



SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021



## 21<sup>ST</sup> 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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# Gospel Meditation

## A 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.

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### New Parishioners Welcome!

Register online at stgacc.org or at the parish office.

## Mass Times

Mon - Sat | 8:15 am

Rosary and Divine  
Chaplet prior to  
Daily Mass at  
7:30 am

Saturday | 4:30 pm

Sunday  
7:00 am (no music)  
8:30 am  
10:30 am

**Reconciliation**  
Saturdays  
3:00 - 4:00 pm

**Adoration in Church**  
Tuesdays  
9:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Benediction** 7:45 pm

### Communion to the Homebound:

Please notify the office with the name and contact information of the individual requesting communion.

**Infant Baptism:** Parents need to register at the parish and attend a baptismal preparation class prior to scheduling the baptism. Please contact the office.

# This Week In Our Parish

## Monday, August 23

Daily Mass | 8:15 am

## Tuesday, August 24

Daily Mass | 8:15 am

Adoration | Church | 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Benediction | 7:45 pm

## Wednesday, August 25

Daily Mass | 8:15 am

## Thursday, August 26

Daily Mass | 8:15 am | ACS K-8 students in attendance

## Friday, August 27

Daily Mass | 8:15 am

## Saturday, August 28

Daily Mass | 8:15 am

Confession/Reconciliation | Church | 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Vigil Mass | 4:30 pm

## Sunday, August 29

Mass | 7:00 am | 8:30 am | 10:30 am

Live Stream Mass at 8:30 am



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, August 22

7:00 am • Parishioners

8:30 am ✕ Margaret Reinig by Homebound

10:30 am • Tony & Judy Baillargeon  
by Larry & Kathy Hansen

### Monday, August 23

8:15 am ✕ John P. Stephens by Paul & Rita Stephens

### Tuesday, August 24

8:15 am ✕ Sue Imbaratto by Marcia Balestrino

### Wednesday, August 25

8:15 am • Fr. David by WINGS

### Thursday, August 26

8:15 am • Fr. Chad by WINGS

### Friday, August 27

8:15 am • Julie Carrick by WINGS

### Saturday, August 28

8:15 am ✕ Kevin Cleary by George & Linda Hazzard

4:30 pm ✕ Joan Pauline Smith by George Smith

I WILL NEVER  
FORSAKE YOU OR  
ABANDON YOU.  
HEBREWS 13:5

## Bedside Prayer Team

The St. Gabriel Homebound Ministry has a Bedside Prayer Team to accommodate those parishioners and their families who are ill and desiring of someone to join in prayer with them. If you or a member of your family would like someone to pray a Rosary with you or a Chaplet of Divine Mercy for healing, please contact MaryAnn McAward at [maryannmcaward@me.com](mailto:maryannmcaward@me.com) or 602-819-6229.

## FAMILY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### The Polkoski Family



My husband Aaron and I have been married for six years. We share two sons (from my previous marriage) Chase, 21, Luke, 13 and a daughter Brinley, 5. We decided to move our family to Cave Creek from Scottsdale almost four years ago for a little more space. Professionally, Aaron is a VP in the commercial insurance industry and personally he has a passion for offshore fishing and all things nature. I work in an ER part time in the finance department and love the chaos. My position allows me to prioritize my most important role as Mother. We are both committed to keeping ourselves and our family spiritually and physically fit and healthy. You can find all of us participating in physical activity daily through training, running or sports.

Since meeting, we have both felt compelled to return to the church. Through divine providence and our children, we were led to Annunciation Catholic School (where Luke will be in 8th grade) and ultimately St. Gabriel's. I was raised in the Congregational Church as a child but was always left with more questions than answers; always searching. My husband's family left the Catholic church right before he was confirmed and left him without a true understanding of the faith. We were drawn to the Catholic church because of its unwavering teachings, linked straight to Jesus, remaining unchanged.

We watched our younger children thriving at Catholic school. They were so full of joy; sharing what they were learning (about Catholicism) and immediately adopted the faith as their own. I started learning about Mary and her role in the church and was so intrigued and drawn to her. We were fascinated to learn about Saints, their lives and that we all can strive to be Saints. For the first time, we felt like we found our way home. We made the decision as a couple to go through RCIA together to gain a deep understanding of Catholicism and ultimately receive our full Sacraments. Our son Luke is in the RCIC process with the goal of receiving Sacraments along with us. In addition, we are going through Catholic Marriage Prep to convalidate our marriage and receive the Marriage Sacrament.

We still have so many questions but this time, our questions all have answers rooted in Sacred Scripture. The remaining mysteries leave us with wonder instead of discontent, with the promise of full understanding in Heaven. There are so many things I wish I had known as a child but am so grateful to be learning now; allowing us to share with our children. Our journeys have very clearly led us here. We are energized, excited about the future of our family and can't get enough. We are grateful to become a part of St. Gabriel's Parish community and to do our part to help build the Kingdom of God; now more than ever.

- Rebekah Polkoski

**Attention Ladies:** Please join St. Gabriel's Bunco group to play this very fun game held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at various members' homes. No experience needed. The hostess can usually accommodate 16 or 20 players and provides the main dinner dish. The other players provide appetizers, side dish, dessert and wine. The cost is \$6.00 to Play Bunco with the chance of winning Most Wins, Most Losses, Most Buncos and the Bunco Bag. If you can stay for more fun the group plays two games of Left Right Center with another chance to win more money and continue lots and lots of laughs and friendships. Please contact MaryAnn McAward at [maryannmcaward@me.com](mailto:maryannmcaward@me.com)







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## MISSION STATEMENT

Within our strong Catholic community, we develop children to their fullest God-given potential – spiritually, intellectually, morally, socially, and physically.

## Welcome Back to School, ACS Angels!

On August 11, 2021, new and returning students were welcomed by the staff, teachers and ACS Student Ambassadors for the first day of the new school year. It was so nice to see everyone back on campus.

New this year, are a few familiar faces in new positions and a few new faces on the teaching team at ACS.

**Mrs. Christine Huebsch** is taking on a new role this year as our full-time Math Resource Teacher. She will provide direct service to students who need extra help in math. Mrs. Redendo will continue to be our Reading Resource Teacher. What a great team!

**Mrs. Vicki Chartier** will be replacing Mrs. Huebsch as the First Grade Teacher Aide. She and her husband recently moved here from California and joined St. Gabriel Parish. Mrs. Chartier has 31 years of teaching experience, including six years in Catholic schools.

**Ms. Gina Molinaro** will be the new fifth grade teacher. She moved to Phoenix from Pennsylvania in July. Ms. Molinaro came to teaching as a second career, having first worked in the world of banking and finance. She has 7 years teaching experience at several grade levels. She is an active Catholic who has taught catechism class for 5 years.

*Please join us in congratulating and welcoming our new team members to the ACS community!*

## August Happenings

- 24 6:00-8:00 pm Curriculum Night
- 27 Noon Dismissal, Staff Day



Mrs. Huebsch



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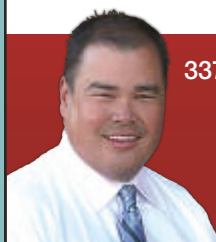
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