



## WEEKEND MASS

### **Saturday**

4:00 PM Sacred Heart

### **Sunday**

7:30 AM Sacred Heart

9:15 AM St. Philip

11:00 AM Sacred Heart

## WEEKDAY MASS

### **Monday—Thursday**

7:45 AM

Sacred Heart

## CONFESSION

### **Saturday**

3:00 PM

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 8, 2021

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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**The Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be recited on **August 8th**, following the 11:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart. The Icon of Divine Mercy, blessed by Saint John Paul II will be adorning the front of the church.

## Preventing Congress from Forcing Americans to Pay for Abortions

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortions for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortions. It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortions. To view a website with infographics, statistics, a webinar, a petition, and other resources on this issue, visit [www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com). A flyer has been created for your usage to explain the push in Congress to force Americans to pay for abortions and what to do about it. Feel free to share this flyer in bulletins and on parish websites and social media platforms to get the word out: [www.usccb.org/resources/no-taxpayer-abortion-flyer.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/resources/no-taxpayer-abortion-flyer.pdf).

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## INVITING YOUNG PARISHIONERS TO

### Go ask your father!

Fr. Lariviere, with the assistance of Mark and Jonnie Clark, would like to invite all students **GRADES 6-12** to a new faith formation series called Go ask your father! The get-togethers will be held at St. Philip in Auburn from 6:00pm to 7:30pm on the first Sunday of each month beginning October 3rd. We will be serving pizza, salad, and snacks. There will be games, activities and most importantly a simple way of reading the Bible called "Lectio." Lectio is interactive, however students can choose to be silent and just observe. The program gives teenagers time to open their bible, spend time with their priest and ask questions! Registration forms can be found in the narthex of each church and on our web page: [ihm-auburn.org/family-faith-formation](http://ihm-auburn.org/family-faith-formation)

## Stewardship Offering

August 1

\$ 8,816 (Basket)  
1,867 (Online)



### Thank you Knights of Columbus!

The Knights have responded yet again to the needs of the parish by arranging and paying for the striping of our parking lots. This is just the latest in a number of projects which they have either funded or undertaken themselves. Thank you and God bless our Knights of Columbus!



### Transitional Deacon

**Question:**

What is a transitional deacon?

**Answer:**

There are two types of deacons in the church. Both are members of the clergy. Both have the same liturgical role. Both have the service of the community as their primary work. One is called a permanent deacon, usually a married man ordained as a deacon with no intention of becoming a priest. They preach, baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral services, and look after the needs of the poor. They also visit the sick and take Communion to them, although they cannot celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. They might also assist the pastor in his administrative duties. Permanent deacons are usually well known and respected in their communities and have roots there.

A transitional deacon is one who functions as a deacon for a period of time prior to ordination as a priest. His diacnate assignment serves as a kind of internship of ordained ministry. During his year or two as a deacon, he will learn the practical aspects of parish life, getting a firsthand look at the life of a priest. His work has a different focus than a permanent deacon in that he is looking forward to ordination as a priest.

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### “How to Read the Bible Without Getting Lost: The Old Testament”

#### Zoom Workshops on September 7 and 14

The Center for Faith and Spirituality at Saint Joseph’s College of Maine will present “How to Read the Bible Without Getting Lost: The Old Testament” via Zoom on September 7 and 14. The workshop sessions will be held at 7 p.m. and will provide a general overview of the Old Testament to help you better understand Scripture. To register, visit:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/de/1FAIpQLSdbzILry6Tv2suJalWcQPdHmlUZlqnox>

# PRAY TOGETHER



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**WIN \$1,000. FOR YOUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY OR FOOD MINISTRY!** Enter the 4th annual “St. Hildegard Food Recipe Challenge” sponsored by Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry. This year’s contest is “FOOD BOX + 1”! Your recipe has to be composed from the ingredients found in a typical food box for a family of 4 that is given out at the local food pantry. You may, if you need to, add ONE additional food to your recipe that is not in the box, as long as that food item could also usually be available at the local food pantry. Here are the basic contents of a food pantry food box for a family of four: cereal, crackers, powdered milk, canned soup, dried fruit, nuts, chickpeas, beans, instant potatoes, bread, canned vegetables, canned fruit, pork, chicken, beef, whole milk, butter, yogurt, sour cream, in-season fresh vegetables (corn, tomatoes, broccoli, squash, green peppers) and basic fruits. The deadline for submitting your recipes is August 22nd. The winning recipes (1st and 2nd place) will be announced on September 17th (The Feast Day of St. Hildegard). You may enter as many times as you like. E-mail your recipes to: [psm@ccmaine.org](mailto:psm@ccmaine.org), please put “Recipe Contest” in the subject line. Or, mail your recipes to: Recipe Contest, Catholic Charities Maine, P.O. Box 10660, Portland, Maine 04104. Thank you for your participation!



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Maurice Bilodeau, Christopher Colulombe,  
Jeremey Gagne, Cheryl MacDonald and Normand Roy

### Golden Age Club

Next meeting is **August 10, 2021, at Taber's at 11:30 AM.**

Menu includes small fries, small drink, & Ice Cream:

Hot Dog \$10.50; Hamburger \$11.00; Cheeseburger \$11.25  
(tax & Gratuity Included).

Please call Paula B. (207-576-4082) for reservations. Will collect money at meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### Vaccination and the Catholic Church Information

The Diocese of Portland is providing a number of different resources to explain the importance of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine as an act of protecting and preserving the common good. The resources include videos, reports, podcasts, webinars, and data to help you encourage parishioners and community members to receive a vaccine if they have not done so. You are free to share any/all of the resources on your parish website, social media platforms, and bulletins.

To view the resources, visit

[www.portlanddiocese.org/BacktoMassResources](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/BacktoMassResources).

### St. Philip

#### Coffee and Donuts are back!



We will resume coffee and donuts on **Sunday September 12th** after the 9:15 mass. Looking for volunteers to rotate set up and clean up! Please reach out to Corinna Soucie

232-9746 or Denise Timberlake 576-8517 to be on the volunteer schedule.



If you attend Mass at our church, we would love to have you register as a parishioner.

The benefits include being part of our mailings for notifications in the case of closure or changes in Masses. With COVID still active, we want to be certain you are aware of what is happening here at the parish. The office number and hours are on the front of this bulletin.



**Saturday 8/7** **4:00 pm Sacred Heart**  
*Richard Pelletier by Rita & Dave Gagnon*

**Sunday 8/8** **7:30 am Sacred Heart**  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners*

**9:15 am St. Philip**  
*People in Texas for their ice storm by Jeannette Raymond*

**11:00 am Sacred Heart**  
*1st. Anniv. Jack Coady by Wife Irene*

**Monday 8/9** **7:45 am Sacred Heart**  
*Armand Morin by Wife & Family*

**Tuesday 8/10** **7:45 am Sacred Heart**  
*Jack & Delia Lombard by George & Shelley Harris*

**Wednesday 8/11** **7:45 am Sacred Heart**  
*Deceased Loved Ones of Parishioners*

**Thursday 8/12** **7:45 am Sacred Heart**  
*Maria Sanh by Tam & Ha Family*

**Friday 8/13**  
 NO MASS

**Saturday 8/14** **4:00 pm Sacred Heart**  
*Madeline Bernier by Husband Richard*

**Sunday 8/15** **7:30 am Sacred Heart**  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners*

**9:15 am St. Philip**  
*Constance Currie by Lou Ann & Patrice*

**11:00 am Sacred Heart**  
*Pauline Turcotte by Carol DeRoy*



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
 would like to welcome all who are  
 visiting our community this summer.

### Readings for the Week of August 8, 2021

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/  
 Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/  
 Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and  
 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
 Mt 18:21—19:1

**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/  
 Mt 19:13-15

**Next Sunday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10,  
 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a;  
 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/  
 Lk 1:39-56

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