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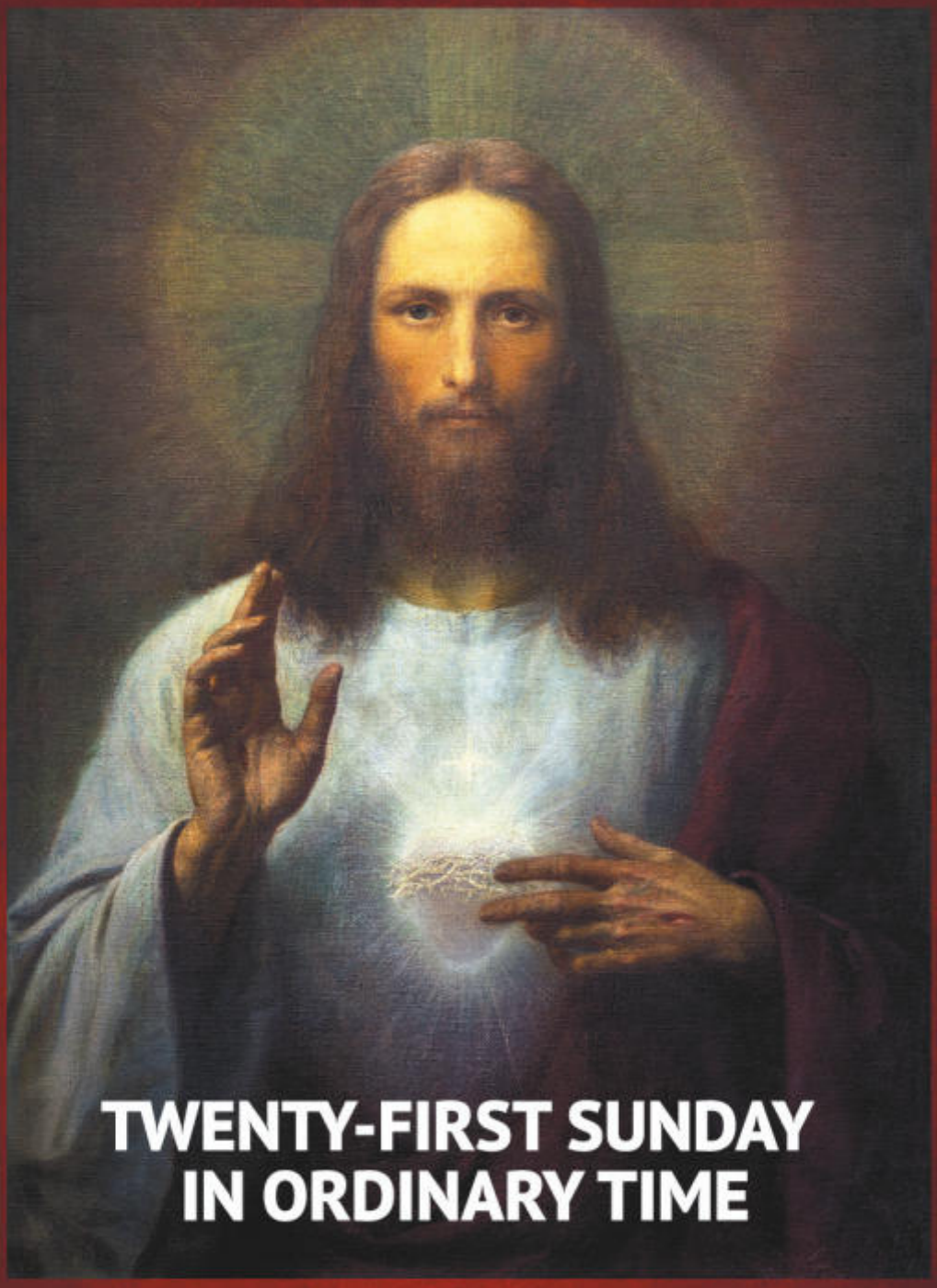

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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."
- Jn 6"67-69

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Friday: St. Monica

Saturday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.

Whoever believes will have eternal life.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday August 23rd, 2021
9:00 am
✝ Sylvia Heinl
The Angel-Cavalier Family (for the intentions of)
✝ Amado A. Romero

Tuesday August 24th, 2021
9:00 am
✝ Leo Romero
✝ Dora Maestas
St. Joseph (in thanksgiving for prayers answered)

Wednesday August 25th, 2021
9:00 am
✝ Eduardo P. Atencio
✝ Fr. Ramon F. Aragon
For the intentions of all who serve in the ministry of Faith Formation

Thursday August 26th, 2021
9:00 am
✝ John Quintana (6th month anniversary)
✝ Genara Garcia
AJ Ortiz (health)

Friday August 27th, 2021
9:00 am
Anna Agnes Gonzales (birthday)
✝ Albino Gallegos
✝ Chris and Delfina Velarde

Saturday August 28th, 2021
5:00 pm
For the People

Sunday August 29th, 2021
8:00 am
✝ Sandy Garcia
✝ Robert Chavez
10:00 am
✝ Zeke Ortiz
✝ Jimmy Gallegos
✝ Seráfico Carrillo
12:00 pm
✝ Nick Augustine Aragon

NEXT BULLETIN DEADLINE THURSDAY 08.19.21

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Submission as Stewardship.

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

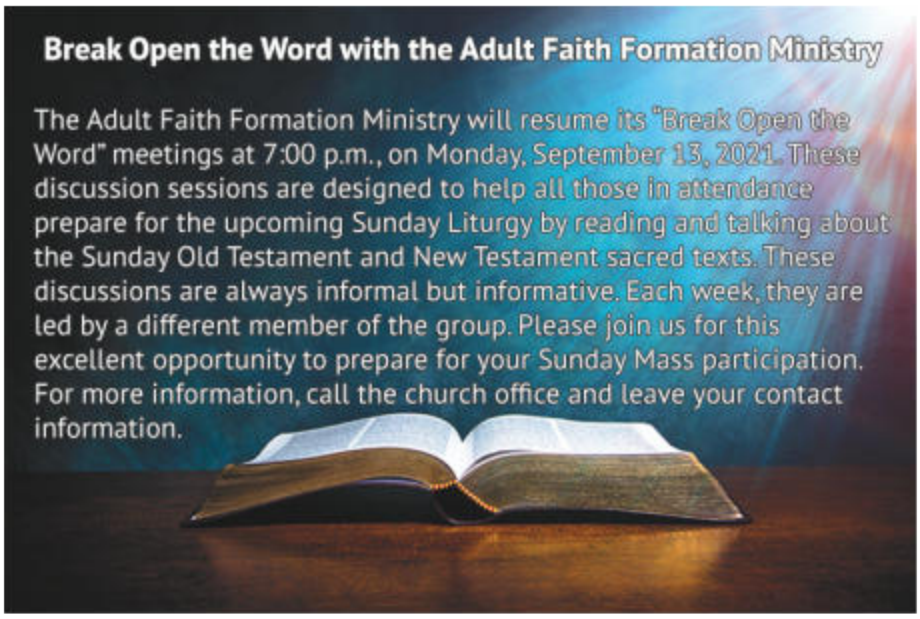
What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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Weekdays
9:00 am

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Saturday
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm MST (Winter Schedule)
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm MDT (Summer Schedule)
or by appointment

Senior Singles from A to Zeke are back!

Senior Singles meet in the San José Room at 9:30 am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month, right after daily 9:00 am Mass. Next meeting is July 28th. We humbly request that you be fully vaccinated to participate.

PRAYER LIST

Michael Jones, Tommy Orosco, J.D. and Hope Chavez, Steve Hay, Raymond Romero, Risa Caldwell, Fr. William McNichols, Deacon George Miller, Deacon Bert Dohle, Monsignor Flach, Pope Francis, Fr. Onwumelu, Archbishop Wester, Lorenza Flores, Monsignor Luna, all newly ordained Deacons, Pricy Saiz, Rosie Saiz, Natalia Duran, Charlotte Apodaca, and Raif Farris.

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The Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Social Justice and Respect Life and the African American Catholic Community will sponsor a school supply drive this year to keep our Catholic school children and teachers safe. Items needed include hand sanitizer, antibacterial soap, Clorox wipes, Kleenex and paper towels. There will be a bin in the gathering space for donations of these items. Thank you for your generosity in helping to keep our Catholic school children and teachers safe.

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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

After Jesus compared himself to manna, and said that he was sent from heaven, many of his followers turned away from him. They just could not accept what Jesus was saying. It was too hard for them to understand. We have something they did not have. We have the Holy Spirit to help us. Sometimes what we learn might be hard for us to understand, too, but we never need to walk away. We can have faith in Jesus. We can ask him to help us.

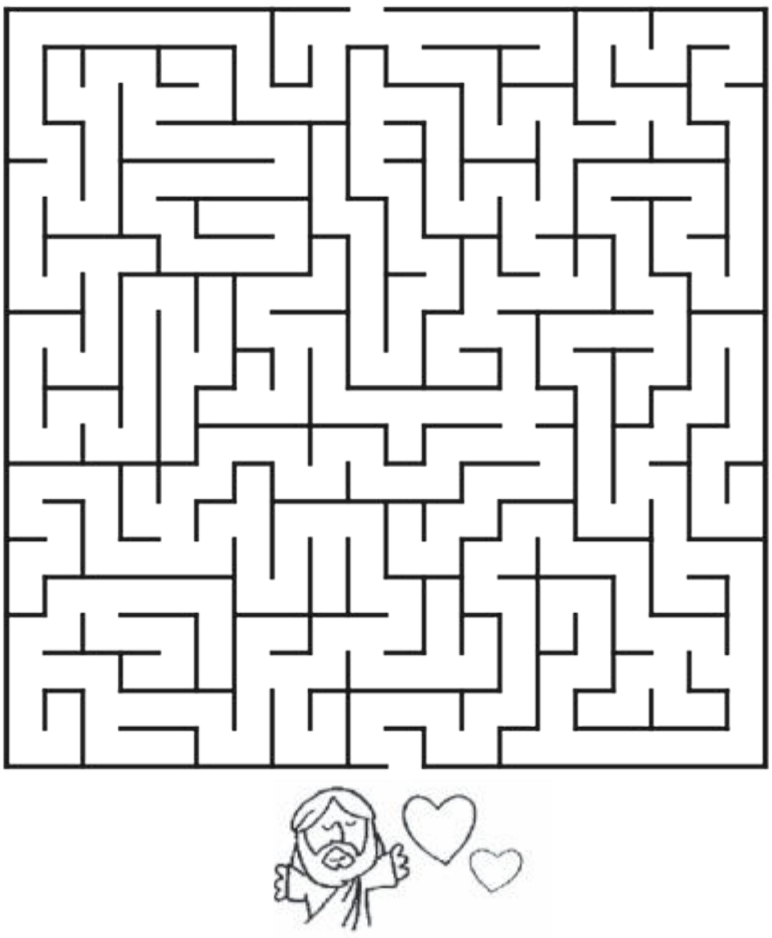
PRAYER

Dear God, give me the faith to trust Jesus always. Amen.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

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.

Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



SAINT JOSEPH

THE SILENT WITNESS

The Gospel does not
record a single word
from him [St Joseph];
his language is silence.

-St Pope Paul VI

Saint Joseph never wanted to be in the forefront of the drama of salvation. He preferred to remain hidden. His desire is for all the attention to be given to Jesus and Mary. The silence and humility of St. Joseph are one-of-a-kind, revealing his power, greatness, and influence with God.

So how do we know all these things, if he never said a word? On occasion, God has taught the Church about the greatness of St. Joseph through the writings of saints and mystics, such as St. Bridget of Sweden, Venerable Mary of Agreda, and Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich. On one occasion, the Virgin Mary instructed St. Bridget about the greatness of St. Joseph, especially emphasizing the wonder of his silence. Our Lady said to St. Bridget:

"Saint Joseph was so reserved and careful in his speech that not one word ever issued from his mouth that was not good and holy, nor did he ever indulge in the unnecessary or less than charitable conversation. He was most patient and dilligent in bearing fatigue; ... he was the faithful witness of the wonders of heaven."

— from Consecration to St. Joseph by Donald H. Calloway, MIC

Dear St. Joseph, I entrust myself today to your loving care.

Be my protector and guide on this earthly pilgrimage.

Intercede for me that, like you, I may be truly devoted to Jesus and Mary.

Amen.

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