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August 22, 2021

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**Mass Times**

**Saturday Evening**

4:00pm (Ash Fork)

5:30pm (Williams)

**Sunday Morning**

8:00am (Seligman)

10:00am (Williams)

**Monday, Tuesday,**

**Friday 9:00am**

(Williams)

**Wednesday**

Confession before Mass

4:00pm (Ash Fork)

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am

Saturday 9-10am

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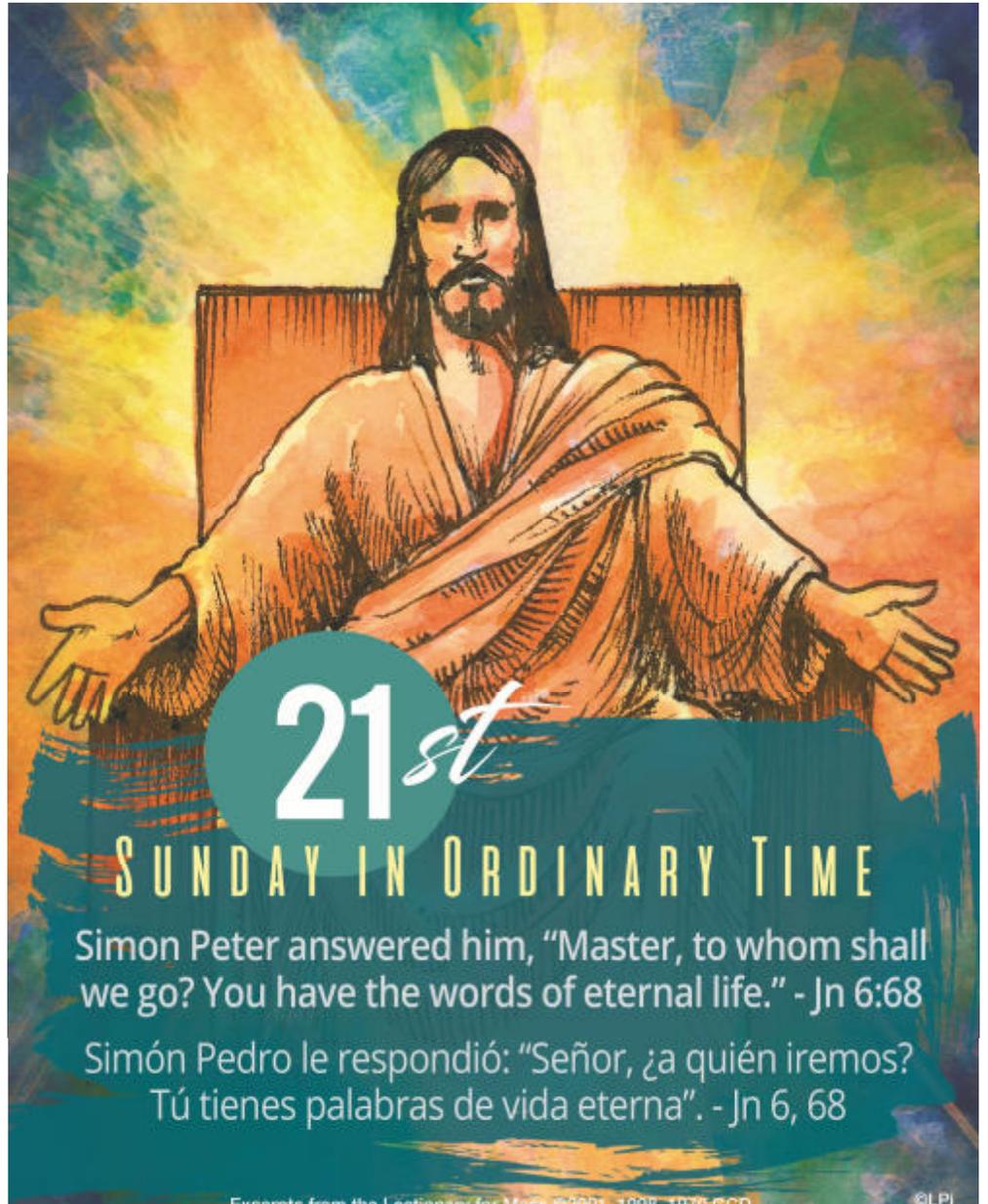
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Saturday 9 -10 or By

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**Safe Environment Renewal**

Contact Obdulia Mayoral at [alemeza\\_0@hotmail.com](mailto:alemeza_0@hotmail.com) or (928) 642-2830.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)**

If you have a child in 2nd grade, 7 years old or older who needs the Sacraments (Baptism, Confession, 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation), please pick up a packet after Mass. The Sacrament Prep Class is available to those who regularly attend Mass at one of our parishes. Read "Looking for Sacraments" on our website for more information regarding this parish policy.

If you meet the requirements, please register your child. This will help in preparing materials and structure of the classes.

Once your registration is received, Fr. Ramirez will contact you to set up a meeting.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

Interested in becoming Catholic or you are Baptized and still missing a Sacrament? Email Fr. Ramirez at [stjoseph.williams@gmail.com](mailto:stjoseph.williams@gmail.com) and put in the subject line "RCIA".

**Registration Deadline for Religious Education: August 22**  
**Mandatory Parent Meeting: August 30 at 6:00pm St. Joseph Hall**

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Would you like to learn more about your faith?**

**Do you know anyone who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?**

**Were you Baptized as an infant but haven't received the other Sacraments?**

**Are you interested or know anyone interested in becoming Catholic?**

I would like to invite you to join our Adult Faith Formation coming this Fall. We will be doing a program called Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained. Symbolon uses prayer, video teaching, discussion questions, a catechist summary, a call to conversion, and a recommended Celebration of the Word of God. Learning is more fun with friends.

All are welcome especially those adults needing their Sacraments.

**Please email Fr. Ramirez at [stjoseph.williams@gmail.com](mailto:stjoseph.williams@gmail.com) if you are interested.**

### **INSTALLATION MASS OF FR. RAMIREZ AS PASTOR**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH AT 10AM**

**ST. JOSEPH, WILLIAMS**

**RECEPTION FOLLOWING MASS**

There's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex of the Church for the reception. This will ensure we have enough food for everyone.

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING**

All volunteers (Lectors, EMs, Altar Servers, Ushers, Sacristans, Choir members, St. Vincent de Paul members, Knights of Columbus, Catechists, RE coordinators, and any other church volunteers), please renew your Safe Environment Online Training. You should have received a reminder email. If not, please let us know. If you don't remember your login information or have other questions, please contact Obdulia at [alemeza\\_0@hotmail.com](mailto:alemeza_0@hotmail.com) or (928) 642-2830. <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org/>

## 21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lo que pasó en tiempos de Jesús, sigue pasando hoy día. Muchos le abandonan por cualquier bagatela, se dejan engañar fácilmente y hablan en contra de él y de su Evangelio. Inclusive algunos piensan que seguirle es de tontos. Pues, deja decirte Señor, que yo también reacciono como Pedro ante la pregunta: “¿Quieren marcharse también ustedes?” (Juan 60:67). El lenguaje duro utilizado por Jesús los desconcertaba. Seguirte no es fácil; el camino de tus enseñanzas provoca un cambio radical con referencia a la justicia y al amor. Solo el que entienda tu lenguaje puede responder como Pedro: “Señor, ¿A quién iríamos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna. Nosotros creemos y sabemos que tú eres el Santo de Dios” (Juan 60:67-69).

Ahora bien, con tantas experiencias vividas en este año pasado (2020), muchas personas se han dado cuenta qué vacía y sin sentido es la vida llevada a la ligera. Nos hemos dado cuenta que la ambición de tener y vivir corriendo no vale la pena. Lo que cuenta es tener una vida unida a Ti, por la oración y la entrega a los demás, y es una gran bendición el comprenderlo y ponerlo a prueba. El ser humano se ha dado cuenta que lo que sí vale la pena es la salud para poder trabajar y llevar la comida a la mesa familiar. El Papa Francisco nos lleva aún más allá: “Qué difícil es perdonar siempre a quienes nos hieren. Qué desafiante es acoger siempre al inmigrante y al extranjero. Qué doloroso es soportar la desilusión, el rechazo, la traición” (8/26/18). Mantra para esta semana: ¡Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna!

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“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.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**August 22nd: Registration Deadline for Religious Education**

**August 30th at 6:00: Mandatory Parent Meeting**

**September 13-16: Priest Convocation**



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