



Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2021

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

— *Joshua 24:15b*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Psalm — Psalm 34

Second Reading — Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel — John 6:60-69

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tues: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thurs: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, August 22

9:30am – Carol Elaine Rod+

12:30pm – Angelina Espino

Mon, August 23—

Tues, August 24—

Wed, August 25—

Thurs, August 26—

Fri, August 27—

Sat, August 28— no Mass

Please fill out a Mass Intention Envelope and place in the collection basket.

PRAYERS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH FOR ALL DOCTORS, NURSES, AIDS, PT'S AND ALL THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES CARING FOR ALL WITH COVID-19!

**St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:
Vaccine and Cure for the Coronavirus-19**

Sacrificial Giving this past week:

Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 6,000.00
Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,432.00
Online	\$ 495.00
New Life/Nueva Vida	\$ 340.00
Online	\$ 105.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Wednesday

9 a.m. - 3p.m.

Come and spend an hour with Jesus. Please call the office to make an appointment with Jesus on Wednesday.

We need volunteers!!!

THOSE IN THE MILITARY



Prayers for Safety for all service men and women at home and abroad, who give of their lives daily in order that we may enjoy our freedom: Preston Blocker, David

Brooks, William Aaron Burks, Michael P.

Collins, Nathan Darnell, Ty Develle, Lee Greco, Erling Gresham, Tanner

Hutchins, Steven J. Jackson, Michael Jessie, Kimberly Johnson, Derek Lieding, Anna/Malcolm Lowe, Michael Machost Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, Nathan Waltman.

Question of the Week

What specific action can I take to show my commitment to remain a disciple of our Lord?

- *Pastoral Patterns Summer* 2020wlp@jspaluch.com

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today we hear Joshua ask the tribes of Israel which god they will serve. They had other options, for their neighbors worshiped other gods. We have other options as well. We could choose to serve wealth or status or power or pleasure, allowing something else to lead us and drive us in another direction. But we come here today, along with our families, our friends, our neighbors, as a sign of our commitment to serve the Lord. Let us recommit ourselves to serve God, to follow Christ on our journey through this life to the life promised to us in baptism.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Today's readings emphasize the need to make a commitment. The tribes of Israel are asked to commit themselves to the god that they choose to serve. Paul speaks about spouses' commitments to their partners as a parallel to the relationship between Christ and the church. Jesus asks the Twelve if they will commit to continue to follow him. As we listen to God's word, let us consider how we would answer each challenge and pray that our commitment to our faith be strengthened.

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).

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Monthly Devotion for August

Immaculate Heart of Mary



The devotion of the Five First Saturdays

On October 1925 Lucy dos Santos joined as a postulant in the Dorothean house at Pontevedra, Spain. Here on December 10, 1925, sister Lucy received an apparition by the Child Jesus and the Virgin Mary in her convent cell. The Holy Virgin shown her a Heart surrounded by thorns, Our Lady said to her:

"See, My daughter, My heart surrounded by thorns which ungrateful men pierce at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude... Say to all those who:

for five months, on the first Saturday, confess, receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary and keep Me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, in a spirit of reparation, I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls."

The confession can be made a few days earlier, and if in this previous confession you have forgotten the (required) intention the following intention can be offered, provided that on the first Saturday one receives Holy Communion in a state of grace, with the intention of repairing for offenses against the Most Holy Virgin and which afflict Her Immaculate Heart.

Five first Saturdays of reparation were requested to atone for the five ways in which people offend the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. attacks upon Mary's Immaculate Conception
2. attacks against her Perpetual Virginity
3. attacks upon her Divine Maternity and the refusal to accept her as the Mother of all mankind
4. for those who try to publicly implant in children's hearts indifference, contempt and even hatred of this Immaculate Mother
5. for those who insult her directly in her sacred images.

"The greatest joy is to see the Immaculate Heart of our so tender Mother known, loved and consoled by the means of this devotion." Sister Lucia

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BLESSED

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

—Anonymous



PASTORAL CARE

O'Beirne/Williams family, Vanessa Farrington, Melissa Alcorn, Sam Greco, Janna and Avalon family, Gabriel Rigby, Lucy Lovertich, Terese Kemp, Eva Jean Davis, Padre Juan, John Hudson, Jimmy Jones(Thiac Son-in-law), Jessica Lozano

Rodriguez, John Weston, Mary Maziarz, Sallie Riley, Sissie Warren, Gerry Trudeau, Amanda Roberts, Meg Maziarz, Margaret Hutchins, Emma Abbott, Sonny Womack, Tim Opiela, Margaret Williams, Kathy Payment, Crystal and Stephen Warren, Phil Thiac, Glynn Long, John Bradshaw, Vicki Hillman, Gwen Roberson, Tommy/Traci Avalon, Tom/Angela/Seth Brittain, Theresa Cannon, Mike/Cathy/Jared/Michael Eaves, Janis Hamblin, Steve Kennedy, Jodie Lencocki, Jon/Christin Quinn Family, Kenny Skellie, Karen Winn, Corey/Bonnie Granier, Betsy Carraway, James Lee, Jr., Joseph Perlick, Irene Rangel, Rita Reed, Lillian Stachura, Epigmenia Tartinez, Vince/Codi Warren, James/Marva Brown, Lucrecia Gibson, Janie Keary, Nettles/Pollard Families, Doug Simmons, Pam Smith.

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME

Helen Machost, Brenda Williams, Eugene Humphery, Adelaida Dethloff, Sandra Elliott, Aurora Ramirez, Kate Rutherford, Anna Starr, Tom/Brenda Steen, Sue Trebotich.

Eternal Rest To: Trey Graef+

"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..." -James 1:17



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call the parish office 601-372-4481

Suggested Mass stipend is \$10.

August 22, 2021

21st Sunday Ordinary Time

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

- Psalms 45:10



Crossing the River Jordan, Benjamin West (Public Domain)

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

Stewardship: Prayers of the Faithful for August

"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you." Jeremiah 29:12

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21st Sunday Ordinary Time

That we may echo Peter's profession of faith, that Christ is indeed the Son of God and the alone has dominion over the precious gift of human life, we pray to the Lord...

That we may be trustworthy stewards of your abundant blessings, we pray to the Lord ...

August Daily Readings that refer to Hospitality

• August 21, 2021 - Ruth 2:8-9

Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen, my daughter! Do not go to glean in anyone else's field; you are not to leave here. Stay here with my women servants. Watch to see which field is to be harvested, and follow them;

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