

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## MASS TIMES

### WEEKENDS

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 7:00am & 9:30am

### WEEKDAYS

Monday / Wednesday | 6:30pm

Tuesday / Thursday | 7:30am

1st Thursdays | 6:30pm

Holy Days & Anticipated Mass | TBA

Tuesday Rosary | 9:00 am

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 5:30pm

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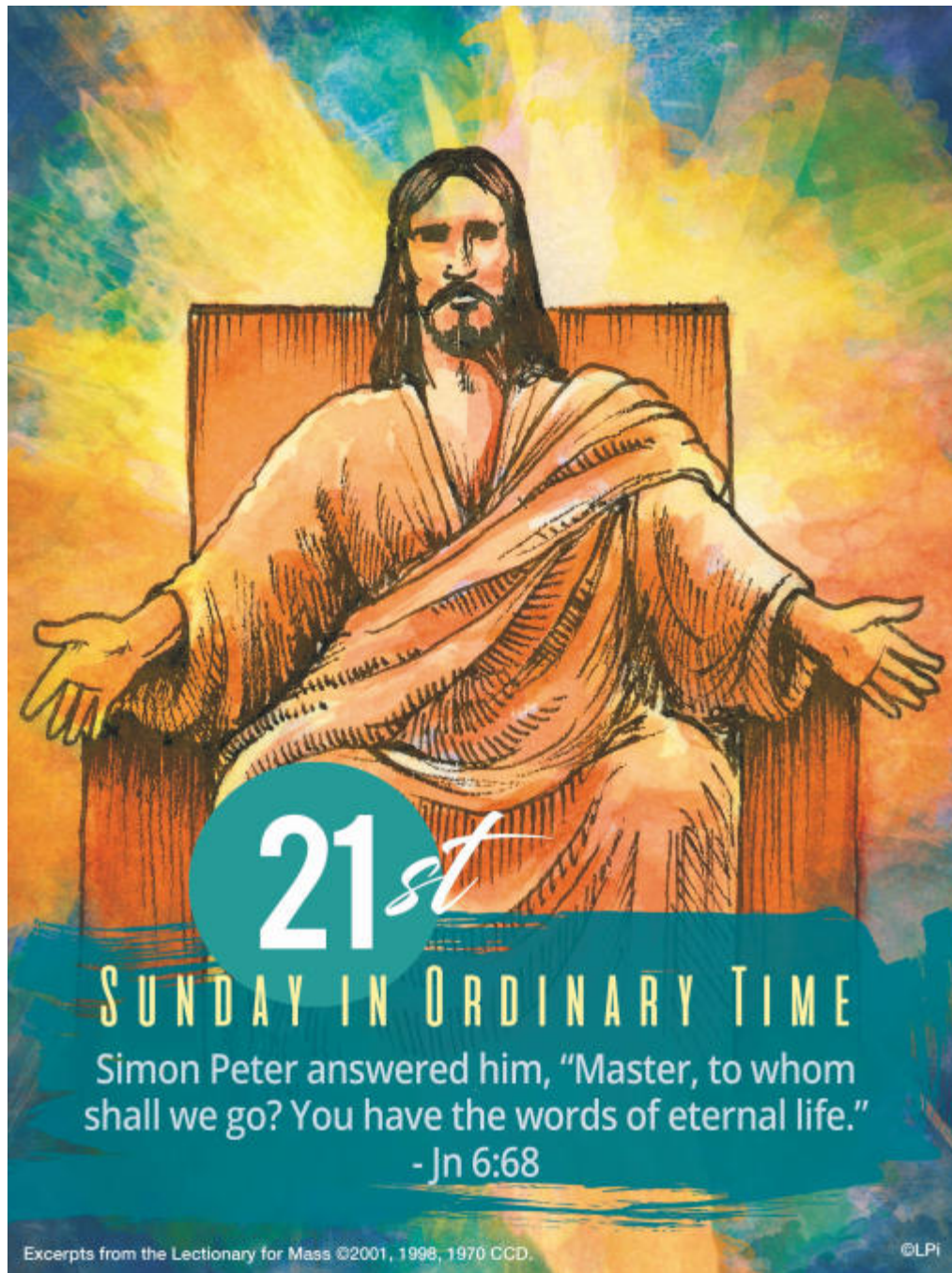
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## SACRAMENTS

Confession: 30 minutes before weekend mass or by appointment.

Matrimony: Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

Baptism: A class will be given if you are expecting and have not attended a baptismal class.



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## PRAYER & WORSHIP



**Saturday August 21** Lawrence Primeaux, Jan Primeaux; Alice Nucz Nunez; Howard & Jeanette Andrus, Bella Hahn; AD & Cheryl and Romero & Harrington Families, Bob Harvey, Mary Jo Nunez, Jane Moss  
**Sunday August 22**

**7:00 a.m.** Mass for Parishioners

**9:30 a.m.** Robert & Lucille Hartwell; Madeline Leonard, Leonard & Aucoin Families, Nancy Donally, Souls in Purgatory, Michael Dimas

**Monday August 23** Alice Nucz Nunez, Michael Dimas

**Tuesday August 24** Idella Dubrock (41st ANN), Special Intention

**Wednesday August 25** Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville, Brenda & Patsy Courville

**Thursday August 26** Special intention

**Friday August 27** No Mass

**Saturday August 28** Lawrence Primeaux, Jan Primeaux; Alice Nucz Nunez; Bella Hahn; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville, Brenda & Patsy Courville, Bob Harvey, Rose Moss, Hubert Derouen  
**Sunday August 29**

**7:00 a.m.** Clifford & Kitan Broussard, Broussard & Primeaux Family, Vincent & Tillie Leonards, Leonards & Zaunbrecher Family, Souls in Purgatory

**9:00 a.m.** Mass for parishioners

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

If you would like to be added to either list or know of someone who needs to be added, please email Susie Miller to [sjvcbk@gmail.com](mailto:sjvcbk@gmail.com) (e-mail is best because it is in writing and has a date and a time attached to it, but if that would cause a hardship, you can call Susie at 337-622-3218) Names received before noon on Tuesday will appear in the next week's bulletin, not the current week. Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks and then be removed. If after the 2 weeks, you still need prayer, by all means, please send another message and we'll keep praying!

### OUR SICK

Margaret Arrant, Patty Borne, Joyce Bourque, Bennie Breaux, Joshua Bull, James Castille, Pammy Derouen, Terry Dubard, Joyce Guidry, Ellen Harrington, Jamie Hoffpauir, Emerson Irvin, James LaBove, Judy Leonard, Linda Lognion, Alex Manning, Kennon Martin, Katie McLean, Wyatt Myers, Mark Pedersen, Donald Pugh, Don Racca, Henry Romero, Jeannie Taveney Smith, Bridgette Sonnier, Barbara Theriot, Ethan Trosclair; Craig Zaunbrecher, Crystal Leger, Roger Wright, Robert Lowe, Michael Chapman

### OUR HOMEBOUND

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### Nursing Home, retirement home, & Assisted Living Residents

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### OUR MILITARY

Brennan Arabie, Hayden Broussard, Austin Brown, Wesley Dugas, Trent Jarrel, Trey Jarrel, Gavin Leger, Alex McCready, Terry N. Trawee

### THE AUGUST PRAYER INTENTIONS:

#### Pope Francis

**The Church :** Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**Bishop Glen John Provost** For our students and their teachers, that students devout themselves diligently to their studies and that teachers give good example to students entrusted to their care.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**August 22, 2021**

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"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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## PARISH NEWS

Catechism/PREP starts Wednesday September 15th at 6:00 pm in the church with parent or guardian. Father will hand out the books and give some directions as to what to do about catechizing your children and ongoing formation for parents and children.

## AREA NEWS

### Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season

By The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette  
Written in 1957 following Hurricane Audrey

*O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea.*

*We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seems to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen*

## Question and Answer

### Role of Catholics in Society

**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!

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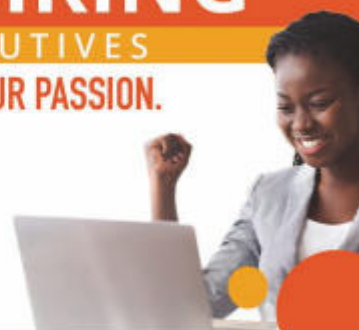
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