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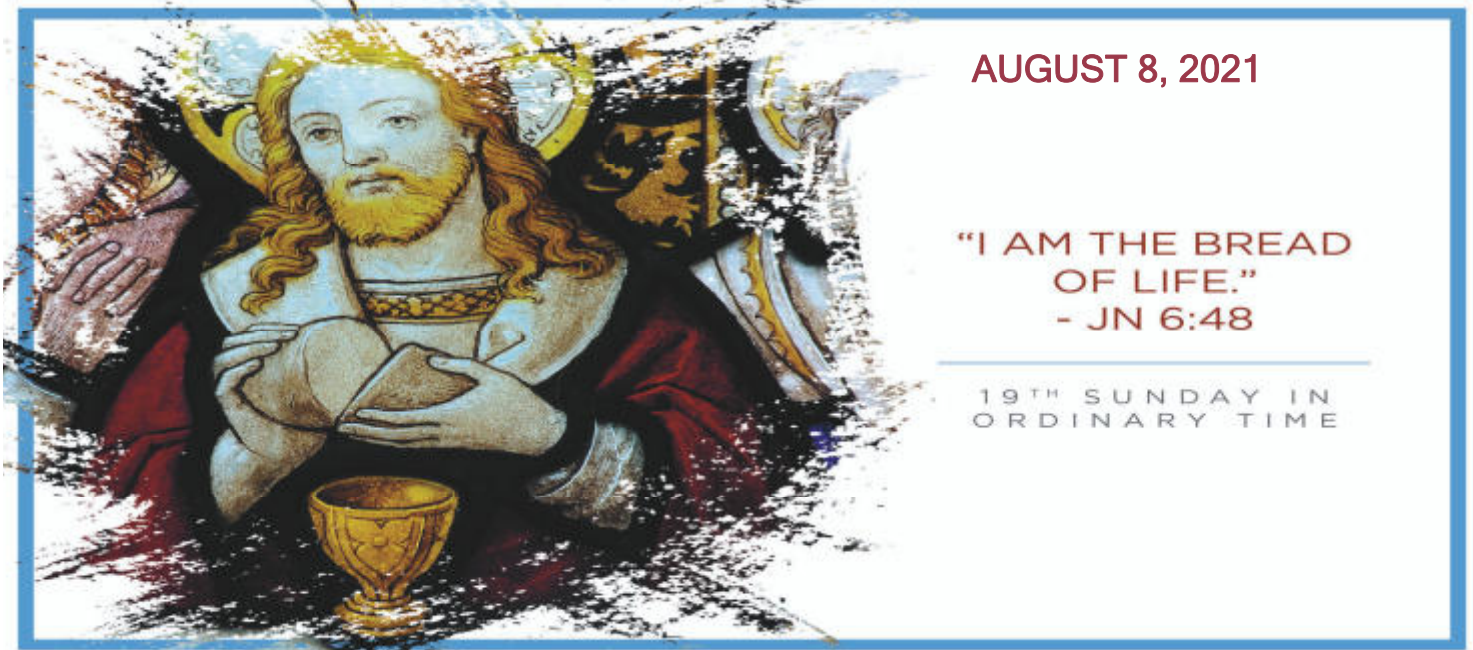
**HOLY MATRIMONY**

Diocesan policy requires that an appointment be made with a priest of your parish at least SIX MONTHS in advance. DO NOT set a final date for the wedding prior to your interviews with the priest.

**TO MARRY FOR LIFE** is a program of Catholic preparation for sacramental marriage. In addition to being a civil contract, marriage is also a covenant of unconditional love. Living out this covenant is a grace bearing sign to each other and to society of the love of Christ for us. Marriage is, thus, a sacrament and a calling from God to a holy state in Life.

**CONFESSIONS**

By appointment or 30 minutes before  
Saturday and Sunday Mass.



**AUGUST 8, 2021**

**"I AM THE BREAD  
OF LIFE."  
- JN 6:48**

19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

**PRAYER**


**For Protection from Storms and Hurricanes**

Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands. Protect us, and all your people during this season of storms and hurricanes. Calm our fears, and help us to prepare our hearts as well as our homes. Help us to see you in all we may encounter, and help us to minister to each other in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sun	Vigil	<b>1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51</b> 5:00 pm Byron Ready †; Vincent Brucia †	
	August 8	10:00 am All Parish Families; Dene LeBlanc †; Henry Chargois †	
Sun	Vigil	<b>Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56</b> 5:00 pm All Parish Families; Cary Hester †; Barbara Parker †	
	August 15	10:00 am Lavergne Grimes †; Beamon Minton †	

## Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26  
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1  
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12  
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

## Observances for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr  
 Tuesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr  
 Wednesday: St. Clare, Virgin  
 Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
 Friday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs  
 Saturday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr  
 Next Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY**  
 We invite you to donate toward the flower arrangements in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, a baptism, or any other special family occasion or a church feast. The name of the donor and the occasion will be published in the parish bulletin. **Donation: \$40;**  
**Contact** Gezel Frank 786-3684.

## MASS SCHEDULE & PARISH OFFICE HOURS

No Daily Mass | Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm | Sunday Mass 10:00 am



The Parish Office is open Monday—Friday from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Please note that we are closed from 12 noon—1:00 p.m. for lunch.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### ALTAR SOCIETY RAFFLE

**Get a jump on Fall Ya'll with "Fall Decorations"**  
 Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society will be selling tickets the weekends of August 21 & 22 and August 28 & 29 for a chance to win decorations for the Fall, (1st, 2nd, & 3rd prize). Tickets 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. For more information, please contact Sheryl Reynolds (409) 289-6930.

**SPREAD THE WORD:** We are so happy and grateful to announce that the parish organizations can now meet and use the parish buildings. Please contact the parish office beforehand so the dates and times can be added back on the parish calendar.

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VIDOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #5789** will hold their monthly business meeting in the parish hall meeting room Thursday, August 5th at 6:30 p.m.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION:** We are happy to announce that CCD registration will begin after each Mass. Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade CCD Classes will begin Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. and 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes will begin Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6p.m. -7p.m. In addition, we would like to thank Michael Strother for all the years he ministered to our CCD students as Director of Education. Michael has decided to retire from this position.

## STEWARDSHIP *Our giving reflects a true measure of thankfulness and gratitude to God.*

### COLLECTIONS

July 25-26, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ \$4,131.00  
Building Fund \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 177.00

### 2021 BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL

If you have not made your gift to the Bishop's Faith Appeal, please prayerfully consider doing so. We ask you to pray to the Holy Spirit as you consider your blessings. **You may find BFA envelopes on the tables at the entrance of the church.**



## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### CHRIST IN YOU CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE AUGUST 21, 2021 (7 A.M. -3:30 P.M.)

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Orange Texas; featuring Most Rev. David L. Toups, S. Th. D; Fr. Sinclair Oubre, J.C.L.; Fr. David Michael Moses; Joe McClane; Fr. Anthony McFarland. Tickets on sale now: [ChristInYou.Info](http://ChristInYou.Info)

### WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

We are excited to announce that a St. Francis Women's ACTS Retreat will be held August 26-29, 2021. Accommodations for this retreat are limited to 32 retreatants, and the registration list is based on the order in which forms and deposits are received on the registration date. The fee for this retreat is \$170.00 per person, with a \$50 deposit and \$120.00 balance due on August 26th. Only one registration form per person will be accepted. Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending this retreat. Contact Jeanne Boudreaux at 337-529-6798 with any questions.

### WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** What is a transitional deacon?



#### Answer:

There are two types of deacons in the church. Both are members of the clergy. Both have the same liturgical role. Both have the service of the community as their primary work. One is called a permanent deacon, usually a married man ordained as a deacon with no intention of becoming a priest. They preach, baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral services, and look after the needs of the poor. They also visit the sick and take Communion to them, although they cannot celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. They might also assist the pastor in his administrative duties. Permanent deacons are usually well known and respected in their communities and have roots there. A transitional deacon is one who functions as a deacon for a period of time prior to ordination as a priest. His diaconate assignment serves as a kind of internship of ordained ministry. During his year or two as a deacon, he will learn the practical aspects of parish life, getting a firsthand look at the life of a priest. His work has a different focus than a permanent deacon in that he is looking forward to ordination as a priest. ©LPi

### PUZZLE

Find the 3 shapes of manna on the ground that match the 3 shapes in the basket.



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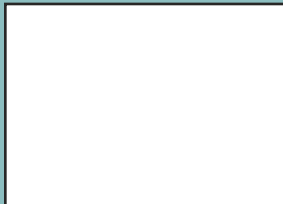
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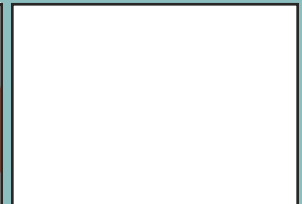


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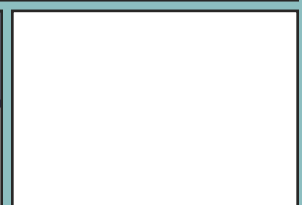
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