

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021

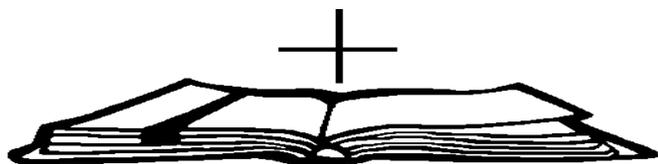
As for me and my household,
we will serve the Lord.

— *Joshua 24:15b*

DECISIONS

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide!

Mass Intentions



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Sat., Aug. 21, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr, Nick Sita, Bob Chandler, Henry Mauthe, Dr. Mahlon Burbank, **and for the living:** Karge Family, Special Intention and Ethel Istre

Sun., Aug. 22, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri, Patrick Marchand, Louis Meyer, **and for the living,** Juanita Muhs

Sun., Aug. 22, 9:15 a.m. William Gereighty, Larry Kass Sr., Can, Huu, Nang, Thanh, Minh, Huu, Aborted Babies, Departed Souls, **and for the Living:** Hue and Mangerchine Family

Sun., Aug. 22, 11:00 a.m. Alexander Bradford, **and for the living,** Parishioners and Nicole Boroughs

Mon., Aug. 23, 8:00 a.m. for the living, Marty Murphy

Tues., Aug. 24 NO MASS

Wed., Aug. 25, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Thurs., Aug. 26, 8:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

Fri., Aug. 27, 8:00 a.m. for the living. Ryan Bovia

PRAYER LIST

Chuck Armstrong	Starlette Rome
Louise Cashmere	Lisa Vallee
Nicole Boroughs	Robert Till
Cindy Hebert	Catherine Atkins
Michael Guthrie	Ashli Pierre
Anne Kirsten Ziifle	Vincent Murphy
Ethel Istre	Mangerchine Family



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THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary Nicole Boroughs

At this time, we will continue to light the Sanctuary Lamp in near the Tabernacle in Jonathan Hall.

Sanctuary Flowers are in memory of

Bill and Mary Jane Mehaffey

POPE FRANCIS' AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council members are: Tim Bartholomew, David Cooper, Jim Fanguy, George Hemelt, Joe Pieri Jr., Robert Schultz, and John Tennyson.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Our Parish School of Religion is now registering for the 2021-2022 school year. Classes for grades 8 and below begin Monday, September 13th at 6:00 p.m. Classes for grades 9 & 10 begin Sunday, September 12th after 11:00 Mass. You can register online or pick up a form on one of the tables in Jonathan Hall. please contact Amanda Fraise at amanda.stjohnsfolson@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAR SHOW

The Knights of Columbus Council 10176 is gearing up for their 8th Annual Car Show scheduled for September 11th with a rain out date of September 18th. The four classes that will participate are truck, classic, hot rod and foreign. There will be food for sale and music. Mark your calendars for this annual gathering with neighbors, fellow parishioners, and car enthusiast. We guarantee to pass a good time.

WORKSHOPS FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Basic workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be presented this Fall by the Office of Worship. Attendance at this workshop is required before a person can be delegated by Archbishop Gregory Aymond to serve in this ministry. The complete schedule and more information can be found on the Office of Worship website at <https://nolacatholic.org/basic-workshops-for-emhc>. Participants are to be pre-registered by their parish before attending. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or worship@arch-no.org.

LABOR DAY

The office will be closed Monday, September 6th for Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

FEAST OF FAITH Come, Spirit!

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an *epiclesis*, a Greek word that means “invocation upon” or “calling over here.” At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: “Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son” (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first *epiclesis* the *epiclesis* of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another *epiclesis*, the *epiclesis* of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. “Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ” (Eucharistic Prayer III).

REMINDERS

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Men’s Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs., Sept. 9th at 7 p.m.
Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Friday Morning Adult Bible Study, 9:00 a.m., in Library

On Monday, August 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in Jonathan Hall, our Church history class will continue our exploration into the Mystery of God with Bishop Barron as our guide.

On Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall, our Bible study group will view and discuss Session Three, which deals with the Visitation.