



# ASSUMPTION

CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL

August 23, 2020



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



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

# Everyday Stewardship

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Choice of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among



those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

– Tracy Earl Welliver

# Gospel Meditation

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!



Simon Peter said to Jesus, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” Peter came to this knowledge, which is not “head knowledge” because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply “knew” because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 23, 2020

Sunday	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29
Next Sunday	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



### Prayer Corner

Please pray for the sick and those in need of our prayers:

Randy Gonzales  
Felix Guadarrama  
Kathy Montoya  
Terri Morrow  
Angela Quintana  
Sergio Salazar Jr  
Rita Southwick  
Jaelynn Thomas  
Phyllis Torres  
Eddie Vigil  
Chuck Wheatley

**\*Note:**

**Names will stay on this list for a period of 2 weeks.**

**For the repose of the souls of the recently deceased:**

Filadelfio Duran  
Gustavo Lomeli

*"At the end of our life we shall be judged by charity."*

— St. Paul of the Cross



### STEWARDSHIP OF TITHING

Week ending August 16th

<b>Offertory</b>	\$4,599.75
<b>Capital Improvement, Outreach and School</b>	\$225.00
<b>Bazaar</b>	\$9,939.60

### Assumption Parish

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School Office: 303.288.2159 x110  
**Sacramental Emergency:**  
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assumptiondenver.org

**Mass Times:**

Monday-Friday: 8:30am  
Saturday: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Friday: 9am-3:30pm

**Food Bank:**

Wednesday: 8:30am-11:30am

**Reconciliation:**

Tuesday: 9:00 - 10:00am  
Thursday: 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Saturday: 3:45 - 4:15pm

### SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Monday, August 24th	† Mike Puschino
Tuesday, August 25th	† Joe Molinaro
Wednesday, August 26th	† Benny Molinaro
Thursday, August 27th	Pardo Family
Friday, August 28th	Kathy Montoya
Saturday, August 29th	Jim & Gayle Hepp (FOA)
Sunday, August 30th 8:30am 10:30am	People of Assumption Sharal Raphael (Birthday)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
Tuesday, August 25th	Confessions	9am-10am	Church
Wednesday, August 26th	Food Bank	8:30am-11:30am	Parish Dining Room
Thursday, August 27th	Holy Hour & Confessions	6pm-7pm	Church
Friday, August 28th	Bingo	12pm-2pm	Turn II Bingo Hall: 7139 N. Pecos St.
Saturday, August 29th	Confessions	3:45pm-4:15pm	Church

### Now it's time to say Good-Bye

Ryan, our cantor for the last 8 years, will be leaving us for Kansas City. He's moving to be closer to family. Ryan's last masses will be the last weekend of August. If you'd like to reach out to him, his email is [ryanbowman142@gmail.com](mailto:ryanbowman142@gmail.com). Ryan, we will miss you and you're always welcome back to our Assumption Family.



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