

August 29, 2021 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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Holy Mass Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Monday– Friday 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday, Tuesday and Friday 6:00 PM;
Saturdays 4:00 PM; or by appointment

**BULLETIN
STANDARD DEADLINE:
9:00 A.M. MONDAY**

Dear Parishioners,
I mentioned previously that I like Italian food. I think one of the reasons I love Italian food is that my God mother was 100% Italian. She was called home by God when I was 9. But, I still remember when I was little these huge Italian meals she would prepare. The food was endless. It just kept coming course after course and it was all so good. A second reason I love Italian food is that back in 2000 and then again in 2019 I spent a week in Rome and had some of the best meals of my life there. In our first reading today Moses explained to the Israelite people, "You shall observe the commandments of God carefully, but you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Through the years the Pharisees did exactly what God commanded them not to do. The first way the Scribes and Pharisees did exactly what God commanded them not to do, was when they added their own ritual requirements adding hundreds of prescriptions and prohibitions that were not from God but from themselves. The second way they did exactly what God commanded them not to do was when they subtracted from the law of God, by excluding from it all their evil impulses or sinful actions as long as their deeds were exteriorly fine, as long as they looked like they had it all together. We are called to imitate our Blessed Mother who neither added nor subtracted from the law, but rather, heard the word of God and obeyed it (11:28). When a woman cried out to Jesus from the crowd, "Blessed is the womb that bore thee and the breasts which nursed thee!" Jesus said, "Blessed, rather, is she who heard the word of God and put it into practice." He praised his mother, not because of her physical relationship to him, but because she conceived him in faith even before she conceived him in her womb. She heard God's word and acted on it. Mary shows us the way. Be more and more like Mary. Hear the word of God and obey it.
God Bless,
Fr. Butler

24 HOUR ADORATION September 3-4

First Friday 24 Hour Adoration is continuing on September 3rd beginning at 8:30 am and ending on September 4th at 8:30 am. First Saturday

Mass will follow at 9:00 am. If you would like to schedule an hour, please call the office or sign up on our Website:

www.stjbsom.org

RCIA OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 22, 7:15 PM Parish Center

Have you ever thought about joining the Catholic Church? Were you raised in a Protestant tradition but now feel drawn toward Catholicism? Is your spouse/fiancé Catholic and perhaps you would like to share in his or her faith? Are you a baptized Catholic who has never celebrated 1st Communion or Confirmation? Are you unbaptized but feel a call from God to draw closer to him and the Church? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, then RCIA may be right for you. If you have questions about RCIA or to sign up for the class please contact the parish office at 815 498-2010.

**First class is
Wednesday, September 29th, 6pm.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration is open including preparation for First Communion and Confirmation. Students entering 7th thru 12th grade this fall will begin the two year Confirmation preparation program. Both years of Confirmation Preparation must be completed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students entering 2nd grade will begin Communion Preparation as well as newly scheduled classes for any students entering 3rd thru 12th grade who have not yet received their First Communion. For more information or to register, scan the QR code or visit:
stjbsom.org/religious-education.



SCAN ME

August 29, 2021
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Gospel Meditation

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.



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SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Our candle offerings this week are
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Req by Pat Werner



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MASS INTENTIONS

August 30-September 5, 2021

Monday 8:00 am Erwin Wittke
Req by Delores Devine
Tuesday 8:00 am Fr. Lutz
Req by Fr. Butler
Wednesday 8:00 am George & JoAnn Weseman
Req by Jeff Weseman
Thursday 8:00 am Jean Wegener
Req by Pat Voga
Friday 8:00 am Bernard Betz
Req by Gertrude Betz Schlagel
Saturday 9:00 am Pro Populo
5:00 pm William Werner
Req by Pat Werner
Sunday 8:00am Don & Jean Wegener
Req by Gene Hickey
11:00am Pro Populo
People of the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

September 4-5, 2021

Saturday 5:00 pm Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 8:00 am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 11:00am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

ALTAR SERVERS

September 4-5, 2021

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

Sunday 11:00 am N/A

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

11:00 am N/A

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY, September 1, 2021

Followers of the Truth 8:45 am

FRIDAY, September 3, 2021

First Friday 24 Hr Adoration 8:30 am to

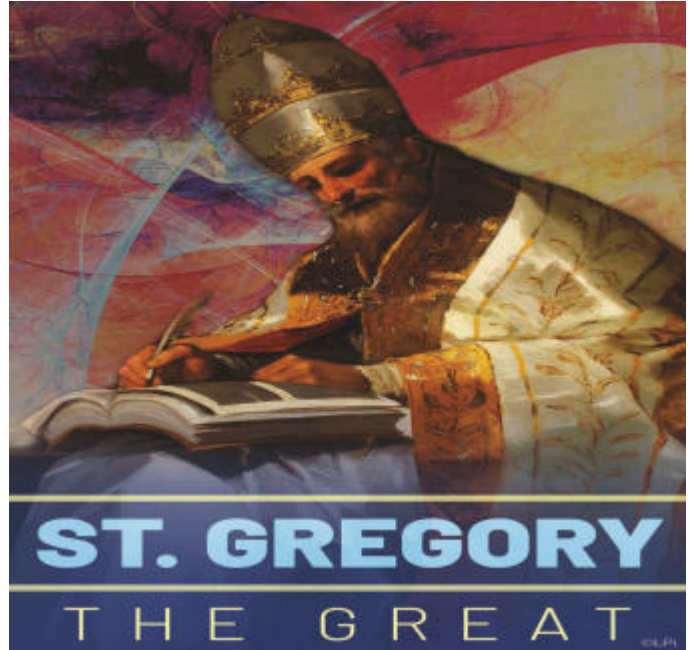
SATURDAY, September 4, 2021

24 Hr. Adoration ending 8:30 am

First Saturday Mass 9:00 am

SUNDAY, September 5, 2021

Loss and Transition 9:00 am



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas
1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,
13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk
5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33
-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-
5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas
2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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