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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021**

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



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# St. Peter's Parish

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## Served by

Father Ajith Wellington  
Administrator

Father Patrick Curley  
Pastor

## Mass Schedule

### Sunday

*Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel*  
9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

### Saturday (Vigil)

*School Auditorium*  
4:00pm

## Weekday Masses

Monday-Thursday (Chapel)  
8:30am

First Friday (Chapel)  
12:00 noon

First Saturday (Mausoleum)  
12:00 noon

Confession (School Chapel)  
Saturday: 3:00pm-3:45pm

Dear Parishioners, we continue to beseech Jesus, our Lord and Master, to touch with His healing hands our beloved Fr. Patrick Curley and Fr. Richard LaMorte and to restore them to full health so that they may serve God and His people. May God bless them!

## August 22, 2021

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King. O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## A Reading from the Book of Joshua (Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b)

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**The Responsorial:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21)

## A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (Eph 5:21-32)

Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (Jn 6:60-69)

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. 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."

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

## Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was Incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became Man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – August 22, 2021 – John 6:60-69

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Today we celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. The main theme of today's readings is that Christian life is a series of daily choices for God or against God, as we choose to live out or reject the truths He has revealed through His prophets in the Old Testament, and especially through His Son Jesus in the New Testament. Our fundamental life-choices determine how we live our lives and whom we will serve. In our first reading, taken from the Book of Joshua, the Israelites are challenged to decide whether they will serve the gods of their fathers, the gods of the Amorites in whose country they are presently dwelling, or the God of the Israelites Who has done so much for them. Our second reading, taken from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, emphasizes the unity that must exist in the Body of Christ and the intimate relationship between Jesus and His followers. It also challenges the Ephesian Christians to make the right choice in life and build Christian marriages on mutual respect and love, accepting each other's rights and dignity. Jesus also uses the husband-wife relationship as an analogy to explain the close relationship between Christ and the Church. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus nourishes us, the members of His Church, through the Eucharist, making us His own flesh and blood, just as husband and wife become one flesh ((Eph. 5:31).

Jesus, in today's Gospel, concluding his long discourse on the Eucharist, challenges his Jewish audience, and later His apostles, to accept Him as the true Bread from Heaven who gives them His Body and Blood as their Heavenly Food or to join those who have lost their Faith and left Him, expressing their confusion and doubts about His claims. Jesus' disciples made a complaint when they said, "This teaching is difficult. Who can accept it?" They were offended by Jesus' language - the imagery and the metaphors Jesus used in the Eucharistic discourse, which was the Master's dramatic way of saying that we must accept totally, without any conditions or reservations, everything Jesus tells us. Many were attracted to Jesus because he offered them something irresistible - a visible sign of God's mercy and favor which Jesus demonstrated in his wonderful works of healing, deliverance, and miraculous signs, including the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Many stumbled, however, when Jesus made claims which only God can make. Jesus' discourse on "eating his flesh and drinking his blood" (Jn. 6:51-59) which pointed to the Last Supper, caused offence to many of his followers.

Jesus claimed to be the bread of heaven, the very life of God given to us as spiritual food to sustain us on our journey to our promised homeland with the Father in heaven. Jesus did not leave any middle ground for his listeners. They must either accept his word as divine or reject it as the claim of an imposter. Even the apostles admitted that this, "eating his flesh and drinking his blood" was a hard saying. This expression meant that it was not just hard to understand, but hard to accept. Jesus pressed the issue with his beloved disciples because he wanted to test their faith and loyalty to him as the Holy One sent from the Father in heaven. Jesus promised his disciples nothing less than the full blessing of eternal life and union with God. Jesus assures his disciples that it is his heavenly Father who gives the invitation and the grace to believe and follow. Jesus knew that some would not only reject him and his word, but would do so with violence fueled by hatred, envy, and even betrayal by one of his own disciples.

Jesus told his disciples that his words were "spirit and life" (Jn. 6:63) - his words came from the heavenly Father who is the Author of life. Through the gift of faith Peter was able to receive spiritual revelation of who Jesus truly is - the Holy One of God, the eternal Son sent from the Father in heaven to redeem a fallen human race and reconcile them with God. Our relationship with God is founded on faith. Faith is a gift which God freely gives to those who listen to his word and who put their trust in him. Faith is a personal response to God's revelation of himself. Faith is neither blind nor ignorant. It is based on the truth and reliability of God's word. True faith seeks understanding. Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) said, "I believe in order to understand, and I understand the better to believe." The Lord Jesus offers all of his followers his life-giving word and Spirit to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of God.

St. Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit enlightens the eyes of our heart and mind to understand the truth and wisdom which comes from God (Eph. 1:17-18). Faith is the key to understanding and experiencing God's action and work in our personal lives. Faith is not simply a set of ideas to be held on to. It is a living relationship with a Person, Jesus, and Jesus' vision of life. It is a relationship that needs to grow and be deepened with the years. It is a relationship that has constantly to be re-appraised in a constantly changing world. We must hear in our own heart and soul Peter's words to Jesus which have resounded through the centuries: "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

A film crew came to India in order to narrate a documentary on Mother Teresa. The director already knew she was a good woman or he wouldn't have bothered to make a documentary. When he met her, he found a good woman who was also so very compelling that he titled his documentary, "Something Beautiful for God." When he remarked to Mother Teresa on the fact that she went to Mass every day at 4:30 AM she replied, "If I didn't meet my Master every day, I'd be doing no more than social work." You are here today in the Church to meet Christ and not for some other reason. You are here to listen to Christ's word for your life. My wish for you today is that you find what John, Simon Peter, St. Augustine and Mother Teresa found - **"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."**

Fr. Wellington, OMI

**Prayer for the Intercession of Venerable Fulton Sheen for a miraculous cure for Fr. Patrick Curley**

*Venerable Fulton Sheen, ask God the Almighty Father to guard and protect His adopted son, Fr. Patrick Curley. Venerable Fulton Sheen, ask the Lord Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician, to heal this priest, conformed to His Most Sacred Heart through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Venerable Fulton Sheen, ask the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, to fortify His faithful servant in this moment of trial. Venerable Fulton Sheen, if it be for God's greater glory, may Fr. Patrick Curley be cured through your powerful intercessions. Amen.*

**Saturday, August 21 - St. Pius X, Pope**

4:00pm Floyd & John Kadar by the Family

**Sunday, August 22 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am Kathleen Murasso by JoAnne Belch  
 10:30am Felix E. Barela by Ben & Ann Barela  
 12:00pm Eileen & Chloe Sala by Claudia & Richard Collins  
 Carl Rohde by Marion Rohde & Family



**Monday, August 23 - Memorial Mass & Novena of the Miraculous Medal, St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**

8:30am † The Puzewski, Kelly, and Schraff Families by the Family † Raquel Gutierrez-Builes by Teresa Builes  
 † Steven Amarillo by Teresa Builes † Johnny Amarillo by Jose Amarillo † Maria Orjuela by Jose Amarillo  
 † Dennis Shannon by Stanley & Michael Hornak

**Tuesday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

8:30am Fr. Richard La Morte by St. Peter's Office Staff

**Wednesday, August 25 - Benefactor's Mass, St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest**

8:30am † Marguerite Campbell † Martin Naughton † Margaret Mary Russell † Margaret Mary Walsh † John Francis Fitzpatrick  
 † Grace Rider D'Engenis † Catherine Bialosuknia † Alice Mary Rohan † Rita Simmons † Helen Luty † Mary Helen Davis  
 † Steve Woznica † Shirley Yager † Mary Agnes Morris † Peter Cahill † Joseph Dosio † Helen Mary Stelmach † Anna Joseph  
 † Mary Lynch Marconette † Marguerite Marconette † Margaret Marconette O'Donnel † Joseph Marconette † George Marconette  
 † Margaret Heady † John Hadigan † Margaret Bunten † Mildred VanVlack † Carol Wood † Kathleen & Robert Wermuth  
 † Mary Miller † Theodore Luty Jr. † Steven Eric Kowalski † James Daley † William Moran

**Thursday, August 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am Alexis Rodriguez by Arturo Pacheo

This weekend, the flowers on the altar are from Claudia & Richard Collins in remembrance of Eileen & Chloe Sala on their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Heaven.

## Hymns

### Entrance

#### **We Gather Together**

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Whose kingdom calls all to the love which endures.  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
You, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Yours!

We all do extol You, Our Leader triumphant,  
And pray that You still our Defender will be.  
Let Your congregation escape tribulation;  
Your Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

### Offertory

#### **Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All**

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all!  
How can I love Thee as I ought?  
And how revere this wondrous gift,  
So far surpassing hope or thought?

*Refrain:*

*Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore!*

*Oh, make us love Thee more and more.*

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Had I but Mary's sinless heart  
To love Thee with, my dearest King,  
Oh, with what bursts of fervent praise,  
Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing!

*Refrain*

Oh! See upon the altar placed  
The Victim of divinest love!  
Let all the earth be low adore,  
And join the choirs of heav'n above.

*Refrain*

### Communion

#### **Draw Near**

*Refrain*

*Draw near, draw near! Take the body of your Lord.*

*Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you out-poured.*

Draw near and take the body of your Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you out-poured.  
Saved by his body and his holy blood,  
With souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

*Refrain*

Christ, our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,  
Has by his cross and blood the victory won.  
He gave his life for greatest and for least,  
Himself the offering and himself the Priest.

*Refrain*

Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvations here.  
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,  
Gives all believers life that never ends.

*Refrain*

#### **Meditation** **All I Ask of You**

### Concluding

#### **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly, forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.

### Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### Salve, Regina (Latin)

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae;  
Vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.  
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae.  
Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes  
in hac lacrimarum valle  
Eia ergo, advocata nostra,  
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.  
*(brief bow)*  
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,  
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.  
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

### Salve, Regina (English)

*Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy:  
our life, sweetness, and hope, hail.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
To thee do we sigh, mourning and weeping  
in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, our advocate,  
those merciful eyes toward us.  
(brief bow)  
And Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb,  
after our exile, show us.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary*

*The total offering for  
the weekend of  
August 15, 2021  
was \$5,951.  
Thank you for your  
continued support  
of the works  
of our parish.*

### St. Peter's Parish Needlework Group

*Do you knit, crochet, quilt or sew? Join St. Peter's needlework group!  
Our main focus is to create baby blankets as gifts for babies  
christened at the Chapel, and we also make prayer shawls.  
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