



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"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." - Mt 16:19

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OUR MISSION

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church is a family of believers in Christ. As sacramental people, filled with God's love, we strive to provide a welcoming community, supporting one another on our journey to salvation. We are committed to each other in a spirit of compassion and love while promoting hope, healing and evangelization in our midst.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM

Sunday 8:00 and 10:00AM

Sacrament of Baptism

1st Sunday of the Month, Please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:00 P.M. or by calling the Rectory for an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements to be made at least six months in advance.

Holy Communion at Home

Notify us of any parishioner who is unable to attend Mass. Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit weekly.

Pastor: Rev. Leonard P. Hindsley

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Paula Brown

Music Director: Scott Simpkin



Saturday August 22, 2020
4:30 PM Bob Condon
(Paul & Eileen Desmarais)

Sunday August 23, 2020
8:00AM Daniel Sheehan (Wife; Marguerite)
10:00AM Ambrosia Vieira (Family)
Joe Pimentel; 1st Anniversary
(Wife; Maria)

Monday August 24, 2020
~St. Bartholomew
8:00 AM Joe Pimentel; 1st Anniversary

Tuesday August 25, 2020
8:00 AM Lois Geitz

Wednesday August 26, 2020
8:00 AM Linda Tusing

Thursday August 27, 2020
~St. Monica
8:00 AM Douglas Yearsley

Saturday August 29, 2020
4:30 PM Marie Kelley (Colleen Polselli)

Sunday August 30, 2020
8:00AM R. Brian Prario
(Richard & Denise Bernardo)
Michael Oliver (Parents)

10:00AM Bob Condon (Roger & Pat Leclerc)

**THE CANDLE
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Burns this week
For the People of the Parish



8/16 Collection will be posted next week.

**May God Bless you for generosity, thank you
for your continued support!!**

An additional **collection** this weekend
8/23 & 8/24 will be for Olancho Aid, please make
checks payable to **St. John's Mission Team.**

Please place your donation in the collection basket as
you enter Mass.

*Kindly take a moment to pray for the
intentions, the welfare, the healing and
salvation of...*

Betty Zuber,
**Barbara Fazzina, Michael Marchand, Shawny
Smith, Linda, Richard, Ken, Thomas Marques,
Ray Richard, Rachel S., Lisa D., Lori Araujo,
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Mary Alice Fast, Bob Da Silva, Bob Condon,
Mike Coleman, Holly Rodrigues, Pat Beland,
Bruce Reynolds, Janet Mohr, Deborah Silvia,
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Drago, John Massa, Susan Tremblay, Stacey,
Katherine Buschman, Kerri Martel,
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Claire Sennett, Kevin Kelly, John, Edward Polgar,
Joseph F. Heitzler, Jennifer Lavoie,
Jim O'Hearn, Patrick Masterson,
Dennis Martel, Kathy,
Jeff Noetzel, Muriel & Henry Navarette,
Anne Sennett Bahm, Maureen Stewart,
Paul Desmarais, Randy Carvalho, and
Our Service Men and Women**

**THE CANDLE
at the**

*Statue of The Sacred Heart
is perpetually burning in memory of*
Sarah Valentine

From the Pastor's Desk



Celebration Summary: Bryan M. Cones
Authority seems to be the focus of today's liturgy, especially in the first and Gospel readings, yet what is also clear is that we are not celebrating a merely human authority. As exercised among God's people, earthly authority has heavenly roots. Isaiah in the first reading recounts a "regime change" in the Israelite monarchy: The "master of the palace," the king's prime minister if you will, loses his position to be replaced by Eliakim, chosen by God for this task. His duty is to be "father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem." In other words, his task is one of service to God's people. Peter in the Gospel receives "keys to the kingdom of heaven," the power to bind and loose in the community Christ gathers. His position comes not from jockeying for position, however, but through his attentiveness to what God has revealed to him. True leadership, then, must be rooted in a deep listening to the voice of God. Finally, however, authority in the Church is not arbitrary; rather, it must be rooted in obedience to the truth that is "from God" (alternative opening prayer), and in "the values that will bring us lasting joy" (opening prayer). In Romans Paul sings beautifully of this gift, praising "the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" Key to understanding authority among the followers of Jesus, then, is service, attentiveness, and obedience to what God has revealed. Let the assembly lift up to God all those who lead the human family, whether in church, society, or the home.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL MT 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "**Who do people say that the Son of Man is?**" They replied, "**Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.**" He said to them, "**But who do you say that I am?**" Simon Peter said in reply, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**" Jesus said to him in reply, "**Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. 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. 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.

Gospel: John Paul Heil: Matthew 16:13-20

*Main Theme: Jesus establishes Peter as the
FOUNDATIONAL
ROCK of the Church.*

Some have [a] favorable but inadequate assessments of Jesus' profound identity, namely, that he is one of the great prophets, such as John the Baptist, Elijah, or Jeremiah. Peter, however, is finally able to confess that Jesus is much more than a prophet--indeed, that he is the Christ (or Messiah), the Son of the living God! Peter thus complements and climaxes his fellow disciples' confession of Jesus as truly the Son of God after they experienced Jesus walking on the sea and saving Peter from sinking into it. But Peter's confession is not his own doing; it comes to him as a pure gift of God, the heavenly Father of Jesus, the Son. Once God has graciously granted Peter this gift, Jesus complements it by authoritatively commissioning Peter to be the foundation rock on which his

church is built. That Jesus rescued Peter from sinking into the waters of the nether world when he tried to walk on the stormy sea reinforces his promise that the “gates of the nether world shall not prevail” against the church. That Jesus gives Peter the “keys to the kingdom of heaven” empowers Peter to open {or close) that kingdom to others through his authority to “bind and loose,” that is, to teach and govern the church. © 2003, OCP. All rights reserved.

Something Funny

A woman and her husband interrupted their vacation to go to a dentist. *“I want a tooth pulled, and I don’t want any Novocain because I’m in a big hurry,”* the woman said, *“just extract the tooth as quickly as possible and we’ll be on our way.”* The dentist was amazed and said: *“You sure are a courageous woman! Which tooth is it?”* The woman turned to her husband and said: *“Show him your tooth, dear.”*

OLANCHO AID

Our annual **Olancho Aid Weekend is this weekend..**

Olancho Aid will be accepting donations this weekend please make checks payable to **St. John’s Mission Team.**, and place your donation in the collection basket as you enter Mass.

Please place cash in an envelope marked Olancho Aid, there will be self envelopes by the collection basket.

You can also mail your donation to the Rectory.

FR. HINDSLEY’S RETIREMENT

Fr. Hindsley’s last Mass will be the 10:00 Mass on August 30th; however each Mass that weekend will be celebrated as his last Mass so no matter what Mass you attend you will be able to join in the Mass celebration.

We are obviously not able to celebrate in normal fashion, and we have had many inquiries as to how to send him a note or a card, you can certainly get them to me here at the Rectory and I will be sure to get them to him, or you can mail them directly to him:

323 Main Road, Westport MA 02790

HONDURAN MISSION TEAM

The Honduran Mission Team will once again be running a calendar raffle to support their work in Honduras.

In these unprecedented times, we are unable to sell tickets after Masses, we ask that you please contact Claire Sullivan at 508-636-8988 or via email at cmsullivan@charter.net for tickets.

The Raffle will run September through December.

The cost is \$5.00 per month or \$15.00 for all 4 months.

Checks should be made payable to
St. John's Mission Team.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT**

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Knights of Columbus

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

O Mary, you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at
the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining
steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son
Jesus, the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill, for those who are
vulnerable, and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

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