



## 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

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 22, 2021

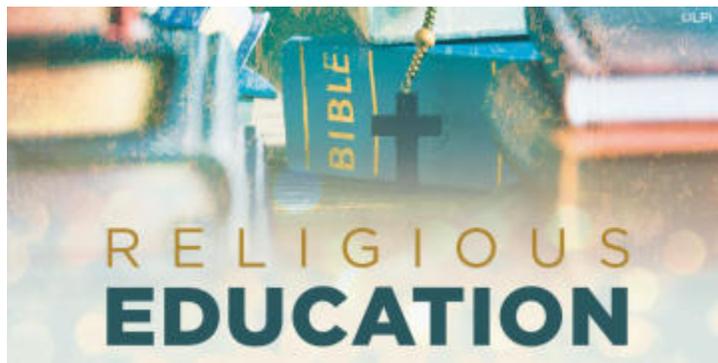
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“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.

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### The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Ages 3-6



**Starts Tuesday, September 7, from 9am to 12pm** at Sacred Heart Parish Center in the atrium classroom. Helping your children learn about Jesus and their faith in a Montessori style setting. Call the office at 782-8096 for more information. *Sessions observe diocesan guidelines for safety and social distancing.*



Faith Formation will resume Sunday, October 3rd. The full schedule is available online at the parish website. *Registration forms are available in the narthex and online.*

### 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

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### Fr. Lionel Chouinard Memorial Dedication Celebration Lisbon Falls on September 12

Current and former parishioners, community members, and others will gather together in Lisbon Falls on Sunday, September 12, to pay tribute to and remember Fr. Lionel Chouinard, the beloved former pastor of Holy Trinity Church who passed away in 2019. A special memorial dedication and celebration will begin with a 10:30 a.m. Mass, celebrated by Bishop Robert Deeley, followed by a light meal, and the dedication. Distinguished guests from throughout Fr. Chouinard's time in Lisbon Falls are scheduled to participate in the event which will be held at Holy Trinity, located on 67 Frost Hill Avenue. To read more about Fr. Chouinard's ministry and life, visit [www.portlanddiocese.org/content/all-welcome-fr-lionel-chouinard-memorial-dedication-celebration-lisbon-falls-september-12](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/content/all-welcome-fr-lionel-chouinard-memorial-dedication-celebration-lisbon-falls-september-12). If you plan to attend the celebration on September 12, please call Prince of Peace Parish, of which Holy Trinity is a part, at (207) 777-1200 so the parish can get an idea of the number of meals that will be required.



### "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/1FAIpQLSdbzILry6Tv2suJalWcQPdHmlUZlqnoxAgtGhMBmJjD-IWg/viewform>.



## Receiving Holy Communion

To begin, standing in the Communion Procession should never be routine, and should not be regarded in the same manner as standing in line in the supermarket or at the motor vehicle bureau. A perception such as this is a terribly inaccurate and poor understanding of what is a significant religious action.

When we receive our Lord in holy Communion, we should receive him in the way we encounter a loved one: with reverence, care, gentleness and humility. For in the holy Eucharist, the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, "Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (1374).

To demonstrate reverence and respect, the Church asks us to offer a slight bow of the head immediately before receiving holy Communion. For to receive our Lord in holy Communion is, indeed, the most profound union we can have with God this side of eternity. If you are receiving in the hand, approach the minister of the Host with extend hands with one hand over the other forming a "throne" to receive the Sacred Host. You respond with "Amen" after "The Body of Christ," and the Host is received. You should then step to the side and receive the Host carefully and reverently. Remember "Who" you are receiving! Communion should not be received as you're walking back to your place; it should be consumed before you leave the area below the altar.

Lastly, It is very important that we understand that we do not have the right to receive Holy Communion as we please. We may only receive in the manner determined by Church Law (canon 916.) Only practicing Catholics who are in the *state of grace* may receive Holy Communion. Anyone conscience of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before coming to Communion (CCC 1385.)



# CALENDAR

Parish Facilities

**August 24** - K of C Meeting, SH Hall, 7pm  
- Contemplative Prayer, St. Philip, 8pm

## St. Philip Christmas By The Lake Fair

My name is Leo Baillargeon and I have agreed to chair the fair that will be held at St. Philip Church Hall on **Saturday, November 20th**. We recently had a meeting and we are thankful to the parishioners that have stepped up and will chair our booths. We have a few booths that have not been taken yet so we are asking anyone interested in taking a booth or volunteering to please call me at 207-577-7424. ***The next meeting will be on Sunday August 22,*** after the 9:15 am mass at St. Phillips in the church hall. Hope to see and meet you all.

**Thank You**

## 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.



## Contemplative Prayer Meetings

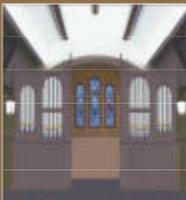
Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at St. Philip from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Leaders are Suzanne Roy and Ruth Oakley. For information about joining please email: [ruth.h.oakley@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.h.oakley@gmail.com)

## Blessing of Pipe Organ

October 9th

Following the 4:00 PM Mass

*Stay tuned for more details.*



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# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 8/21** **4:00 pm Sacred Heart**  
*1st Anniv. Roland Hamel by Wife Jane & Family*

**Sunday 8/22** **7:30 am Sacred Heart**  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners*

**9:15 am St. Philip**  
*Eric Stevenson by Jim & Denise Timberlake*

**11:00 am Sacred Heart**  
*James Strout by Mila, Therese, Britney and Nicholas*

**Monday 8/23** **7:45 am Sacred Heart**  
*Irene & Frank Brochu by Rita & Ron Melendy*

**Tuesday 8/24** **7:45 am Sacred Heart**  
*Wally Doucette, Sr. by Cindy*

**Wednesday 8/25** **7:45 am Sacred Heart**  
*Richard Bergeron, Sr. by Tony & GG*

**Thursday 8/26** **7:45 am Sacred Heart**  
*Deceased Loved Ones of Parishioners*

**Friday 8/27**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday 8/28** **4:00 pm Sacred Heart**  
*Paul Beaucage by Helen Bellmore*

**Sunday 8/29** **7:30 am Sacred Heart**  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners*

**9:15 am St. Philip**  
*Richard Thibodeau, Sr. by Terry & Gerry Lebrun*

**11:00 am Sacred Heart**  
*Margaret & Leo Chaisson by Bob & Kristine Chaisson*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Maurice Bilodeau, Christopher Coulombe,  
 Jeremey Gagne, Cheryl MacDonald



### Readings for the 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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