



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 22, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

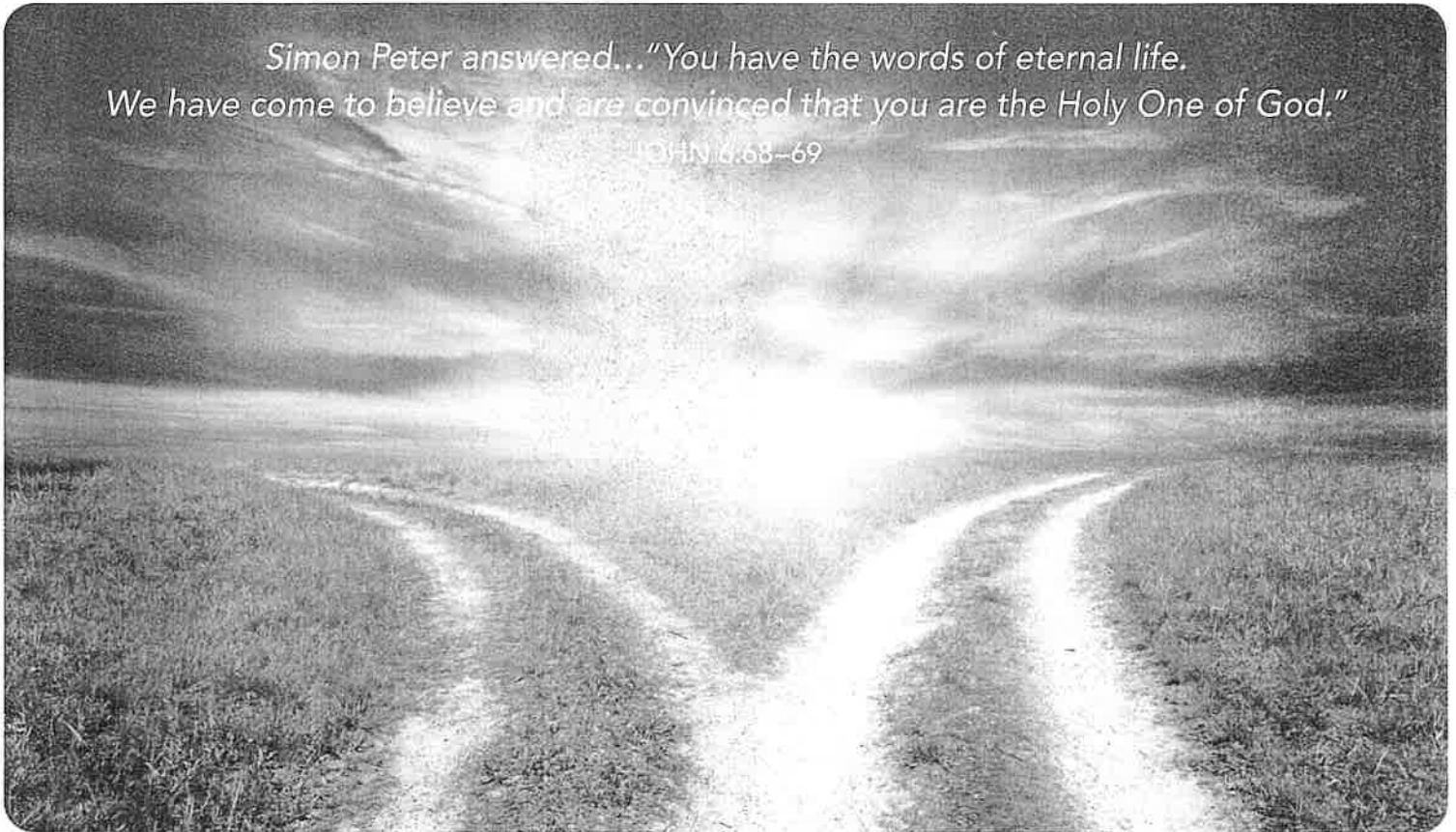
Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b

Eph 5:21–32 or 5:2a, 25–32

Jn 6:60–69

*Simon Peter answered... "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."*

JOHN 6:68–69



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## Make Up Your Mind

**O**ne can say that life is a series of choices. You have to make up your mind; which shall it be? Some of these choices are insignificant: red or green? Others are much more important: To what shall I commit my life? Shall I get married? There are some choices that are even more momentous: What kind of a person do I want to be—trustworthy or crafty? Should I even bother with God and religion?

Having spent a lifetime in the wilderness, the Israelites were poised in the land of the Amorites, ready to enter the land promised to them by God. Before they moved forward, a pressing decision had to be made. Which god were they going to worship? A Canaanite god who presumably made the land before them fertile and inviting? Or the God who delivered them from Egypt, fed them in the wilderness, brought them safely to this point, and yet with whom they

quarreled throughout their wilderness sojourn? Joshua voiced his decision: "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).

Jesus' declaration of himself as "the bread of life" (John 6:35) troubled many people. It was then, and still is today, a difficult saying. It was repulsive to many, and they thought that Jesus sounded blasphemous. Those who could not accept his claim, left him. He asked his closest followers, as he asks us today: "Do you also want to leave?" Speaking for all, Peter replied: "Master, to whom shall we go?" (John 6:67–68). How might you answer?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *What decisions of conscience has life placed before you? How did you decide?*
- ✦ *Trust in God's care and protection even if you might have chosen better.*

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**August 22, 2021**

**Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**22 de agosto de 2021**

**Vigésimo primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

This week, we conclude our six-Sunday 'series' on the Eucharistic discourse in John Chapter Six. We see how Jesus asked his disciples if they wanted to also leave if they found his teaching challenging. Whether it is difficulty with faith in the real presence or with any of the other problems that people have with the Church or religion today, Peter's rhetorical question, "to whom shall we go?" and his response, we "are convinced that you are the Holy One of God," is as relevant to us today as it was then.

*Esta semana, concluimos nuestra "serie" de seis domingos sobre el discurso eucarístico en el capítulo seis de Juan. Vemos cómo Jesús preguntó a sus discípulos si también querían irse si encontraban su enseñanza desafiante. Ya sea que se trate de una dificultad con la fe en la presencia real o con cualquiera de los otros problemas que la gente tiene con la Iglesia o la religión hoy en día, la pregunta retórica de Pedro, "¿a quién iremos?" y su respuesta, "estamos convencidos de que tú eres el Santo de Dios", es tan relevante para nosotros hoy como lo fue entonces.*

This weekend, we receive the statue of St. Joseph from Jessup as we continue with our Novena to St. Joseph until Wednesday. The diocesan pilgrimage with St. Joseph moves from us to the parish of Our Divine Savior in Tifton on Thursday. Please come out for our concluding ceremony of Mass, procession, and light dinner on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5 pm.

*Este fin de semana, recibimos la estatua de San José de Jessup mientras continuamos con nuestra Novena a San José hasta el miércoles. La peregrinación diocesana con San José se traslada de nosotros a la parroquia de Nuestro Divino Salvador en Tifton el jueves. Venga a nuestra ceremonia de clausura de misa, procesión y cena ligera el miércoles 25 de agosto a partir de las 5 pm.*

Please join me in welcoming our pastoral year seminarian, Francisco Gamboa, who arrives on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. May his stay with us be formative, fruitful, and joyful.

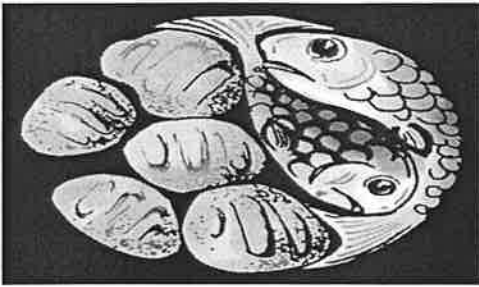
*Únase a mí para dar la bienvenida a nuestro seminarista del año pastoral, Francisco Gamboa, quien llega el lunes 23 de agosto. Que su estancia con nosotros sea formativa, fecunda y alegre.*

May the good Lord keep us all safe and blessed in his Sacred Heart!!

*¡¡Que el buen Señor nos mantenga a todos a salvo y bendecidos en su Sagrado Corazón!!*

Fr. Daniel T. Melaba

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We are still not accepting donations of clothing because there is "no more room in the inn."

**But we are in need of men's and ladies new or gently used socks, children's clothing for school, men's shoes and men's jean size 30 to 34 in waist and 30 or 32 length.**

*Todavía no estamos aceptando donaciones de ropa porque "no hay más espacio en la posada".*

***Pero estamos en necesidad de hombres y damas calcetines nuevos o usados suavemente, ropa de niños para la escuela, zapatos de hombre y jean de hombre tamaño 30 a 34 en la cintura y 30 o 32 longitud.***



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**Rosary Bracelet  
and a clear stone  
bracelet Found  
Call Church Office  
912-283-7700**

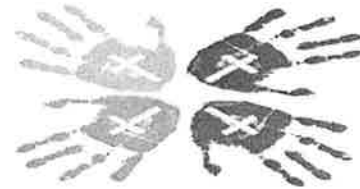


This website <https://www.netministries.org/resources/resource-pronunciation-guide> may be useful to you concerning the pronunciation of biblical words that you are not familiar with.



**PRE [Parish Religious Education]** begins on September 12th at 10:30 AM. **Pre-registration is essential** if your child is going to be involved in preparing for sacraments and learning to live their faith. Pre-Registration begins this weekend, August 22 after the 9 am and Noon mass and continues the next two weekends, August 29 and September 5.

*ERP [Educación Religiosa Parroquial] comienza el 12 de septiembre a las 10:30 AM. El preinscripción es esencial si su hijo va a participar en la preparación para los sacramentos y aprender a vivir su fe. La preinscripción comienza este fin de semana, 22 de agosto después de la misa de las 9 am y mediodía y continúa los próximos dos fines de semana, el 29 de agosto y el 5 de septiembre.*



**The Bible and the Church Fathers  
St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology: 12 week  
DVD series**

**Where: St. Joseph's Social Hall**

**When: August 22nd, 2021**

**Day and Time: Sundays from 1:30 – 2:45**

**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.** Facilitator: Tammy Theologus. Sign up for Bible Study reminders be emailing [tammytheologus@gmail.com](mailto:tammytheologus@gmail.com) or texting 912-282-0338.



The pilgrimage with the statue of St. Joseph continues across the diocese and comes to our parish from August 22 to August 25<sup>th</sup>. In participation in this pilgrimage, the novena Prayers of St. Joseph begins on August 17<sup>th</sup> and concludes on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

*La peregrinación con la estatua de San José continúa por toda la diócesis y llega a nuestra parroquia del 22 al 25 de agosto. En esta peregrinación, la novena Oraciones de San José comienza el 17 de agosto y concluye el 25 de agosto.*

**PROMISE**  **Pledge to HEAL**

**Abuse Hotline Number:** To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to [www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection).

**Línea telefónica para reportar abusos:** Para reportar un abuso sexual de un menor, perpetrado por un empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Savannah, llame al Número de la línea para reportar abusos: 888-357-5330 o a la Oficina para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, 912-201-4073/4074. Para leer la política de la Diócesis sobre abuso sexual de menores, favor de visitar la página Web [www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection)



The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet in the Chapel on Wednesday at Noon, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Come pray with us!

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

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, Jerry Wilkerson, Debbie Wilkerson, Trisha Pape, Lee & Angela McCohna, Jim & Louise Craig, Margie Read, Louvelle Hoffman, Dee Parker, Teresa Frawley, and Mary Cahill Morris.

**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, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Millie Bailey, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dalin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sanderson, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, 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, Mark Parker, Andrew Brandon, Julie Hoddinot, Anna Lia Brandon, Perry Kolchek, Raymond Eastup, Martin Brewington, Joshus Parisse, Marie Fletcher, Sara Booth, and Guyoying Patten, and Steve, Pam Raulerson, and the father of Barbara Blasko.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:**

LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Ethan Stanley, Richard Jacobs, and Spencer Hughes.

PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA ALBERT IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 912-283-7700 TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LISTS.

**St. Joseph Offertory**  
**August 15, 2021**

Weekly Offertory Needed	\$4,423.00
Weekly Offertory Collected	\$4,356.00
<b>Difference Negative</b>	<b>(\$67.00)</b>
<b>Assumption</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>\$334.00</b>



**Votive Candles**

Please remember your \$5.00 donation when you light a **votive candle** in the church. There is a deposit box for your donation attached to the lower left side of the stand.



**Mass Intention Requests**

If you would like to request a **Mass Intention** in memory of someone, the donation is \$10.00. Please contact the church secretary to check date availability and to make your donation.

**2021 Annual Catholic Appeal.** Each one of us is Christ to all we meet. As of 08/12/2021, our parish has given \$23,831.00 which is 119% of our target of \$20,050. Out of 212 families only 65 made a donation or pledge, which is 31% of the parish families. Thank You!

**Llamamiento Católico Anual 2021.** Cada uno de nosotros es Cristo a todo lo que conocemos. Al 08/12/2021, nuestra parroquia ha dado \$23,831.00 que es el 119% de nuestro objetivo de \$20,050. De 212 familias sólo 65 hicieron una donación o promesa, que es el 31% de las familias parroquiales. ¡Gracias!

**Our goal was \$20,050; We now have \$23,831**  
**31% of the parish families have responded.**  
**31% de las familias han respondido.**



GOAL \$20,050



**GOAL ACHIEVED**

**Word from Pope Francis**

"To change the world for the better, it is necessary to do good to those who are not able to return the favor, as the Father has done with us, by giving us Jesus. How much have we paid for our redemption? Nothing, totally free! Doing good without expecting anything in return. This is what the Father did with us, and we must do the same."

**Palabras del Papa Francisco**

*"Para cambiar el mundo para mejor, es necesario hacer el bien a aquellos que no pueden regresarnos el favor, como el Padre ha hecho con nosotros, al darnos a Jesús. ¿Que tanto hemos pagado por nuestra redención? ¡Nada, totalmente gratis! Hacer el bien sin esperar nada en retorno. Esto es lo que el Padre hizo por nosotros y nosotros debemos hacer lo mismo."*

**August 21, 2021**-Mass in English-5:00 pm Saturday  
 English Lector- Tammy Theologus-**EM Ann Johnson**  
 Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

**August 21, 2021**-Mass in English-9:00 am Sunday  
 English Lector- Joseph Johnson-**EM Socorro Martinez**

**August 22, 2021**-Mass in Spanish-12 Noon Sunday  
 Spanish Lector Luci Diaz--**EM Francisco Velez**

**August 28, 2021**-Mass in English-5:00 pm Saturday  
 English Lector-Wanda Petersen-**EM Linda Robison**  
 Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

**August 29, 2021**-Mass in English-9:00 am Sunday  
 English Lector-Dan Booker -**EM Patrick Brennan**

**August 29, 2021**-Mass in Spanish-12 Noon Sunday  
 Spanish Lector- Lucy Rios-**EM Vicente Rodas**

**Mass Intentions for Week of August 21, 2021-August 29, 2021**

Saturday, August 21, 2021-5 pm Mass **Christine Interval Birthday Intention her Birthday is August 22nd**

Sunday, August 22, 2021-9 am English Mass **+Martha Rubio**

Monday, August 23, 2021-No Mass

Tuesday, August 24, 2021-6 pm Mass **Christina Riley & Family Special Intentions**

Wednesday, August 25, 2021-5 pm-6 pm Adoration and 6 pm Mass **Julianna Johnson Special Intention**

Thursday, August 26, 2021-9 am Mass **+ Norman McCall**

Friday, August 27, 2021-9 am **St. Joseph Parish Families Intentions**

Saturday, August 28, 2021-5 pm Mass **+Charles Walker**

Sunday, August 29, 2021-9 am English Mass **+Martha Rubio**

Sunday, August 29, 2021-Noon Spanish Mass **Pro Populo**



# Dear Padre,

**My husband has vascular dementia and is unable to make an examination of conscience. Part of the anointing of the sick involves the confession of sins, so will it be valid when he receives it?**

**I**f circumstances permit, the sacrament of anointing of the sick may be preceded by the sacrament of penance and followed by the sacrament of the Eucharist (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1517).

However, when conditions such as your husband's don't allow this, judgment on the suitability for anointing is to be made prudently and without scruple (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, 8). For example, anointing is conferred on people who have lost consciousness or the use of reason if, as Christian believers, they would have "at least implicitly asked for it when they were in control of their faculties" (*PCS* 14). Therefore, because of the degree of brain-function loss in this circumstance, the sacrament of anointing also absolves any sins.

When a habitual desire to die as a faithful Catholic is implied before a person's illness, the special grace of the sacrament of anointing has this as one of its effects: "the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance" (*CCC* 1532).

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to submit your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*When someone is sick, we at times think: "Let's call for the priest to come"; "No, then he will bring bad luck. Let's not call him."...The idea is floating about that the undertakers arrive after the priest, and this is not true....It is Jesus himself who comes to relieve the sick person...and also to forgive his sins.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

## Calendar

**Monday**

AUGUST 23

Weekday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10

Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday**

AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew,

Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

**Wednesday**

AUGUST 25

Weekday

1 Thes 2:9-13

Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday**

AUGUST 26

Weekday

1 Thes 3:7-13

Mt 24:42-51

**Friday**

AUGUST 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 4:1-8

Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday**

AUGUST 28

St. Augustine,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

1 Thes 4:9-11

Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday**

AUGUST 29

Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18,

21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,

21-23

# Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

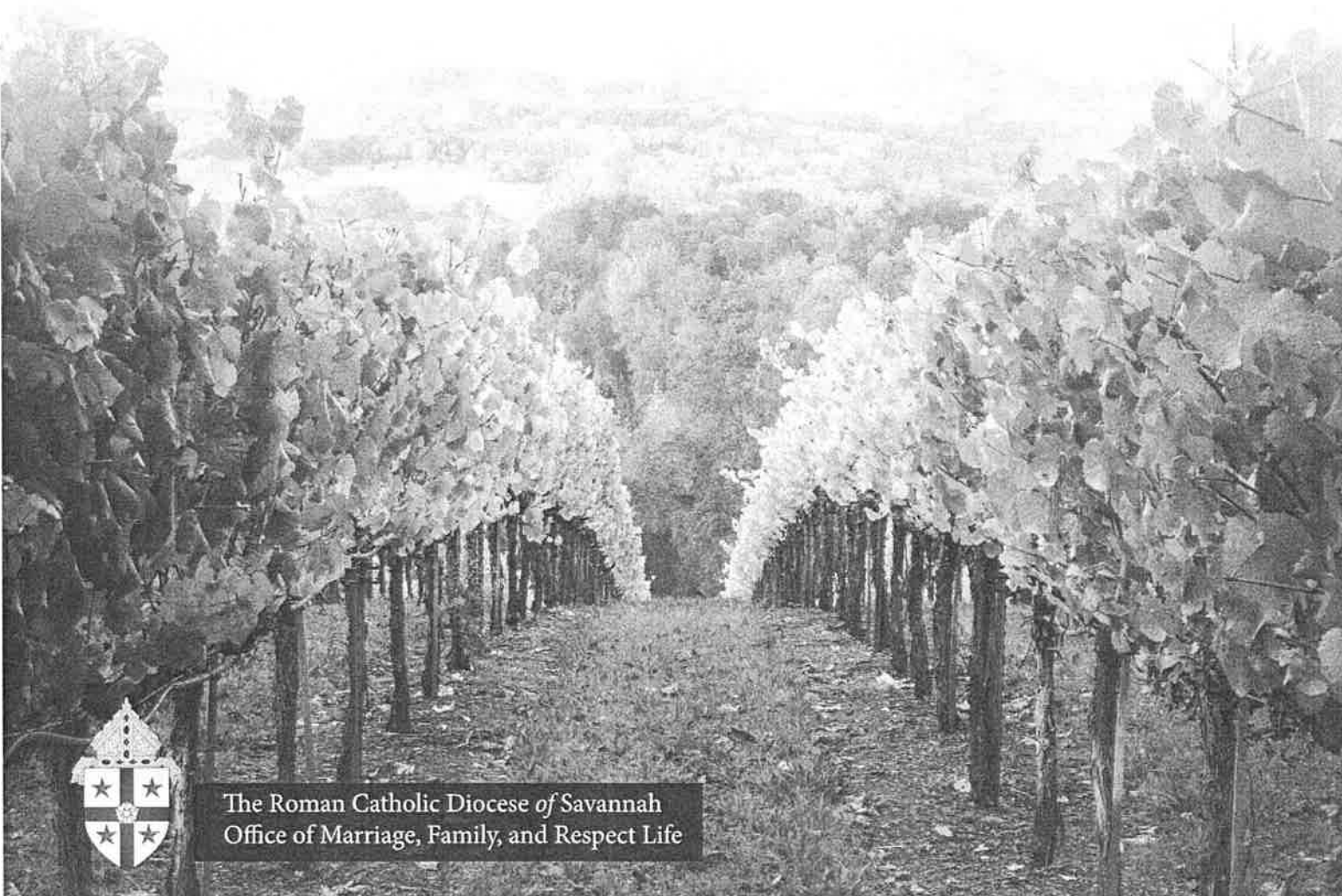
Post Abortion Healing Weekend  
near Augusta, GA

November 5-7, 2021

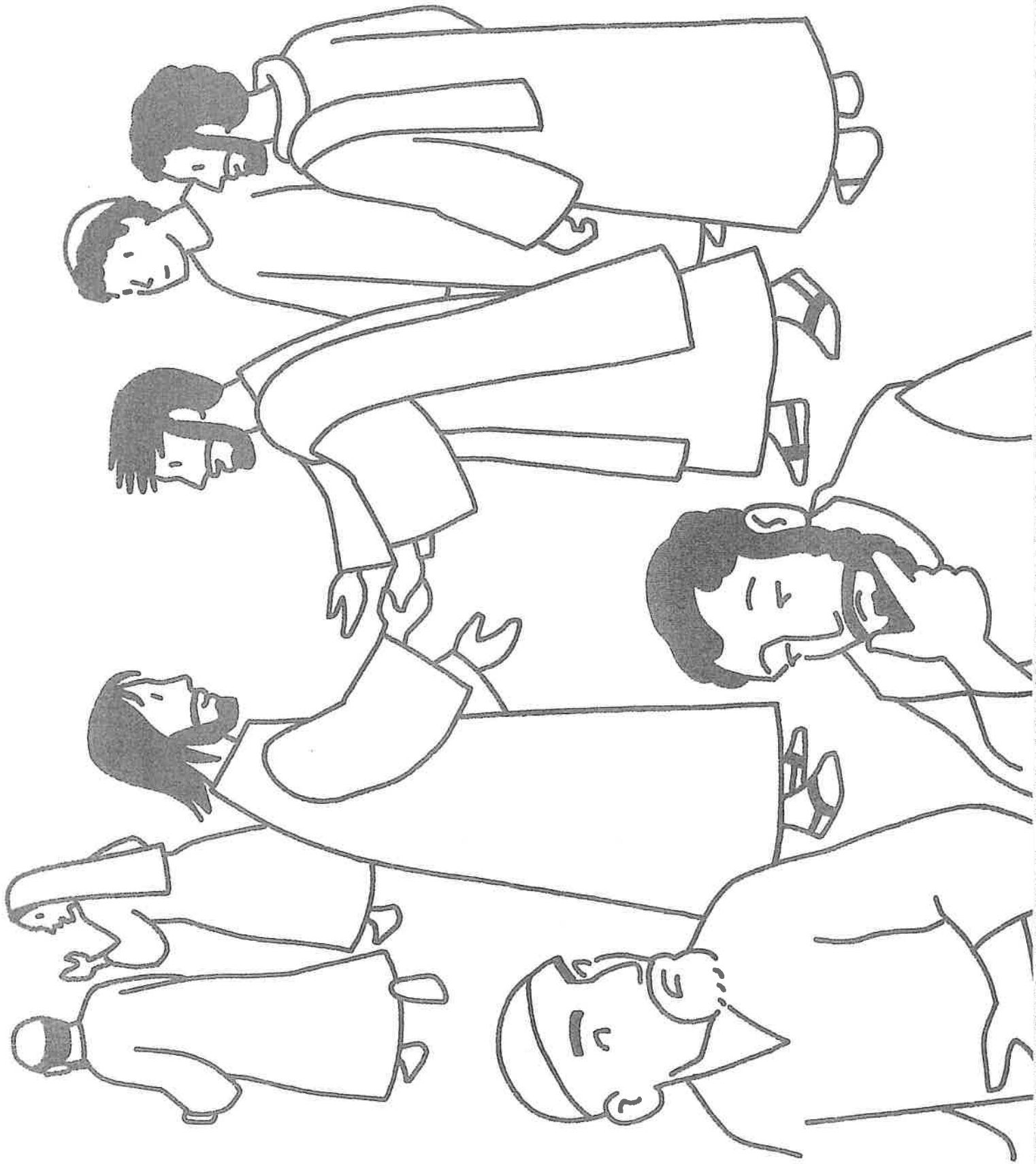
For any woman, man, family member, or friend who is struggling with the emotional, spiritual and psychological pain after an abortion. The retreat offers a beautiful opportunity to find healing, hope, and forgiveness.

For additional information: 912-306-0406/ [stephaniemay135@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniemay135@gmail.com),  
or visit the website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential.



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah  
Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life





Twenty-First Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 22, 2021

Among those who were listening to Jesus, some did not understand his message and decided to stop following him. Jesus asked his friends, "Do you want to abandon me too?" "No," answered Peter, "for we know that you speak the words that give eternal life. We believe that you are the Son of God."

Based on John 6: 60-69

  
My  
Promise  
to Jesus

From now on, I will try to pay attention at Mass,  
to listen and to pray the best I can.