

ST. BRIGID

C A T H O L I C C H U R C H

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“Jesús les preguntó: Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo”. Pedro contestó: “Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo del Dios vivo”. (Mateo 16:15-16). Jesús lanza una pregunta fuera de serie que pone a sus discípulos a pensar en realidad quién es Él. Gracias a esa pregunta, Pedro confirma su fe y se afianza como roca firme de la Iglesia. Desde entonces hasta ahora, el sucesor de Pedro, el Papa en Roma, es piedra, roca firme, que impulsa a la Iglesia a la fidelidad.

Ahora, Cristo podría hacernos la misma pregunta a ti y a mí. ¿Quién es Jesús para ti? Sí, para ti, padre de familia, estudiante de universidad, madre y padre soltero. Por mencionar a algunas personas. Yo creo que las respuestas variarían mucho. Sin embargo, hay que tener cuidado de no hacernos una imagen falsa de Jesús. Pedro, acertó diciendo que Él era el “Mesías, el Hijo del Dios vivo”. Y fue llamado dichoso, feliz por haber sido una revelación de Dios Padre.

Algo había aprendido Pedro de las enseñanzas de Jesús en su tiempo de formación al discipulado. Poner atención a la enseñanza es crucial, y el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, en el número 100, dice: “El oficio de interpretar auténticamente la Palabra de Dios ha sido encomendado únicamente al Magisterio vivo de la Iglesia, al Papa y a los obispos en comunión con él”. “Y ahora yo te digo: Tú eres Pedro (o sea piedra), y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia”. (Mateo 16:18). ¿En tu vida, realmente Jesús es el Mesías?



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?

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

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday.....6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance Wednesday.....6:00-6:30 pm

Saturday.....4:00-4:30pm

(Sacrament of Penance is also available by appointment)

San Juan Diego Mission—Stilwell

Misa en español: Domingo.....8:30 am

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Aug 23	St. Brigid Parishioners/+Arlan Hanson
Tuesday, Aug 25	+Jeannie Carlile
Wednesday, Aug 26	Lisa Herrin / +Kent David Trotter
Thursday, Aug 27	Jennifer Vinson
Friday, Aug 28	+Larry Peterson
Saturday, Aug 29	+ David DuPaul



2020 Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 pm English

Sunday 10:30 am English

12:30 pm Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Wednesday 5:30 pm (Eng)

7:00 pm (Sp)

Thursday 12:15 pm

Friday 8:15 am

Pope's August Prayer Intention:

The Maritime World

“We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.”

PARENTS! RELIGIOUS ED CLASS REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPT. 6th—DO NOT WAIT!

We need to know the exact number of children who will need supplies for both in-class AND at-home religious education with their parents no later than September 6th—no late enrollments accepted. To meet supply and delivery deadlines for materials and to comply with new adjustments and teaching needs due to Covid-19 precautions, we need all enrollment completed by Sept. 6th. For all First Communion and Confirmation students, we will need a copy of your baptismal certificates *upon registration*. For more information about Religious Education, please speak to our RE coordinator, **Carolina Landaverde**, or send an email inquiry to her at: landaverde.carolina@yahoo.com

CARE Food Pantry Needs Your Help

In these challenging times, Our Lord's message to care for the poor and suffering is hitting home. The CARE Food Pantry has recently reached out to us for certain needed items totally out of stock. If you are able, please donate one or more of the following:

- **Cold and/or Hot Cereal**
- **1 lb sacks of Rice or Pinto Beans**
- **Jelly/Jams**
- **Canned Vegetables**
- **Canned Fruit**

Please bring your food items with you to Mass. They can be left inside the Pantry Chest beside the credenza in the church foyer. If you need to drop off your donations at another time, please call the parish office ahead for details and arrangements.

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 16:21-2

Collections for August 16, 2020

Regular Collection: \$1,298.00
Building Fund: \$630.00

Becoming Catholic—the New RCIA

Keeping pace with revised directives on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), we are in the process of making some changes in the way we provide formation for those looking to join the Catholic Church. The “full-on” RCIA process is fundamentally geared toward those who are preparing for baptism, and we will retain that for those who require a thorough, broad approach to learning about the Catholic Christian faith.

However, many people come to us throughout the year who are already baptized Christians from different denominations. Their level of understanding and knowledge about Catholicism varies greatly. Rather than funnel everyone into a one-size-fits-all process in RCIA that runs September to April, we will tailor a formation process to the individuals who come to us. When they feel ready to make a profession of faith, we will bring them into the Church at that time rather than necessarily waiting until the Easter Vigil.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Stuart in the Parish Office, and he will be glad to meet!

Financial Stewardship

Thank you to all our parishioners who have continued their support of the Church during this time of pandemic. For those not yet returning to Mass, contributions can always be mailed to the parish office, or it is also possible to donate online to our church through the diocesan website:

www.dioceseoftulsa.org/donate-to-support-a-specific-parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jim and Donna Lewis, Molly Peterson, Doug Roberts, Jane Bailey, Mary Thirsty, Abigail Flavin, Janie Hanson, Wallace H. Allen, Janice Archer, Ken Bezan, Rolland Turcotte, Lisa Herrin, Justin Simmons, Mary White, Sally Hilger, Mary Fulk, John Witosky, William Righthouse, Anita Brockman, Courtney Short, Don Brockman, Larry Guthrie, Amanda King-Summers, Marty Barnett, Nathaniel Galdamez, Rex Fann, Dean Harless, Terry Dunlap, Angie Fay, Gary Harrington, Maddie Cochran, Kirby Merrill, Marquetta Lyons, Renee Ridge, Ann Payette, Carol Carroll, Michael Roberts, Jim Roberts, Alana Roberts, Dixon Davis, Tiffany Robinson, Caden Murphy, Bill Scrimshire, Kylee Osburn, Donald Sizemore, Zack Kelley, Carrie Ann Mitchell, Melynda Elias, Jesse Price, Alan Linde, Joyce Eastham, Bobby Dean Ward, Rosa Castillo, Margaret Miller, Meaghan Roberts, Kyla Roberts, Charlee Burke, Keith Burke, Glenda Burke, Debbie Rich, Kim Harris, Melanie Medaris, Kelly Callaway, Darren Sunday, Della Moore, Mary DeHaas, Kathy Seidletz, Jon Mitchell, David Alley, Andy Groat, Angie Mitchell, Emily Mitchell, Walter Sizemore, Jessie Casey, Michael Murphy, Tony Croman, Jonah Evans, Janice Booker, Matt Booker, Eddie Booker, Calvin Pope, Jasmine Evans, Calvin McCoy, Danny Craig, Laura Lollar, Karan Housley, Eddy Mcinnis, Colin Mcinnis, Cathy Farinelli, Tom Carlile, Mary Mead, Connor McClure, Terry Hearn, Jim Madison, Steve Blair, Jennifer Vinson and all our military.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES/PLATICAS PRE-BAUTISMALES

Las platicas pre-bautismales reunen el primer domingo de cada mes a las 11 am en el salon con Sra. Lula Andrade.

Baptismal classes for parents and godparents in English may be scheduled with Fr. Stuart through the Parish Office.

Sing Praise! Youth Event

St. Brigid will be hosting a Sing Praise night for middle and high school age youth sponsored by the diocesan Youth Office. The event will be Wednesday, September 23, from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Reminders about CoVID-19 Precautions

Tahlequah does have a mandatory mask ordinance in place for places of public accommodation, which includes churches. If you need a mask when attending Mass, we have some disposable ones available in the church foyer. Hand sanitizer is also available in the pews and in the foyer for your use. Thank you to everyone for your consideration of others in helping us abide by these protocols.

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