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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 22, 2021**

**"MASTER, TO WHOM  
SHALL WE GO?"**  
- JN 6:68

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

*You have the words  
of eternal life.*

Will your path of  
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Contact Fr. Rodel Faller at the Vocations Office by calling  
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**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.

# MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sun	Vigil	<b>Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 /Jn 6:60-69</b>
	August 22	5:00 pm Rev. Paul E. Sumler (Special Intention); Margaret Melancon †; Henry Chargois †
Sun	Vigil	<b>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</b>
	August 29	5:00 pm All Parish Families; Philip Brown †; Edward Waggoner †
		10:00 am James & Shirlene Humphries †; Lillian Soltys †



## Readings & Observances for the week of August 22, 2021

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22 (**St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**)

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51 (**St. Bartholomew, Apostle**)

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32 (**St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest**)

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 (**St. Monica**)

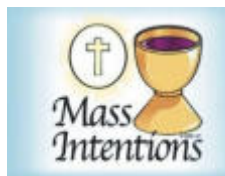
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30 (**St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**)

## 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



One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead. The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. For that reason, all are encouraged to have Mass offered for loved ones who have died, or even for the living who have some need. This is an ancient Catholic practice, and all are encouraged to take it up. In our parish there are many requests for scheduling such Mass intentions. The following policies are now being implemented in order to accommodate the numerous Mass requests.

**You may call parish office the beginning of 2022 to schedule Mass Intentions (January - December, except month of November for Holy Souls in Purgatory).**

1. Universal Church discipline as contained in the *Code of Canon Law* (canons 945 – 958) of the 1983 Code of Canon Law strictly regulates the offerings made for the celebration of Mass.
2. Canon Law does not permit us to keep Mass intentions for only those Masses that can be celebrated by our priests within a calendar year.
3. A Mass intention may be requested for a Mass for: a deceased loved one or a living person who is sick or suffering.
4. A maximum of six (6) intentions per year from **any one individual** may be scheduled at the parish with no more than two (2) scheduled for a Mass (Vigil, Sunday, Weekdays, & Holy Days).
5. The schedule of Mass intentions is subject to change according to the Mass schedule and there is no promise that they will be said on the scheduled day due to unforeseen circumstances.
6. For many years, the customary Mass Stipend was \$5.00; however, now the suggested amount in some Diocese's in U.S. is a minimum of \$10.00.



*“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”*  
Matthew 28: 19

**Let us welcome into our faith community through the Rite of Baptism on August 7, 2021**  
**Mallorie Kay VanHorn**

### 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.



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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION:** CCD registration 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.

**ALTAR SOCIETY RAFFLE** *Get a jump on Fall Ya'll with "Fall Decorations"*

Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society will be selling tickets this weekend and next 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.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES BEREAVEMENT FOOD COMMITTEE** provides a luncheon meal for families of loved one's funeral here at the parish (if requested by the family). Members of the Bereavement Food Committee, donate food/beverages for these meals and/or time for set-up, serve and clean-up of the parish hall. There is a sign-up sheet for any one interested in serving the parish in this ministry. For more information, contact Merline Broussard (409) 658-4501.

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

### COLLECTIONS

August 7-8, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ \$4,592.00  
Building Fund \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 154.00

**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

### Charismatic Renewal at St. Anne Catholic Church on September 11, 2021 at 10:00am



"The Charismatic Renewal invites all to rediscover our freedom! Let us again enjoy fellowship at St. Anne's Catholic Church Hall, on Saturday September 11, 2021 from 10 am till noon. We are having a Renewal, with Bishop David Toups teaching and leading us in understanding the Impact of the Charismatic Renewal on the Catholic Church. Save the date and plan to join us in a thanksgiving celebration of all our blessings. We ask for your prayers, for a successful Renewal and for all ministries in our Diocese."



### GOSPEL

Jesus said that anyone who ate his flesh and drank his blood would have everlasting life. Many people did not believe this and walked away. Believing something you do not understand is hard. Before the Wright brothers flew their airplane, people said, "It cannot be done." After they saw it fly, people understood and believed. With God's gift of faith, you can believe even when you do not understand.

### PRAYER

Father, bless me so I always believe in you and your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

**Question:** We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?



**Answer:** The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, "In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 15). God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we're there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God! ©LPi

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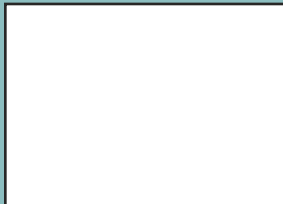
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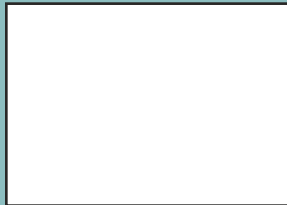
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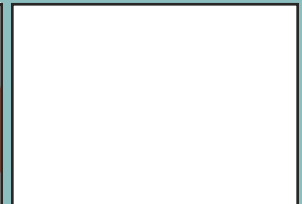


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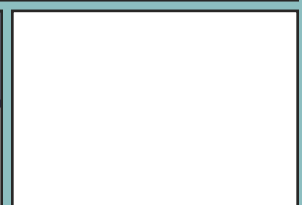
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