario 23 de Agosto, 2020

Queridos amigos,

"... Tu eres Pedro y sobre esta Piedra yo edificare mi Iglesia," Mateo 16:18

Mas o menos hace dos años yo fui con tres sacerdotes amigos míos a ver la película, *Los Dos Papas*, en Savannah. Ninguno de nosotros hubiera podido predecir que algo tan casual como una noche en el cine con pop-corn y bebidas ahora fuera una cosa rara. Eso nos hace ver lo tanto que se ha perdido por el COVID.

En la película, el famoso actor, Anthony Hopkins hace el papel del Papa Benedito XVI mientras Jonathan Pryce hace el papel del futuro Papa Francisco. Es una película inusual bordeando entre lo serio y lo humorístico. Uno lucha por separar lo que son hechos de lo que es ficción, entre el humor de dos papas comiendo pizza mientras ven la serie mundial. Pero la película trae la atención a una institución cuyo origen va al comienzo de la Iglesia y que ha aguantado el rigor del tiempo y las vicisitudes de la historia humana.

En el Evangelio de hoy, oímos las palabras de Cristo, "Tu eres Pedro y sobre esa Piedra edificare mi Iglesia." Como católicos, debemos de estar orgullosos en ser miembros de una asamblea universal de creyentes, construida sobre la fundación del apóstol Pedro como su cabeza. Es este mismo rol que el papa, el vicario de Cristo, ha desempeñado a través de los años. En otro lugar en la escritura Jesus le dice a Pedro, "Yo he rezado por ti para que tu fe no te falle y cuando vuelvas, fortalece a tus hermanos," Lucas 22:32. Hablando sobre fe, hemos conversado bastante acerca de la formación de fe en la parroquia para el próximo año y pronto pondremos los detalles a su disposición.

En tiempos de incertidumbre como los que estamos viviendo, esa metáfora de la roca, y su seguridad de que no fallara, es a donde tenemos que dirigirnos, pues es solo en y a través de Cristo, nuestra firme fundación, que las puertas del bajo mundo no prevalecerán contra nosotros.

En el amor de Dios
P. Daniel Ter Melaba



Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not been able to make a pledge to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider a one-time gift. Each one of us is Christ to all we meet. As of 08/13/2020, our parish has given \$17,056.98 which is 75.68% of our target of \$22,538. Out of 209 families only 58 made a donation or pledge, which is 27.75% of the parish families.

Apelación Católica Anual. Si usted no ha sido capaz de hacer una promesa a la Apelación Católica Anual 2020, por favor considere un regalo de una sola vez. Cada uno de nosotros es Cristo para todos los que nos encontramos. A partir del 08/13/2020 nuestra parroquia ha dado \$17,056.98 que es 75.68% de nuestro objetivo \$22,538. De 209 familias, sólo 11 hicieron una donación o promesa que el 27.75% de las familias parroquiales.

Word from Pope Francis

"The Son of God became incarnate in the souls of men to instill the feeling of brotherhood. All are brothers and all children of God."

Palabra del Papa Francisco

"El Hijo de Dios se encarna en las almas de los hombres para inculcar el sentimiento de fraternidad. Todos son hermanos y todos hijos de Dios."

Recordatorio para todos los Voluntarios

Solo un rápido recordatorio de que, si usted está planeando ser voluntario, (y a nosotros nos encantaría tenerlo como voluntario) necesita tomar el entrenamiento de VIRTUS.

¿Qué es VIRTUS?

VIRTUS es un nombre de marca que identifica el programa de mejores prácticas diseñado para ayudar a prevenir que se hagan las cosas de mala manera y a promover "la Buena forma" de hacer las cosas dentro de las organizaciones religiosas. El programa de VIRTUS le da poder a nuestra Iglesia y a sus feligreses de mejor controlar el riesgo y mejorar las vidas de todos aquellos que tienen contacto con la Iglesia.

¿Quiénes necesitan venir a estos entrenamientos? Todos los voluntarios incluyendo las maestras de ERP/ayudantes, Lectores, Ministros de la Eucaristía, los voluntarios de Panes y Peces, los voluntarios de CCW, los voluntarios de KOC, etc.

Si usted está planeando ser voluntario y NO ha recibido el entrenamiento de VIRTUS por favor notifique a Tammy Theologus (tammytheologus@gmail.com) y regístrese para el Entrenamiento en <http://www.virtusonline.org>. En la parte izquierda de la página, haga clic en el enlace amarillo que dice "Registración."

Si ya usted ha tomado el entrenamiento de VIRTUS, pero ya pasaron 5 años desde que tomo el entrenamiento, usted necesita participar de nuevo en un repaso rápido en línea. Por favor notifique a Tammy Theologus para que ella le pueda programar un repaso a su conveniencia.

Muchas gracias anticipadas por ser una parte de nuestra Comunidad de Iglesia al voluntarizar su tiempo y servicio y ayudarnos a mantener a nuestros jóvenes seguros.

RCIA

Inquiring minds want to know

During this time of quarantine, many of you have had some time to reflect on what your priorities are. Some have deep cleaned their homes. Some have deep cleaned their lives, coming to the conclusion that God is missing. If you have questions about Catholicism because you are curious or just want to dig deeper, come and join us.

We have new format in that we will be meeting, physically, bi weekly at St Joseph's Catholic Church beginning in September on Sunday afternoons.

Please come and join us. Bring a friend. We all need to re-center our lives around God.

If you have any questions, please email us at Tammy Theologus@gmail.com or mommac48@gmail.com or call Fran McElroy 912-283-4382 and leave a message.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPONSORS

We are looking for sponsors for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates. If you would like to help someone on their journey to Catholicism, then come to a short meeting on August 23 at 1:30 in the social Hall.



Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, toll free reporting hotline: (888) 357-5530



During this time of social distancing, most people have been physically unable to receive the body and blood of Christ. How, then, can we celebrate this feast that is so tangible in nature? Pope Francis has suggested a prayer for spiritual Communion that acknowledges this challenge:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself holy to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Durante este tiempo de distanciamiento social, la mayoría de las personas han sido físicamente incapaces de recibir el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo. Hao, entonces, ¿podemos celebrar esta fiesta que es tan tangible en la naturaleza? El Papa Francisco ha sugerido una oración por la Comunión espiritual que reconoce este desafío:

ACTO DE COMUNIÓN ESPIRITUAL

Jesús mío, creo que estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento.

Te amo por encima de todas las cosas y deseo recibirte en mi alma.

Como en este momento no puedo recibirte sacramentalmente,

entra al menos espiritualmente en mi corazón.

Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí y me uno a mí mismo santamente a ti.

Nunca permitas que me separe de ti. Amen.



New Webmaster needed!

Our parish needs someone who can post our bulletin on our parish website each week and keep the website updated. Can you help us? Contact our parish secretary, Barbara Albert at 912-283-7700 or at sjwaycross@att.net



**The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet at the church at 10 am on Wednesday mornings.
Come pray with us!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Thomas, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Tom DiBiase, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill & Glenda Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Carol McCloskey, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Kay Kovach, Judy Cazal, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, Jerry & Debbie Wilkerson, and Charles Walker.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Harris Lott, Florence Struempfer, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Stan Stipe, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Becky Griffin, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Dora Bullard, Millie Bailey, Edmay Tardif, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dallin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sanderson, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Sidney Bennett, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, Iris Boatright, Janice Strickland, and Amy Brandon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Colonel Mark B. Parker, Ethan Stanley, and Richard Jacobs.

Birthright hotline#1-800-550-4900

St. Joseph Offertory
August 16, 2020

Offertory Total \$2,490.00
Church in Latin America \$386.00

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$386, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift makes a difference!

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada a la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Como parroquia recaudamos \$386, los que usaremos para compartir la fe con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en América Latina y el Caribe para que ellos, a su vez, compartan la Buena Nueva con los demás. ¡Si no alcanzaron a dar en la colecta, todavía lo pueden hacer! Visiten www.usccb.org/nationalcollections y hagan clic en "How to Give" en el lado izquierdo. ¡Sus donativos hacen una diferencia!



The Bible and the Church Fathers

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology: 12 week DVD series

Where: St. Joseph's Social Hall

When: Starting August 19th, 2020

Day and Time: Wednesdays from 1:00– 2:15 pm

Embrace the Faith of Our Fathers : Learn who the Early Church Fathers were and how they shaped the way we read Scripture. This study examines the earliest interpretations of the texts of Scripture, the origins of Catholic dogma and the foundations of Church. **Please join us.** Presenters: Tammy Theologus and Frank Hoffman. Sign up for the Bible Study reminders be emailing tammytheologus@gmail.com.

Lector Schedule

August 22, 2020 Mass in English

English Lector-Ann Johnson 5:00 pm Saturday

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

August 23, 2020 Mass in English

English Lector–Dan Booker 9 am Sunday

August 23, 2020 Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector– Andres Baza 12 Noon Sunday

August 29, 2020 Mass in English

English Lector-Wanda Petersen 5:00 pm Saturday

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

August 30, 2020 Mass in English

English Lector– Frank Hoffman 9 am Sunday

August 30, 2020 Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector–Guadalupe Zambrano 12 Noon Sunday

Mass Intentions for Week of August 15, 2020-August 21, 2020 (RIP) + Health –H

Saturday, August 22, 2020-5:00 pm Mass-Helen Parisse-+

Sunday, August 23, 2020-9:00 am Mass-Pro Populo

Sunday, August 23 2020-12 Noon Mass-None

Monday, August 24, 2020-No Mass

Tuesday, August 25, 2020-6 pm Mass-Larry & Opal Snider & Families-Special Intention

Wednesday, August 26, 2020-6:00 pm Mass-Joshua Riley & Victoria Gandy-Special Intention-Soon to be WED

Thursday, August 27, 2020-9:00 am Mass-Noah Snider-Special Intention

Friday, August 28, 2020-9:00 am Mass– Carlene & Arthur Murray & Family-H

Adoration Wednesday

5:00 pm until 6 pm



From the Knights of Columbus: The REVERSE RAFFLE Date of AUGUST 21, 2020 has been **postponed** once again because of Covid-19 virus protocols. The Knights will revisit a possible new raffle date at another meeting in the near future.

Dear Friends and Parishioners:

We continue with the Covid Protocols [below], we will need to overflow into the parish hall for Mass. When Fr. Dan gets to the "Lamb of God" (*Agnus Dei* or *Cordero de Dios*) if you are in the hall and want to go to Holy Communion then START WALKING to the sanctuary and you will get there on time. Remember 6 feet of spacing between you and the next person!

For those of you at home, please note that we have discontinued Live-Streaming the Masses at 5 PM on Saturday and 12 noon on Sunday. Please watch on EWTN or check <https://catholicmasslive.com/>.

Our church seating is limited so please follow the directions and suggestions of the ushers. PLEASE, with loving and patient hearts, follow these Covid-19 protocols to help us stay healthy:

- 1-Wear a face mask in church or PRE to protect others.
- 2-Normally a greeter/usher will take your temperature before you enter the church and log in your name.
- 3-Physical distancing will limit seating availability for Mass. Please follow the direction of the Ushers. Only 60 people will be allowed in because of the diocesan standard of 25% capacity.
- 4-Pews are taped and marked to ensure 6 feet of distance in all directions between household groups or individuals. Choir upstairs is open and the Hall.
- 5-Please bring hand sanitizer and use it. Plenty is available in church also for your use.
- 6-Hymnals/missalettes have been put away for sanitary purposes; but you may bring your own. Bulletins are available AFTER Mass only.
- 7-TRY to get to church EARLIER! Once the church is full there is room for 6 people in the choir loft and then the overflow goes to the TV seating in the Parish Hall. And only ONE family with BABY is allowed in the cry-room.
- 8-Because the Sunday Mass obligation has been lifted, you may wish to attend a weekday Mass in Church with more seating availability.
- 9- Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is preferable, although receiving Holy Communion on the tongue will not be denied. For the health and safety of others we ask that anyone preferring the tongue receive last. The precious blood is presently not offered.
- 10-Ushers will assist the lines for receiving Holy Communion, please stand 6 feet behind the person in front.
- 11-We will not be using altar servers and only **one cantor** with no choir until it is safe.
- 12-Collections will be taken up with the long handled baskets to sanitize the process.
- 13-Please reserve the ends of the pews for parents with small children who may need to get up for their agitation.
- 14-**At the conclusion of Mass**, please stay and pray a bit to allow others to go first; sides doors will be opened as well. We are trying NOT to bottleneck or gather to visit in front of the church; it may be more helpful to visit when you are by your cars. Fr. Dan will be available for questions and appointment-making, not visitation.
- 15-Please allow only one person in the bathrooms at a time! Wash your hands with SOAP! Put the lid down and flush!
- 16-The water fountains are CLOSED. The few small water bottles that are there are NOT for everybody but only for those who truly need them.

Thanks so much for helping keep us all safe!

Queridos amigos y feligreses:

Continuamos con los Protocolos de Covid [abajo], tendremos que desbordar en el salón parroquial para la misa. Cuando el P. Dan llegue al "Cordero de Dios" (Agnus Dei o Cordero de Dios) si está en el pasillo y quiere ir a la Santa Comunión, entonces **COMIENCE A CAMINAR** al santuario y llegará a tiempo. Recuerde 6 pies de espacio entre usted y la siguiente persona!

Para aquellos de ustedes en casa, tenga en cuenta que hemos descontinuado Live-Streaming the Masses a las 5 PM del sábado y 12 del mediodía del domingo. Por favor, mire este EWTN o compruebe <https://catholicmasslive.com/>.

Nuestros asientos en la iglesia son limitados, así que por favor siga las instrucciones y sugerencias de los ujieres. **POR FAVOR**, con corazones amorosos y pacientes, siga estos protocolos Covid-19 para ayudarnos a mantenernos saludables:

1-Use una máscara facial en la iglesia o ERP para proteger a los demás.

2-Normalmente, un recibidor / acomodador le tomará la temperatura antes de ingresar a la iglesia y registrará su nombre.

3-El distanciamiento físico limitará la disponibilidad de asientos para la misa. Siga las instrucciones de los ujieres. Solo se permitirán 60 personas debido al estándar diocesano de 25% de capacidad.

4-Las bancas están grabadas y marcadas para asegurar una distancia de 6 pies en todas las direcciones entre grupos de hogares o individuos.

5-Por favor traiga desinfectante para manos y úselo. Hay mucho disponible en la iglesia también para su uso.

6-Los libros de himnos / misales se han guardado con fines sanitarios; pero puedes traer el tuyo. Los boletines están disponibles **DESPUÉS** de la misa solamente.

7-¡**INTENTE** llegar a la iglesia **ANTES!** Una vez que la iglesia está llena, hay espacio para 6 personas en el desván del coro y luego el desbordamiento va a los asientos de TV en el Salón Parroquial. Y solo **UNA** familia con **BEBÉ** está permitida en la sala de llorar.

8-Debido a que la obligación de la misa dominical se ha levantado, es posible que desee asistir a una misa de la semana en la Iglesia con más disponibilidad de asientos.

9-Recibir la Santa Comunión en la mano es preferible, aunque no se negará recibir la Santa Comunión en la lengua. Por la salud y la seguridad de los demás pedimos que cualquiera que prefiera la lengua reciba el último. La preciosa sangre no se ofrece actualmente.

10-Los ujieres ayudarán a las líneas para recibir la Sagrada Comunión, por favor párese a 6 pies de la persona que está enfrente.

11-No usaremos servidores de altar y solo un cantor sin coro hasta que sea seguro.

12-Las colecciones se recogerán con las cestas de mango largo para desinfectar el proceso.

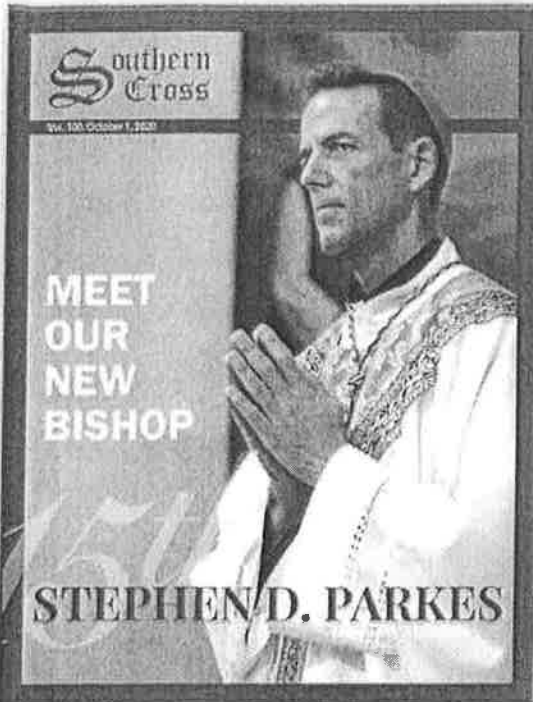
13-Reserve los extremos de las bancas para los padres con niños pequeños que pueden necesitar levantarse por su agitación.

14-Al final de la misa, quédese y ore un poco para permitir que otros vayan primero; puertas laterales se abrirán también. Estamos tratando de **NO** embotellamos o reunimos para visitar frente a la iglesia; Puede ser más útil visitar cuando esté cerca de sus automóviles. El p. Dan estará disponible para preguntas y citas, no para visitas.

15-Por favor permita solo una persona en los baños a la vez! ¡Lávese las manos con jabón! ¡Baje la tapa y jale la cadena!

16-Las fuentes de agua están **CERRADAS**. Las pocas botellas de agua pequeñas que hay allí **NO** son para todos, sino solo para aquellos que realmente las necesitan.

¡Muchas gracias por ayudarnos a mantenernos a todos a salvo!



*Welcome Bishop Stephen D. Parkes
15th Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah*

To celebrate the ordination and installation of Bishop Parkes, the *Southern Cross* is printing a commemorative magazine in both English and Spanish. It will highlight his childhood, life in the seminary, and his time in the Diocese of Orlando, including his work as a pastor and campus minister.

Individuals, businesses, civic organizations, church groups and other organizations are being offered the opportunity to secure sponsorships in this commemorative edition of *Southern Cross*.

COMMEMORATIVE PUBLICATION SPONSORSHIP RESERVATION

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS (circle one)

Coat of Arms: \$2,500

Mitre: \$1,500

Crozier: \$1,000

Ring: \$500

Pectoral Cross: \$250

Zucchetto: \$100

All donors will receive a special thank you gift.

To secure your sponsorship now, please go to www.diosav.org/support to complete your request using a credit card. Requests can also be completed by mail, please complete the request below and mail it to: Diocese of Savannah, attn: Stewardship and Development, 2170 E Victory Dr, Savannah, GA 31404

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Contact Name: _____ Business Name: _____

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Please return this form with your check, made payable to the Diocese of Savannah.

Deadline for requests is September 15, 2020. Inquiries about sponsorship reservations and payments can be directed to stewardship&development@diosav.org or 912-201-4050.

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about body art?

I'm a bit squeamish when I see a piercing in a place other than an ear, and when I see a tattoo covering a large part of a person's body I wonder what that person will think about that tattoo in twenty years. But these things are a matter of taste; for example, I don't think there is anything wrong with earrings, but others might.



The Church has no teaching on tattoos, piercings, or shaping (when a body part is purposely reshaped to fit a cultural ideal). "Do not lacerate your bodies for the dead, and do not tattoo yourselves," say Leviticus 19:28, clearly outlawing piercings and tattoos. But it also says, "Do not...spoil the edges of your beard" (Leviticus 19:27). I broke that law this morning when I shaved.

In their introduction to the Book of Leviticus in the *New American Bible*, revised edition, the bishops teach that the laws in this book are "not merely legislative." They were designed to instill "a way of life in the book's hearers and readers."

We may not have the same obligation to adhere to those rules, but it is important for Catholics to remember 1 Corinthians 3:16: "You are the temple of God." We should do nothing to deface the temple of God. So if you do get a piercing or a tattoo, remember that you're God's temple.

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 24
St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday

AUGUST 25
Weekday
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

AUGUST 26
Weekday
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

AUGUST 27
St. Monica
1 Cor 1:1-9
Mt 24:42-51

Friday

AUGUST 28
St. Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Cor 1:17-25
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

AUGUST 29
The Passion of
St. John the Baptist
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mk 6:17-29

Sunday

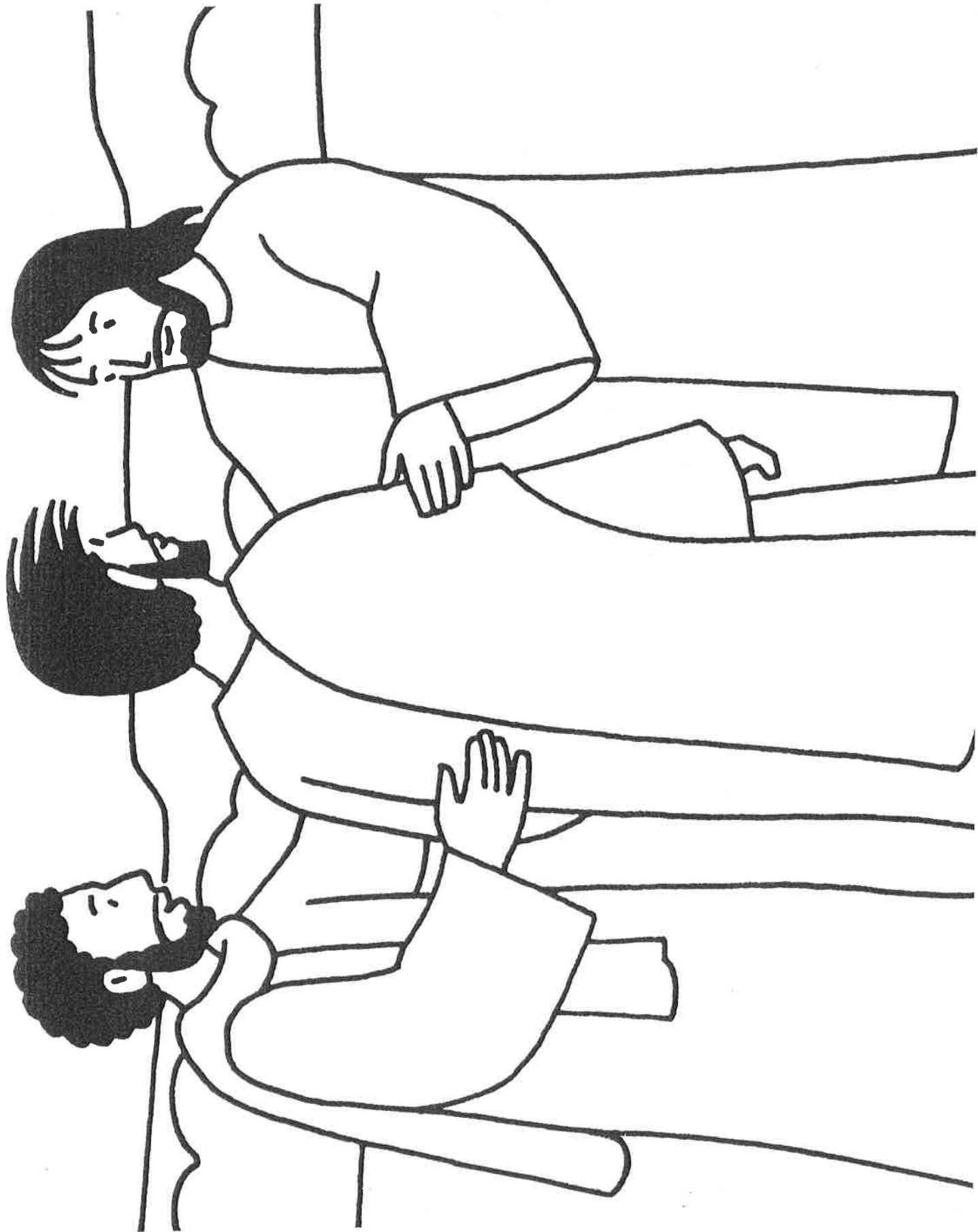
AUGUST 30
Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The acceptance of our body as a gift from God is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father...Thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy an absolute power over creation.

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Jesus asked his friends, "Who do people say that I am?" Peter replied, "Some think you're John the Baptist. Others say you are a prophet. But I know that you are the Son of God." Jesus said, "Well said, Peter; it is God who has revealed this to you."

Based on Matthew 16:13-20


My
Promise
to Jesus

**Jesus, thank you for being close to me each day.
I will spend time with you so that I can get
to know you better and better.**