



## 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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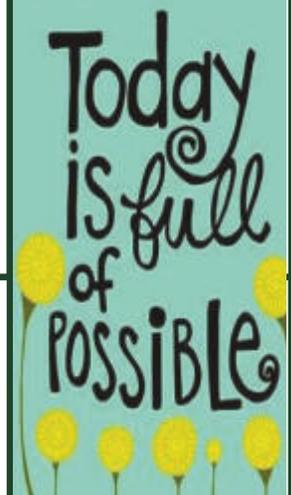
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Monday—Thursday 9:30 a.m. —4:30 p.m. FRIDAY 9:30 a.m.— noon  
Mass times ICC: Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Confessions 3:00—4:30 pm)  
ICC: Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. SJV: 1 pm (temporary)  
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**Looking Ahead:**

August 22nd SJV Welcome Picnic  
 August 28th Pilgrimage to Cathedral  
 September 5th No 10:30 a.m. Mass at ICC



**Observances for the week of August 22, 2021**

**Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Rose of Lima, Virgin  
**Tuesday:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
**Wednesday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest  
**Thursday:**  
**Friday:** St. Monica  
**Saturday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ARLINGTON FOOD BANK ONGOING NEEDS**

Meat, Canned Meals, Boxed Sides Snacks,

**NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**

Cream of Chicken, Cream of Mushroom Soups,  
 Canned Fruits and Vegetables Always Needed!  
 Canned Chili, Cold Cereal, Coffee



Monica knew that Augustine had greatness in him and spent much of her time praying for him and reminding him of God's mercy. It took awhile and many trips but Augustine came to God. As a priest and a bishop he became one of the greatest doctors of the church. His book "Confessions" is not just about him but how we can grow closer to God.

**Dear Parishioners of ICC and SJV,**

Our Gospel reading this weekend begins with the crowd exclaiming, "this saying is hard; who can accept it?" (John 6:60). The "hard saying" in question is Jesus' prior Eucharistic teaching about His Flesh and Blood being food. As we know, however, "hard" teachings in our Catholic faith go beyond Eucharistic belief. There are many teachings of Jesus that challenge us and sometimes contradict the message of modern society. We must remember, however, that all the doctrines of Jesus are not imposed as limitations on our way of life, but a body of teaching that ultimately lead us to eternal life.



Anytime I teach young children about the Ten Commandments, I use the analogy of rules and regulations found in sports. I will generally begin by asking why rules exist in sports and games in the first place. Many kids will inevitably say that rules are meant to keep gameplay just, fair, and to keep players safe. I then will transition into the Ten Commandments by stating that the Commandments of God do a similar thing – they exist to keep our relationship with God and our neighbors fair, just, and to "keep us safe" unto eternal life. The same is true of all the teachings of Christ; those found in the Gospels and those handed down through the ages in the Church's Sacred Tradition. These lessons of the Lord, while they might be to us "hard sayings", are meant to orient us to God's Kingdom.

What happens to those frustrated followers at the end of this weekend's Gospel? It says that "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him" (John 6:66). Many of Christ's followers refused to accept His difficult teaching and thus stopped following Him. When we are confronted with a difficult teaching of Jesus in our life, what will we do?

Respectfully Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tyler Johnson

**Stewardship of Treasure**

	<u>ICC Aug 15/16</u>	<u>SJV Aug 15</u>
Weekly Giving	\$ 2,515.00	\$ 228.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,166.00	
<b>Other Giving</b>		
Assumption of Mary	590.00	18.00
Food Bank/Outreach	40.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	325.00	
SAS	2,680.00	
Building Maintenance	10.00	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Classes for adults wishing to be confirmed this November will begin on Wednesday, August 25th, at 6:30 p.m. Please register in the office or by calling 360-435-8565.



## FAITH FORMATION

**August 28 Confirmation Pilgrimage 9am**

**August 29 Faith Formation Teacher Meeting**

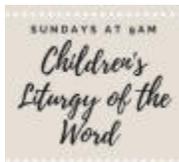
**September 12 — Fall Faith Formation begins**

### SIGN UP FOR FALL FAITH FORMATION!

Please use the sign-up sheets in the back of the church to sign up your children. Call Michel Gallegos (360-435-8565) for more info.

### VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR CLOW!

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will begin September 12th. We need volunteers to offer this service during the 9:00 a.m. Mass to our young children. Call Michel Gallegos (360-435-8565) for more info.



Immaculate Conception Regional School is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Please call the office (360-428-3912 x16) or go to [www.ICRSweb.org](http://www.ICRSweb.org) to apply today.



ICRS is offering tours of the school each week by appointment. Monday- Thursday between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM and Fridays 9:00-noon. Call the school office at 360-428-3912 x16 to set up your tour today.

### Saints of the Week—Rose of Lima

It's a tough choice this week because we have powerful saints — first one from the new world (St. Rose of Lima), an apostle (St. Bartholomew), and a mother and son (Monica and Augustine).

A member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic, Saint Rose of Lima lived a life of penance and devotion to the poor. Her parents wanted her to marry, but Saint Rose felt another calling. While her lifestyle of penance raised some eyebrows, at her death the city of Lima recognized her sanctity. The symbols of Saint Rose of Lima are a crown of thorns and roses, a needle and thimble, a spiked crown, an iron chain, and roses. The anchor and the holy infant also symbolize the saint. The needle and thimble are significant because Saint Rose worked as a lace maker to help support her family. She is also the patron saint of embroiderers and needle workers.



### Submission as Stewardship.

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



### Communion to the Homebound

We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers who can provide Communion to the homebound, those in nursing homes and residences. Training session is in September. You must also have a Safe Environment certificate. (see below).

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS

All volunteers who work with children and the elderly in the parish are required to take the Safe Environment Training. Our next session will be on Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. Please call the office to register.

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