

*Church of St. Laurence O'Toole
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29th, 2021*



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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if then my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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Reverend Andrew Kinstetter, Pastor

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm

Sunday- 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Monday, Tuesday - 8:00 am

Thursday, Friday - 8:00 am

Confessions, Saturday, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE requires couples to attend a preparation program prior to wedding date Please call the office to set up an appointment with Fr. Andrew

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND Please call the Parish Office 745-3115

The Week of Worship

SATURDAY, August 28th

Confessions, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

MASS, 5:30 pm *†Susan Lescznske*

SUNDAY, August 29th- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS, 8:00 am *†John Longpre*

MASS, 10:30 am **People of the Parish**

MONDAY, August 30th

MASS, 8:00 am **Special Intention, Lisa Kinstetter**

TUESDAY, August 31st

MASS, 8:00 am

WEDNESDAY, September 1st

NO MASS

THURSDAY, September 2nd

MASS, 8:00 am *†Marilyn Miller*

FRIDAY, September 3rd

MASS, 8:00 am **Special Intention of the Donor**

SATURDAY, September 4th

Confessions, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

MASS, 5:30 pm *†Jesse Barela*

Are you a veteran struggling with the recent events in Afghanistan? Please reach out to someone in the parish whom you trust for assistance. You can also call the parish office at 745-3115. The Veterans Administration has a 24-hour crisis line: 1-800-273-8255, press 1. We are grateful for your service; we value you as a member of our community; and we pray for your healing. You are not alone!

New Protocols for Mass and Sacraments from the Diocese of Cheyenne

* Parishes need to follow transmission statistics for their county and adjust protocols to fit what is appropriate for their county's situation.

* Face masks are strongly encouraged for all and especially for those not vaccinated.

* Hymnals and missalettes still may be used.

* There are no restrictions on singing *if face masks are worn*.

* During the Sign of Peace, people should use a no-touch gesture (e.g., bow, nod, wave, etc.) with those outside of their household.

* Those distributing Communion must wear masks; parishioners *must wear masks in the receiving line*.

* Those receiving Communion on the tongue still are permitted to receive at any time during the regular distribution of Communion.

* Adoration chapels may be used with face masks strongly encouraged, especially for those not vaccinated. Air sanitizer or filtration system with UV-A-C light is recommended in the room.

* In compliance with CDC guidelines, Confessionals may be used with face masks strongly encouraged where physical distancing is not possible.

The Sick

Agnes Vigil, Alice Schnitker, Ali Vialpando, Arvin Martinez, , Carol Richardson, Courtney Westoff, Eloisa Mondragon, Ervin W. Hoffschneider III, Gordon Cook, James Westoff, Jessica MacKintosh, Larry Garcia,, Leo Lucero, Lucas Roussos, Mary Hulett, Mary Ann Selzer, Nicole Gonzales, Rachel Sanchez, , Ross Vigil, Shirley Salinas, , Shawna Kautzman Pena, Trisha Sparks, Vona Salazar, Wyatt Swaim.

Those who are serving our country

Mark Bedell,, Michael Stickley, Cruz Garza, Sean Heidel, Michael Longpre, Cole Yung, Patrick Golden, Craig Welniak

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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Our parishioners who serve as liturgical ministers provide important service in our parish during Mass. Fr. Andrew will have training for each of these ministries starting this week. The schedule will be Eucharistic Ministers August 30th, Lectors on August 31st, and Altar Servers on September 2nd. All sessions will be held at 6:00 pm in the Church. This training is mandatory for all current ministers and anyone who has an interest in being a minister. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of serving our parish in these ministries.



Faith Formation Starting in September.

CCD will begin September 12th with an ice cream social at the Parish Office from 1-2:30 pm. . The classes will be held on Sundays from 1:00 - 2:30 pm in the basement of the Church. This year we have added a Kindergarten Class and will have classes through 6th grade. Confirmation Class will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:00 pm until 7:30. Confirmation class is for 7th graders. The classes will be held in the church basement and will begin on September 21st. Confirmation is scheduled for June 3, 2022. RCIA classes will be held on Monday evenings in the basement of the Church. from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm beginning September 20th. RCIA candidates and catechumens will receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil. There will be more details later or you can contact Ava O’Hollearn at 307-745-3115.

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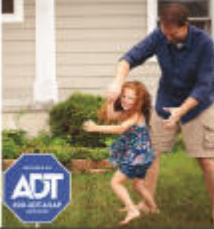
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