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**September 12, 2021**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the people of Saint Andrew Parish are a Catholic community and disciples of Jesus Christ. We continue the work of Christ by teaching the word of God, celebrating the Eucharist together, welcoming and encouraging people to develop and share the relationship with God. We strive to be grateful, faithful stewards of God's resources, earthly and spiritual, by being Christ to each other, our neighborhood, our country, and the world.

#### **PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Milan Dimic, Pastor  
Rev. Hyginus Agu  
Rev. Msgr. Matthew Bernelli, in residence  
Deacon Alix Africot  
Deacon Roland J. Blier  
Jeannie Bisson, Pastoral Associate  
Catherine Pavlowski, Youth Minister  
Cheryl Camillo, Bookkeeper

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#### **MASSES**

Saturday vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am  
Weekday 9:00am (Monday thru Friday)

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

#### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

#### **BAPTISM**

Call the parish office to schedule.

#### **MATRIMONY**

Make arrangements with a priest one year in advance. Dates or times can be arranged only after speaking with one of our parish clergy.

#### **SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

The Sacraments are available to those unable to come to church. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.



**September 11, 2021—September 19, 2021**

Sat. 11 4:00 PM	Dorothy Krusinski
Sun. 12 9:00 AM	Caridad & Luciano Garcia
11:00 AM	Joseph & Carmine Caiazzo
Mon. 13 9:00 AM	Isabel Nunez
Tue. 14 9:00 AM	Isabel Nunez
Wed. 15 9:00 AM	Isabel Nunez
Thr. 16 9:00 AM	Jennie & Domenick Brunetto
Fri. 17 9:00 AM	Isabel Nunez
Sat. 18 4:00 PM	The Cocco & Bogey Families
Sun. 19 9:00 AM	The Torres & DeFeo Families
11:00 AM	Pamela Chiatroni



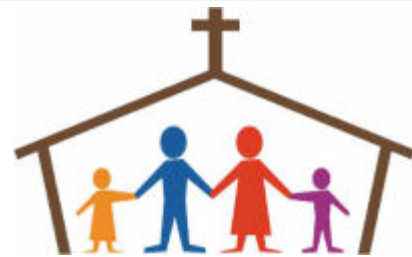
We remember all those we have been asked to pray for during their time of illness.

We remember all those who have gone home to the Lord.

We especially remember all those listed in our Prayer Request book.



**The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of the Cocco & Bogey Families**



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***Junior High Youth Ministry  
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***Contact Jeannie at 203-374-6171***



If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Holy Eucharist at home, please contact the parish office at 203-374-6171.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**Week of September 5, 2021**

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Saint Andrew Parish can now accept credit cards for donations, Faith Formation tuition, Mass stipends, and fund raisers. Please call the parish office for more information.

***Thank you for your generosity!***



***SAVE THE DATE!***

***Sunday, September 19, 2021  
12:00—4:00 PM***

***Can you volunteer for one of our committees?***

***Call the Parish Office  
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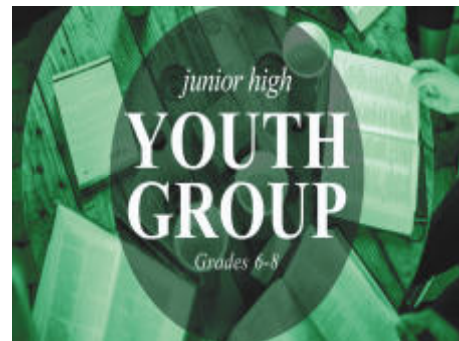


**Benediction/Adoration**

**Sunday**

September 12, 2021 — 11:00 AM  
September 26, 2021 — 9:00 AM

Please stay for a few extra minutes for some quiet time with Our Lord.



Calling all students in grades 6, 7, 8!

Our new Junior Youth Group begins in September please join us for prayer, service, and fun!

September 12, 2021

## GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B

### COLOR

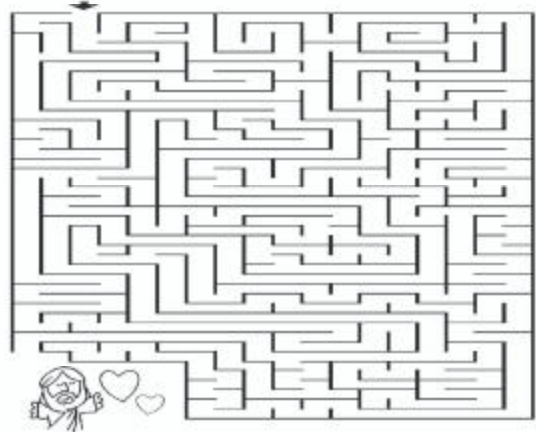
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:60-69

### PUZZLE

Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



### MISSION

Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.



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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12  
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their backpacks!**

*A thought  
TO START  
YOUR WEEK*

**Pray hardest when it's  
hardest to pray!**

Rosary Group

Monday evenings  
7:00

in the Outside Chapel  
(Church if weather is inclement)





## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**September 12, 2021**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

## Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

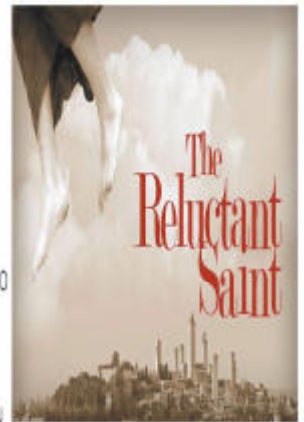
# FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 12, 2021

## NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



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Information to sign up for FORMED at all church entrances.

**Twenty-fourth Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1**

**Is 50:5-9a**

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear;  
and I have not rebelled,  
have not turned back.  
I gave my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;  
my face I did not shield  
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.  
He is near who upholds my right;  
if anyone wishes to oppose me,  
let us appear together.  
Who disputes my right?  
Let that man confront me.  
See, the Lord GOD is my help;  
who will prove me wrong?



**Psalm Response:**      **Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9**

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

The cords of death encompassed me;  
the snares of the netherworld seized upon me;  
I fell into distress and sorrow,  
And I called upon the name of the LORD,  
"O LORD, save my life!"

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

Gracious is the LORD and just;  
yes, our God is merciful.  
The LORD keeps the little ones;  
I was brought low, and he saved me.

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

For he has freed my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.  
I shall walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

**Reading 2**

**Jas 2:14-18**

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,  
if someone says he has faith but does not have works?  
Can that faith save him?  
If a brother or sister has nothing to wear  
and has no food for the day, and one of you says to  
them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you  
do not give them the necessities of the body,  
what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not  
have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say,  
"You have faith and I have works."  
Demonstrate your faith to me without works,  
and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

**Gospel**

**Lk 1:39-56**

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."





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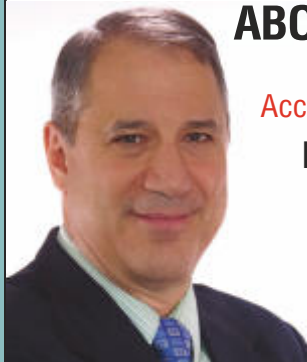
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