

21st

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

Simón Pedro le respondió: "Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna". - Jn 6, 68

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CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

9AM-4:30PM (MON, WED, THURS)

9AM-1PM (FRIDAYS)

CONFESSION:

Sunday.....7:45 a.m.

Parish Council Leaders: Cindy Tovar & Don Majka

Liturgy Coordinators: Bob Pfeifer & Mary Holleman

Ladies Group President: Diana Vargas

Cursillo: Manuel Montes De Oca

Altar Servers Leaders: Esmeralda Brown

Maintenance Manager: Kenneth Vargas

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday & Friday (2-5pm)

CONFESSION:

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Parish Council Leader: Daniel Mancilla

Maintenance Manager: Willie Bocanegra

Liturgy Coordinators: Monica Lopez and Ethel Pennartz

Ladies Group President: Fran Rivas

Cursillo: Pilar Rodriguez

Altar Servers Leaders: Monica Lopez and Mely Mendez

St. Mary

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CONFESSION:

Sunday.....4:30 p.m.

Parish Council Leader: Luis Gonzales

Maintenance Manager: Alonso Piedra

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS INTENTIONS/
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA**

August/ Agosto 21

5:00pm ABVM.....Benedicta Luna†
Luis Luna†
Josefina Rodriguez†
Manuel Romero†
Manuela Romero, Roberto Luna
Leonel Romero

7:00pm St. John's.....

August/ Agosto 22

8:30am St. John's.....For all the people who
have died of Covid
Dang Family
Bob Spencer
(Requested by: Friends)

10:30am ABVM.....Curtis Eaton

(Requested by: Chuck & Dianne Boatner)
Omar Carrillo†
(Requested by: parents)
Barbara Moran†, Peter Moran†, Mary Jo York†
(Requested by: Pauline Melanson)

1:00pm ABVM.....

5:00pm St. Mary's.....

August/ Agosto 23

8:30am St. John's.....Lee Braun & Family
(Requested by: Friends)
Holy Souls in purgatory

6:30pm ABVM.....

August/ Agosto 25

7:30pm ABVM.....Sandra Cooper
Special Intention

7:30pm St. John's.....

August/ Agosto 26

8:30am ABVM.....Landree Holloway
(Requested by: Carmelina Holloway)
Bob & Dee Anna Maxwell

6:30pm St. John's.....

August/ Agosto 27

8:30am St. John's.....Mr. & Mrs. Howard
Biel and Family

6:30pm ABVM.....

“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.

Vigesimo Primer 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!

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Classes begin, Sunday, August 22nd and Wednesday, August 25th

If you have not registered your children, please do so. You can find the registrations forms on our website <https://www.jbdcatholics.org/21-22-registration> or call the office if you don't have access to the internet. After August 31st a \$20 late fee will be added to the registration fee.

Las clases de Formacion de Fe (doctrina) comienzan el domingo 22 de Agosto y miercoles 25 de Agosto Si usted todavia no ha registrado a sus hijos, todavia puede hacerlo. En la pagina de internet de la Iglesia puede encontrar las formas para la registracion <https://www.jbdcatholics.org/21-22-registration> o si no tiene acceso al internet llame a la oficina de la Iglesia. Despues del 31 de Agosto, tendra que pagar \$20 mas aparte del cobro de matriculacion.

	CLASS DAYS/TIMES	DIAS/HORAS DE CLASE	
	Elementary (PK/K-5th)	Middle School (6 th -8 th)	High School (9 th -12 th)
Assumption, Decatur	Sun/Dom, 11:45a-12:45p	Wed/Mie, 6p-8p	Wed/Mie, 6p-8p
St. John, Bridgeport	Sun/Dom, 9:45a-10:45p	Wed/Mie, 6p-8p	Wed/Mie, 6p-8p
St. Mary, Jacksboro	Wed/Mie, 6p-8p	Wed/Mie, 6p-8p	Wed/Mie, 6p-8p

Bible Study
James: Pearls for Wise Living

Looking for an anchor to hold on to through the storms of life? Interested in learning to recognize the source of discord and the way of peace? From the book of James, Jeff Cavins, shows how the teaching of James speaks to those of us who feel torn between competing demands of this world and our faith. We will begin the study on the Book of James on September 7th and there are 11 sessions. All sessions will be on Tuesday night (7pm-9pm) at St. John's. The cost of the work book is \$30. To register, please contact Ron Holleman by either phone or email. Phone: 972-978-7551 email: ron.holleman@att.net.

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8/21 & 22/2021

Las flores fueron donadas por Sergio & Amelia Sanchez por el eterno descanso de sus seres queridos.

Flowers given by Sergio & Amelia Sanchez in memory of their deceased loved ones.

Ministry Fair Weekend / Feria de Ministerios

On August 28th & 29th we will have Ministry Fair Weekend after all masses. Please plan to stay after mass to check out all the ministries our parishes have. God is calling!

El 28 y 29 de Agosto tendremos el fin de semana de Feria de Ministerios despues de todas las misas. Por favor haga planes para que se quede despues de misa para que vea todos los ministerios que temenos en unas parroquias. Dios nos esta llamando!

Save the Date! Our Fall Fest will be on October 3rd.

If you would like to sponsor our Festival, call the church office and let us know. You could also sponsor a raffle item or donate an item for the silent auction. Please support our annual fundraiser event as we were not able to have it last year. Help us make this year's Fall Fest a very successful one.

Anota la fecha en el calendario! Nuestro Festival de Otoño sera el 3 de octubre.

Si a usted le gustaria patrocinar nuestro Festival, llame a la oficina. O tal vez le gustaria patrocinar uno de los premios de la rifa, o tambien donar un articulo para la subasta silenciosa. Por favor apoyen a nuestro evento anual de recaudacion de fondos, ya que el año pasado no pudimos tenerlo. Ayudenos a que este año podamos tenerlo y que sea muy exitoso.



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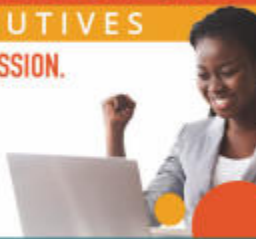


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