



# St. Mary's Catholic Church

August 23, 2020



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### 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY - THE CROSS ROAD

"Blest are you, Simon son of Jonah! No mere man has revealed this to you, but My heavenly Father." – Matthew 16:17

God the Father revealed to Simon that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God (Mt 16:16). As with all divine revelations, this was a catalyst leading to Simon's name being changed to Peter (Mt 16:18), Jesus building His Church on Peter (Mt 16:18), Peter being given the authority symbolized by the keys to the kingdom of heaven (Mt 16:19), and Jesus insisting on the cross as the essence of discipleship (Mt 16:24). Peter naturally did not understand all these further revelations, and did not accept the cross.

The Lord also reveals Himself to us. For example, He may penetrate our hearts with the message of His mercy. This revelation is a catalyst leading us to realize the necessity of giving mercy (Mt 5:7). This implies taking up the cross of forgiving and loving even our enemies. Once again, a divine revelation transports us to the cross. Then we are faced with Simon Peter's dilemma. We are pleased to receive some revelation from the Lord but may be reluctant to accept the message of the cross. Will we embrace the cross, or hear the words of Jesus to Peter: "Get out of My sight, you satan! You are trying to make Me trip and fall. You are not judging by God's standards but by man's"? (Mt 16:23) By faith, in love, take up your daily cross (Lk 9:23). Prayer: Father, may I proclaim Christ crucified, the power and the wisdom of God (1 Cor 1:24).

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### Announcements:

### Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (and First Saturdays Devotion) - Specific Devotions

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart became even more popularized after Mary's appearing to the three young shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal in 1917 (before the Russian Revolution), when she asked that Russia be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart to prevent the spread of "the errors of Russia." Eight years later, in 1925, Mary appeared to one of the visionaries -- Lucia, who'd since become a nun -- and requested reparations for the various ways in which her Immaculate Heart was offended -- such as attacks against her Immaculate Conception, virginity and divine maternity, and for those who teach their children contempt of Mary or who insult her by desecrating her images.

To make these reparations, she asked that we do 5 things, all with the intention of making reparation to her Immaculate Heart: recite at least Five Decades of the Rosary every day, wear the Brown Scapular, offer our daily duty to God as an act of sacrifice (ie., make the Morning Offering), make Five First Saturdays of Reparation to Her Immaculate Heart (see below), the Pope, in union with all the bishops of the world, must consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart. Russia would be converted through this means, and a period of peace to be given to the world. If this is not done, Russia will "spread her errors throughout the world."

The "First Saturdays of Reparation" (typically referred to simply as "First Saturdays") was not a new devotion, but it was even more popularized after Our Lady appeared at Fatima. It consists of, on the first Saturday of each month for five consecutive months: going to Confession (may be 8 days before the Saturday as long as one stays in a state of grace), attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist, praying 5 decades of the Rosary, including the Fatima Prayer, "keeping her company" for 15 minutes while meditating on all of the Mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to her. This can be done by reading Scripture or other writings relevant to the Mysteries, meditating on pictures of the Mysteries, or simple meditation.

The promise given by Mary to those who make the First Saturday devotion is her assistance at the hour of their death

## Masses & Information

Sunday 11:00 AM

MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Father Raj, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## Masses Intentions

Our Parish Family

Church cleaning  
August Nelda Mckenzie

Please volunteer to clean church.

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND COMFORT:

Please notify the bulletin editor to have your love ones listed. The names will stay on list for one month unless requested again. Riley Shadle, Joe Gielser, Norma Schwertner, Tom Stauer, Sue Stauder, Bill Hill, Robert Jaramillo, Jacquetta Owens ,Neal R. Mercier, Leslie Owens, Ralph Thorpe, Teresa Greene, Amy Mercado, Stephanie Lasseter, Rev. Melvin Clinton Jr., Claudia Merciers, Kyler Bo Cooper, Ellie Davis, Terry Esch, Tyasia Burgess, Karen Rice, Stephen Fowler, Jessica Cenicerros, Bruce Greene, Rashad Weatherton, Dora Hernandez, Kassie Askew, Marie Risley, Dora Lucero, Diego Lucero, Thomas Carrillo, Mary Jaramillo ,Chriss Clifford, Eva Wilson, Micheal Rossitor., Joe Jaramillo, Ramon Jaramillo,Christina Brady

## Prayer Line Request

To request a prayer to be started on the prayer line, please contact Carol Braddock at 806-874-0819 or Denise Bertrand at 806-874-2846 (h) or 806-336-1417 (C)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Rodney and Carol Ehlert 8/13

If you would like to see your birthday and/or anniversary here, please grab a sheet on the table by the bulletin, fill it out and return to Stella Olivas or email her your name and birthday or anniversary to [stmarysclarendon@windstream.net](mailto:stmarysclarendon@windstream.net)

## Liturgical Ministers

Sunday August 23,at 11:00

Servers:

Lector : Diana Esch

Com. Ministers:

Rosary: Tom Stauder

Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00

Servers:

Lectors: Louella Slater

Com Ministers :

Rosary Nelda McKenzie

Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> at11:00

Servers:

Lector: Denise Bertrand

Com Ministers:

Rosary: Tom Stauder

Sunday September 13,at 11:00

Servers:

Lector: Lindy Craft

Com Ministers:

Rosary: Nelda Mckenzie

No Com Minister till further notice

No servers

## Stewardship report

Stewardship Report	
Individual	\$110.00
Children	\$
Total	\$110.00
Second collection	
Total	\$2.00
New Church Fund	
Individual & Total	\$550.00

## Announcements

### Second Collection

\*Thanks for the help at Fish fry

\*Class for the kids will start Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 Register on line At [StMaryClarendon.org](http://StMaryClarendon.org) Go to Organization And religious

\* We need volunteers lead the Rosary before mass. We only have two people doing this now and would love for you to volunteer if this is you calling. Please see Father Raj.

\*We will be needing someone to take over the cleaning of the hall Contact Stella Olivas or Louella or Jacob

\*Please bring box tops for education to Carol Braddock.

\*Please bring soda tabs form your aluminum cans to Carol Braddock. Tabs are sent to the Ronald McDonald House Amarillo

\*Don't forget we will be praying for our unborn baby and collecting baby items

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