

Jesus said,
"Where two or three
are gathered together
in my name,
there am I
in the midst of them."

MATTHEW 18:20

TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6
2020

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TRUST

Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that

Mass Schedule

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before each mass.

	<u>Lyons Point</u>
Tuesday:	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	6:30 a.m.
Thursday:	5:30 p.m.
Friday:	6:30 a.m.
Saturday:	4:00 p.m.
(Morse)	5:30 p.m.
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.
(Midland)	10:30 a.m.

All weddings must be scheduled at least 6 months prior to the requested date. Please call the office to meet with Father Pettit ahead of any planning to avoid conflicts in scheduling. At the first meeting with Father, you will be instructed on which of the marriage prep classes will be required.

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Mass Intentions
Mass Schedule for
Sept. 5 - 13, 2020

Saturday, Sept. 5th, Lyons Point: 4:00 p.m.: Norma Sonnier, Lola LeBoeuf, Alvin Breaux, Nujay Guidry, Nicole Simon

Saturday, Sept. 5th, Morse: 5:30 p.m.:

Sunday, Sept. 6th, Lyons Point: 8:30 a.m.: Priscilla (Titter) Carlson, Sister Maria Annunciata

Sunday, September 6th, Midland: 10:30 a.m.: Priscilla (Titter) Carlson

Tuesday, September 8th, Lyons Point: 5:30 p.m.: The Little Lilies of the Eucharist, Ruby Richard

Wednesday, September 9th, Lyons Point: 6:30 a.m.:

Thursday, September 10th, Lyons Point: 5:30 p.m.:

Friday, September 11th, Lyons Point: 6:30 am.: Holy Souls of Purgatory

Saturday, September 12th, Lyons Point: 4:00 p.m.: Lola LeBoeuf, Alvin Breaux, Nujay Guidry

Saturday, September 12th, Morse: 5:30 p.m.:

Sunday, September 13th, Lyons Point: 8:30 a.m.: John R Guidry, Eddie Breaux

Sunday, September 13th, Midland: 10:30 a.m.: Priscilla (Titter) Carlson

Collection Totals

8/23	Morse - \$322.00 Midland -\$342.00	Lyons Point \$1265.00
Building Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Total</u>	\$664.00	\$1264.00

Our Lady of Fatima Statue
To be picked up at Mass September 12-13
M/M Guy Ste. Marie 10:30 am (**Midland**)
M/M Marcus Leleux 4:00 pm (**Lyons Point**)

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2020
“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”
— Matthew 18:19 ,

Mass Attendance
August 22/23
Morse:
Midland:

Sanctuary Candle:

S.A.:
ICC:
S.J.T.B.: Chapel: TSgt. Tomie Geerts
The Sanctuary Candle is \$12.00 and burns for 2 weeks. Please contact the office (783-2968) for more information.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the early years of the church, most people never availed themselves of once-in-a-lifetime penance. Yet penitents were highly visible. They wore distinctive garments or chains, and they were relegated to special zones in the church. They might be dismissed from the Sunday assembly after the Word, forbidden to join in the Prayer of the Faithful or the Eucharist. This dismissal was done with great affection and tenderness as the bishop laid his hands on the heads of the sinners. During Lent almost everyone would identify with penitents by clothing, insignia, or by following the penitents' regular diet. Rather than sit in judgment over them, the church desired to intercede for them before the Lord. "Let Mother Church weep for you and wash away your sins with her tears," said St. Ambrose to his penitents in Milan. Ambrose liked to think of them as Jonah in the whale, meditating on his errors. In a letter to his sister he said that Jonah is also a sign of Christ in the tomb, and so he had great faith in the penitents' future proclamation of the Resurrection with their reclaimed status in the assembly.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11,

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Peter Claver
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary;
Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINT PETER CLAVER (1581-1654)

September 9

Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed "that all men are created equal," two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream," and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become "the slave of the slaves," and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: "We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures" (see *Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4*, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver's enduring witness.

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LABOR

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.

—Grover Cleveland

NEIGHBORLY LOVE

We can never love our neighbor too much.

—St. Francis de Sales

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