

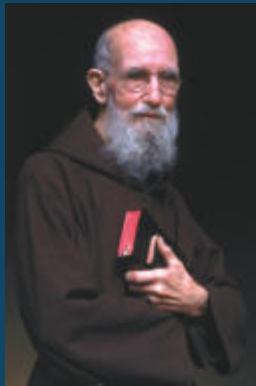


St. Mary's-Big River Catholic Church

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23rd, 2020

Childhood Parish
of
Blessed
Solanus Casey



The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I will give you the keys
to the kingdom of heaven.
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heaven; and whatever you
loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven."
- Mt 16:19

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Welcome to St. Mary's

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Mass Schedule

Weekend:

Saturday 6:00 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekday:

Mon. to Fri. - Noon

*Check bulletin or website for
changes!

Confessions - *Use rectory garage Confessional*

- Wednesday 9 AM to 10 AM
- Saturday 4:30 PM to 5:45 PM
- Any time by appointment

Knights of Columbus

Blessed Solanus
Casey Knights of

Columbus chapter at St. Mary's will
resume meetings as soon as the
Bishop allows (due to COVID-19).



**"In service to One,
in service to all."**

These are temporary times due to COVID-19.



Readings for the week of August 23, 2020 Cycle A

Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

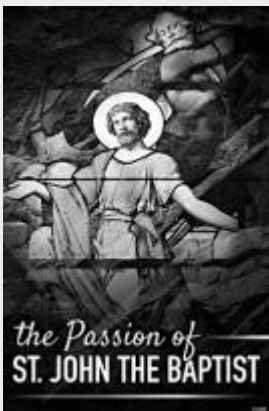
1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-6, 15 and 17/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The Lord condemns Shebna (a scribe under King Hezekiah) for ignoring Isaiah's prophetic warning and elevates Eliakim with "a seat of honor." "I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

We hear today Paul's concluding remarks from Romans 9:11 (reflections on God's plan of salvation for Jews and Gentiles). Paul contends that God's ways are beyond our understanding. Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! (Rom 11:33)

Gospel:

Jesus informs Peter that his confession of him as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" is divinely inspired. "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God? To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul.

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"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

— Mt 16:19-20

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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 24

For - † Dean Reis
 By Pat Bjork

Tuesday, August 25

For - Oliver Books
 By Steve & Ashley Books

Wednesday, August 26

For - † Alice Brandl
 By Ron O'Gorman

Thursday, August 27

For - † John Matzek
 By Steve & Janet Burmood

Friday, August 28

For - Clare Gannon
 By Foht Family

Saturday, August 29

6:00 pm - Gloria Senft
 By Pat Bjork

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am Living & Deceased Members
 of St. Mary's Big River Parish
 By Parish

Book of Eternal Life: Please daily pray for our deceased parishioners who are listed in the white binder in the back of the church. They are listed by the date of death. †

Liturgical Assistants

August 29th

Saturday - 6:00 pm Mass

Reader: JoAnne Parks
Usher: George Matzek
Rosary volunteer

August 30th

Sunday - 9:30 am Mass

Reader: Marlys Honeyman
Ushers: Pat & Derek Pechacek
Rosary volunteer
\$ Counters: Team 4

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