

## 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 29, 2021

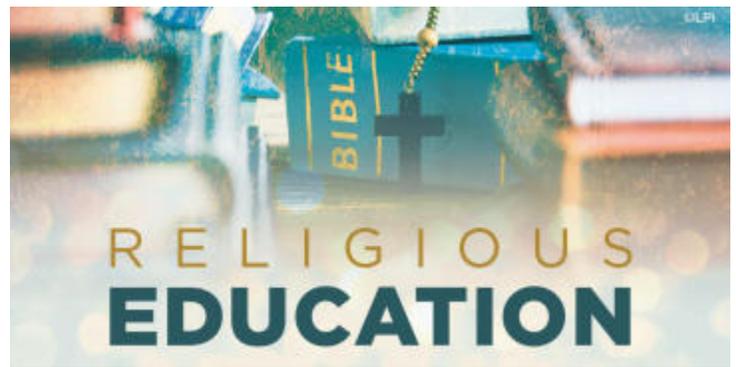
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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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

August 22

\$ 6,096 (Basket)  
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Partner with Catholic Relief Services or the Pontifical Mission Societies to provide emergency assistance to the Haitian people.

### Catholic Relief Services Helping Victims of Haitian Earthquake

A 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on August 14 killing more than 1,400 people and injuring an estimated 6,000 others. Thousands more have had their homes destroyed and have no food or shelter. The Diocese of Portland has created a special website with information about support efforts for the Haitian people and how you can lend a helping hand through donations to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States, and MISSIO, a division of the Pontifical Mission Societies, the official missionary arm of the universal Catholic Church. CRS has served in Haiti for 60 years, and with more than 200 partner organizations, including many in the Catholic Church, it is well-positioned to provide immediate aid to the people, as well as long-term assistance as they seek to rebuild their lives. To view the special section, visit [www.portlanddiocese.org/crs-help-people-haiti](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/crs-help-people-haiti).



### Sharing Your Faith

#### Question:

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

#### Answer:

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

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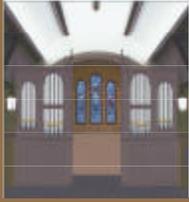
### Stained Glass Windows

The project of preserving the stained-glass windows at Sacred Heart continues. You will notice the panels in the "rose window" above the alter have been removed. Also, the two large windows —Saint Peter and John the Baptist —on either side of the main entrance have been removed. This work, which is made possible by special donations, is being done by Associated Crafts/Willett Huse Architectural Glass out of Minnesota. For those interested, their website ([stained-glass-window.us](http://stained-glass-window.us)) has some interesting information explaining the process of restoring and preserving stained-glass.

# CALENDAR

Parish Facilities

**September 2:** Catechist Meeting, 6:00 pm SP



## Blessing of Pipe Organ October 9th

Following the 4:00 PM Mass  
*Stay tuned for more details.*



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.

## Masks, Vaccinations, and the Catholic Church

Bishop Deeley is asking all parishes to modify the wording of statements on posters, in parish bulletins, on parish websites, and during announcements at Mass to say **“Masks are strongly recommended for all persons in church.”** This is intended to apply to Mass and other gatherings in churches only. It does not apply to other kinds of parish activities elsewhere on parish property for the time being.

The Diocese of Portland is also providing several different resources to explain the importance of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine as an act of protecting and preserving the common good. 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).

“OUR HEARTS WERE MADE  
FOR YOU, O LORD, AND  
THEY ARE RESTLESS UNTIL  
THEY REST IN YOU.”

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# MASS INTENTIONS

**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*

**Monday 8/30** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Earl Bassett by Pat & Mike Bilodeau*

**Tuesday 8/31** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Geraldine LaPointe by Jane & Family*

**Wednesday 9/1** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Herbert & Madeline Harris by George & Shelley Harris*

**Thursday 9/2** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Margaret Roy by Janet Theriault*

**Friday 9/3**  
 NO MASS

**Saturday 9/4** 4:00 pm Sacred Heart  
*Ashley O'Brien by Deacon Denis & Jeanne Mailhot*

**Sunday 9/5** 7:30 am Sacred Heart  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners*  
 9:15 am St. Philip  
*St. Joseph in honor of favor obtained by Parishioner*  
 11:00 am Sacred Heart  
*Margaret Roy by Bob & Kristine Chaisson*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Maurice Bilodeau, Jeremy Gagne,  
 Cheryl MacDonald, Normand Roy



### Readings for the Week of August 29, 2021

**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

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:1 6-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

**Next Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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