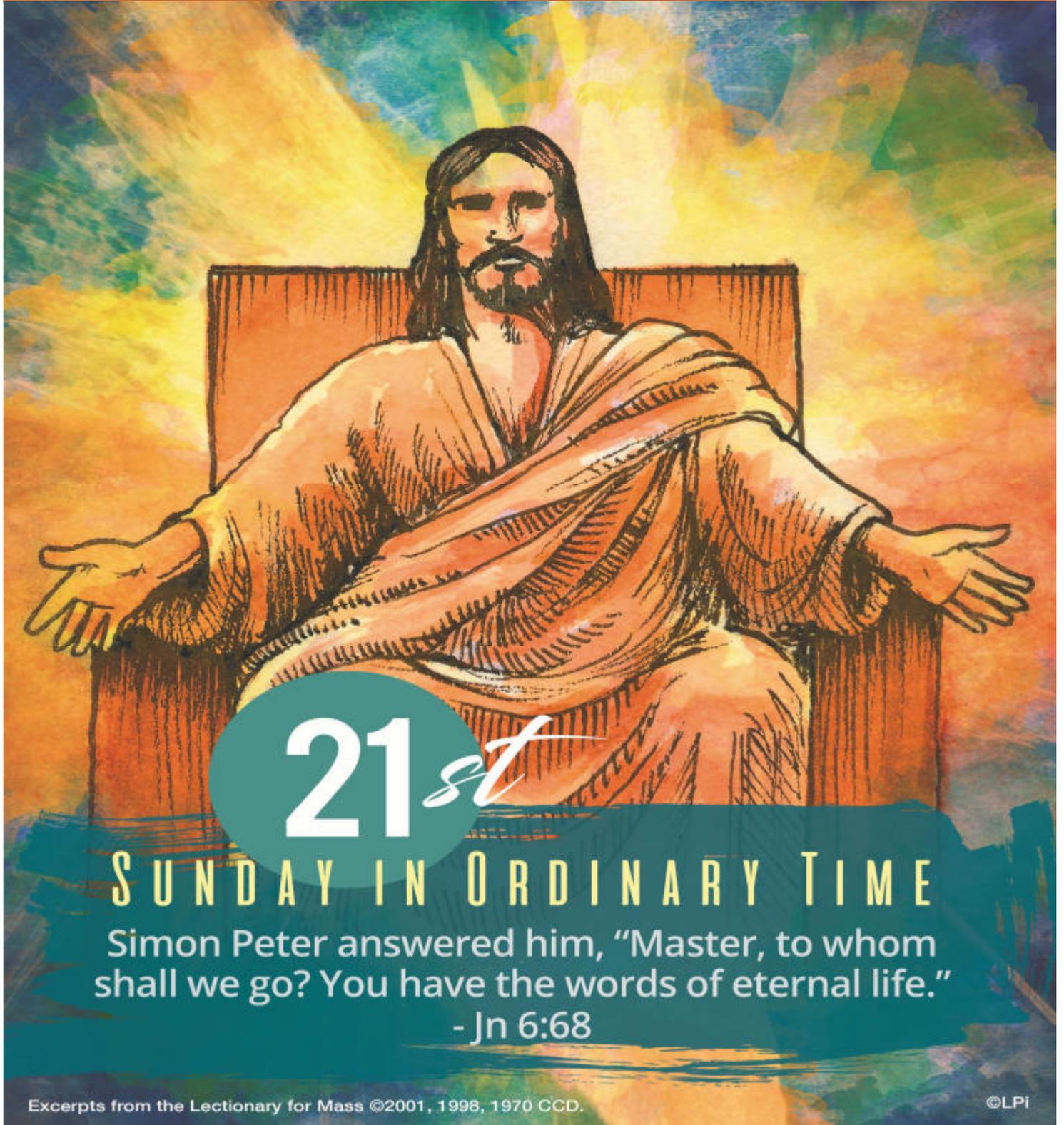


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Sunday, August 22, 2021



21st

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

- Jn 6:68

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Mission Statement

The Church of Corpus Christi, a welcoming parish community, making Christ present through sharing his message, celebrating the liturgy and challenging members to practice justice, peace and charity.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make. ©LPi

PARISH NEWS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL COLLECTION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thanks to all who generously contributed school supplies. The supplies will be distributed by the Roseville Area School's social workers and teachers.

CATECHISTS STILL NEEDED

We are still looking for fun adults who have a desire to share their faith with our youngest parishioners. Catechists are needed for Sunday School (Grades PreK-5) and Wednesday Night Faith Formation (Grades 6-12). All volunteers must complete a background check, code of conduct, and VIRTUS training as required by the Archdiocese. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b48a8a722a02-202122>, or on our website at www.ccmn.org. Contact Scott at scott@ccmn.org or 651-846-9215.

PONDERING THE MORSELS

[Offering a look back on last weekend's homily]

From Sunday, August 15, 2021

August 15th was the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, marking the total completion of her earthly life here on earth. She was taken into heaven in both body and soul. For her, the plan and promise of God has already been fully realized.

In our faith life, we learn the stories of people who lived far before us, not that we might become great historians, but rather that we might better see and understand the truth of our own existence and journey here on earth. Our annual celebration of Mary's Assumption reminds that our life here is but "for a while." The plan of God is greater than just this earthly life we lead.

Keeping such perspective, we can live this journey with greater vision and purpose. We can find both courage and discipline for our journeys. Every once in a while, it would be helpful for us to "see" this reality with our spiritual eyes, even though we cannot see it with our physical awareness. We would be wiser for it, as our hearts would, more and more, treasure what lasts forever, engaging the things of earth for what they are, merely things of the earth.

- *Stop to dwell on the passing nature of this earthly journey. Do I let the temporary serve as my treasure?*
- *Might I better live my days as a servant of God's far greater plan and purpose?*

WELCOME!

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome **Charlie & Lori Roger** to the Corpus Christi community! Roger and Lori discovered Corpus Christi through our online Mass. They recently started attending in person. They currently attend the 10am Mass and have felt welcomed by our 10am Greeter. Lori is retired from Occupational Therapy and Charlie is retired from IT. They live in St. Anthony Village and like to read and travel. They spend a few months each year in Mexico. Lori enjoys gardening and Charlie volunteers teaching English.

Welcome to Corpus Christi!



PARISH NEWS

SYNOD Update - We need your PARTICIPATION this Fall!

On Pentecost in 2019, Archbishop Hebda announced the beginning of the Archdiocesan Synod process. The first year consisted of Prayer and Listening events held throughout the Archdiocese in the fall of 2019. The second year's plan was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic but now will be restarted this fall. How? With small groups!

What will the Synod Small Groups discuss?

Archbishop Hebda announced three focus areas in August 2020, which arose from the listening sessions in 2019.

- 1) Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization
- 2) Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call
- 3) Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young

With these three focus areas, parishes are asked to form small groups for parishioners to discuss the content within each of the three focus areas. We encourage everyone to participate in the small groups, not only to help the Synod process, but to increase unity and focus within our parish.

There are two ways to participate in the small groups: either in-person at Corpus Christi **or** virtually via Zoom. Both ways will occur over six weeks between October 4th and November 15th (Oct 1st is excluded).

Here's how the small groups will work:

In-person sessions are scheduled for October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 8 and 15, from 6:30-8:30 PM at Corpus Christi. These are open to everyone - just show up! **Participants are encouraged to attend all six sessions.**

Daytime sessions and evening Zoom sessions will be scheduled as needed - days of the week and times to be determined by participants schedules. Email Tom Valois to sign up for either a day or Zoom session at tmvalois@gmail.com

- Arrive and find a seat at a table of 7 or 8 (for the in-person event at the church).
- Watch a video which will lead everyone in prayer and share teaching on our Catholic faith to inform our discussion and focus our responses.
- As you are comfortable, share your experience and ideas in discussion with your tablemates.
- Respond to ideas and offer written suggestions on a feedback form to be forwarded to Archbishop Hebda.

Scribes and Facilitators are needed for each small group table!

One Scribe and one Facilitator is needed for **each** table (in person or Zoom). If you plan to participate in a session, please consider serving in the role of Scribe or Facilitator. If you accept this call, inform Tom Valois via email tmvalois@gmail.com or phone (651-646-6552) and then sign-up for training below.

Facilitator and Scribe Training:

Attend one training session offered weekly between August 23 and September 20. Registration is required. Register at www.archspm.org/ambassadors. There are in-person and Zoom options for training.

Facilitators: Facilitators will facilitate the table small group discussion. The training includes an overall explanation of the event, a review of materials used during the table discussion (the "Table Discussion Guidelines" and the "Discussion Questions and Feedback Form"), and instructions for facilitating a small group.

Scribes: The scribes will collect the individual "Discussion and Feedback Forms" from each table member at the end of the discussion, and submit the information electronically to the Archdiocese. The training includes an explanation of how to submit the information. Note: the scribe does not document or submit information on the table discussion itself; the scribe only submits the information provided on the individual Feedback Forms collected.

Please contact Email Tom Valois tmvalois@gmail.com or Alisa Weber alisaweber@hotmail.com if you have any questions!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

In an effort to be more transparent and accurate with reporting of your financial stewardship, we will begin to report monthly so that all contributions can be included in the bulletin. Below you will see the totals of all funds deposited in the month of July.

	July Actual	YTD	Budget YTD
Donations Sunday and Holy Day	\$27,673	\$27,673	\$41,250
All other Revenue	<u>\$ 4,561</u>	<u>\$ 4,561</u>	<u>\$ 5,725</u>
Total Revenue	\$32,234	\$32,234	\$46,975
Salaries & Benefits	\$32,089	\$32,089	\$32,004
Other Expenses	<u>\$ 8,288</u>	<u>\$ 8,288</u>	<u>\$16,456</u>
Expense	\$40,377	\$40,377	\$48,460
Net	\$ -8,143	\$ -8,143	\$ -1,485

Any questions may be directed to Toni Leach 651-846-9212. **Thank you for your continued generosity during this difficult time.**



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WEEKEND MASSES—CHURCH

Saturday.....5:00 pm Sunday.....10:00 am

DAILY MASS—CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.....7:30 am

BAPTISM

Congratulations! Catechetical class required. Please contact the Parish Center for more details and registration at 651-639-8888.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Please contact the pastor one year prior to scheduling a wedding date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 9:00 am

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday at 9:00 am



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

7:30 am—Mass—Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:30 am—Mass—Church

8:00 am—St. Paul Farmers' Market—Parking Lot

9:30 am—Bible Study—Gathering Area

10:00 am—Bible Study—Room 6

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

6:45 pm—Mom's in Prayer—Room 6

7:00 pm—Bible Study—Fire Pit

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

7:30 am—Mass—Church

8:00 am—State Fair Park & Ride

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 am—State Fair Park & Ride

4:00 pm—Reconciliation—Reconciliation Room

5:00 pm—Mass—Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

10:00 am—Mass—Church

1:00 pm—State Fair Park & Ride

Sunday, August 29 & Sunday, September 5

Outdoor Mass at the State Fair.

Fr. Fitz will be presiding. Mass starts at 9:00 AM at the Family Stage at Baldwin Park. <https://www.mnstatefair.org/schedule/catholic-mass/>



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next 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

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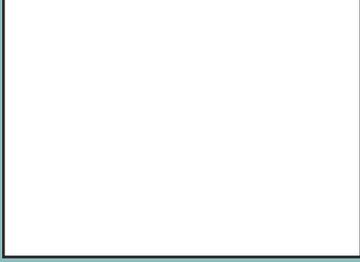


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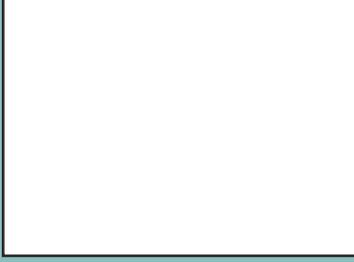
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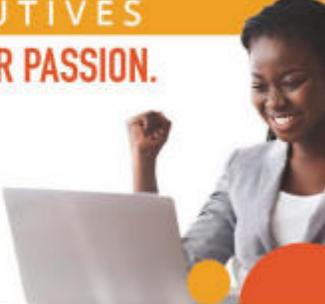
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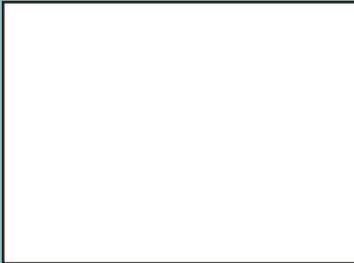
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