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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2020

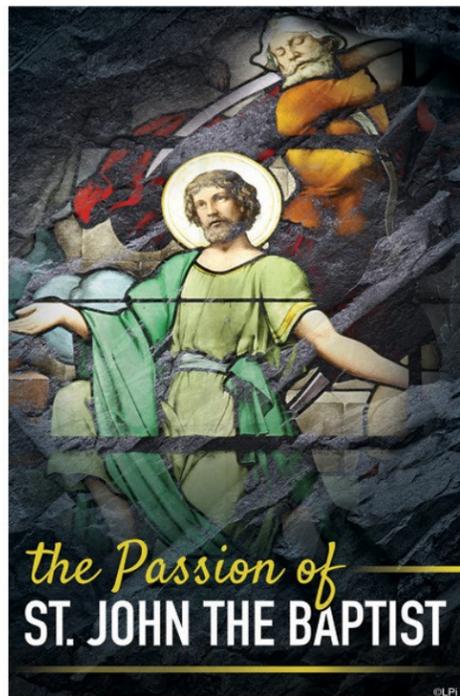
- SUN 8/23** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20
- MON 8/24** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- TUE 8/25** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26
- WED 8/26** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- THR 8/27** 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51
- FRI 8/28** 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
- SAT 8/29** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/
Mk 6:17-29
- SUN 8/30** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2020

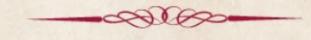
- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Tuesday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Monica
- Friday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Next Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God? To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul.



the Passion of
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST


*Say to Jesus
 as the apostles
 did: "Lord,
 teach us to
 pray."*
 — ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE


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COMMUNION

(drive-thru under the porch
 at the Family Center)

Saturday, August 22 from 5:20 to 5:30 pm
 Sunday, August 23 from 9:50 to 10:00 am

Exploring the Catholic Faith

If you would like to become Catholic or would like more information about the Catholic Church, consider the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* program. Each year thousands of people around the world enter the church, traditionally during the Easter Vigil. We will be continuing to prepare people to join the Church, though we do not know yet what part of the process will be virtual and what will be in person. Contact the OLOP office at (409) 283-5367 or Maureen Peltier at (713) 582-9838 or maureen@mpeltier.com for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Richard Thompkins, Charles Dean, Fr. Michael Strother, Ila Hayes, Connie McDowell, Daniel and Yolanda Rodriguez, Ray Gaspard; Wayne Norton, Thelma West, Jim Williams, Bill Batic, Martin & Claudia Nash, Doris Rossi, Debbie Graham, Walter Overstreet, Wyatt Ellis, James Byrd; Randy Griffith, Norton Leger, Don Watt, Ted Koch, Linda Dipuccio, Fr. Frank Rossi, Shirley Anderson, all healthcare workers

Homebound/Nursing Home: Mary Goodwine, Agnes Smith, Audrey Douzant, Lucille Muzny, Evelyn Schima, Loyce Didner, Mirley Trahan, Merle Kucera, Teresa Dale, Evelyn Sienkiewicz, Leola Kimball, Jeannette Borque

Repose of the soul: Pat Schlageter; Royce McKee, Mike Paddie, Kathryn Howell

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.

Rules to block the Spread of the Coronavirus

- ◆ Strict limit of only 35 people per Mass in the Church
- ◆ Overflow in Parish Hall, communion distributed
- ◆ No physical contact on the Church grounds
- ◆ Must wear face masks
- ◆ Temperature will be checked
- ◆ Hand sanitizer must be used when entering and exiting
- ◆ Mandatory 6 feet social distancing
- ◆ Social distancing if sitting in pews with non-family
- ◆ No hand holding or touching at the Our Father or the Sign of Peace
- ◆ The Church will be disinfected before & after Mass
- ◆ Limited singing by the Assembly
- ◆ For Holy Communion, follow the Ushers' guidance
- ◆ Communion is received **only** in the hand
- ◆ The Ushers will guide you for dismissal
- ◆ No congregating after Mass

CCE Registration Drive-Thru

Begins on Saturday August 29 & 30
 after all 3 Masses.
 New to OLOP registrations need to bring
 copy of Baptismal Certificate.

Bishop Toups' Visit

Tuesday, September 1, 2020
 Family Center, 6:30pm

Weekly Stewardship

August 15 & 16 Weekly Offering \$ 4178.10

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Priestly Ordination of Men

Question:

Why are only men allowed to be priests or deacons in the Church?

Answer: One of the most debated and — in some circles — contentious teachings of the Church is that only men can be ordained as priests and deacons. Critics see it as a way of strengthening a patriarchal system in which women have little or no voice. Those who support this teaching look to New Testament teaching (where we read of Jesus choosing only men to be apostles) and the long-standing practice of the Church. This was certainly the perspective of St. John Paul II who, in his 1994 apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, closed the discussion on the possibility of ordaining women as priests.

In the letter, he reflected on the dignity of women and their call to share in the life and mission of the Church, but he concluded by solemnly declaring that "the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitely held by all the Church's faithful" (no. 4).

This position has been upheld by Pope Francis in interviews, most notably as he returned from his 2016 visit to Sweden.

The ordination of women to the diaconate is another question and one which is being studied. In 2016, Pope Francis created a 12-member commission to study the question from several perspectives (theological, liturgical, historical, etc.). The commission issued an initial report for Pope Francis who later said that the commission had not yet produced a "definite response" to the question because of a lack of agreement on the role of female deacons in the Early Church.

For now, however, regardless of what changes might come from ongoing study and debate, the Church continues to reserve ordination to the diaconate to men only, recognizing a vital link between the diaconate and the priesthood and the lack of certainty about the presence and function of female deacons throughout history.

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PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTOR

Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00pm.