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## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \* AUG. 23, 2020

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We the family of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church provide worship, education, ministerial and social opportunities for the Spiritual growth of all.

### Offertory Gifts

In Thanksgiving by E. & H. Thibodaux.

### Lamp I

In Loving Memory of Rose & Leland Hoffmann Sr. by Fly.

### Lamp II

Prayers for a speedy recovery for Ruby Blanchard by St. John Staff.

### Missalettes

In Thanksgiving to all First Responders, Medical Personnel, & Scientist working on finding a vaccine for Covid-19 by a friend

### Bulletins

Prayers for all those of our parish who are ill by a friend.



*Please Pray for those of our parish who are ill.*



**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 23, 2020**

The role of leadership among the People of God is a most important position. In ancient Israel those in office had religious as well as political responsibilities. Today's first reading narrates the transfer of such authority from one man to another. Shebna is identified here as the master of the palace, so he is an important person. Elsewhere he is said to be a scribe, perhaps secretary of state, and Eliakim is master of the palace (Isaiah 36:3, 22; 2 Kings 18:18, 37). This latter passage enables us to conclude that the men probably had exchanged places. However, the exchange appears to have been done forcibly; therefore, honor and shame are involved. Since as master of the palace Shebna had charge of all the goods of the royal household, it is safe to presume some form of mismanagement or even deceit had taken place, and so he was deposed.

The phrase "on that day," usually pointing to the eschatological time in the future, here refers to a moment in the immediate future. However, the flavor of eschatological fulfillment remains: the phrase still suggests a new period of time. Furthermore, since the royal house of David is involved, there are also messianic connotations. Finally, Eliakim is the son of Hilkiyah, the high priest who had found the copy of the Book of the Law, which prompted Josiah's reform of the nation (2 Kings 22:8). The presumption is that the son possesses the same integrity as does the father.

The description of the transfer itself resembles a ritual of investiture. The robe and sash are probably official garb that marks the office. The act of clothing Eliakim in this ceremonial attire symbolizes his being clothed with the authority of his new position. The extent of his authority is remarkable. It goes beyond management of the household. Three metaphors characterize it: father of the people, key to the house, and tent peg. With the father metaphor he is given jurisdiction over all the people of the southern kingdom. The key to the household is a symbol of full authority; not only does this person control the goods of the household, he also decides who comes in and who goes out. Just as a tent peg holds the structure in place, so the one in this position guarantees the stability of the household. Finally, the prestige of this position will bring honor to the house of his father, meaning his entire family.

Even if this passage does not reflect an actual historical occasion, an interpretation held by many commentators, the picture it sketches is significant. The oracle itself promises a person who will provide the order and stability the kingdom of Judah must have needed. If he was not himself a messianic figure, he was needed to ensure that the kingdom that would produce such a figure would survive.

In our Gospel reading Jesus asks the disciples what people are saying about him: Who do they think he is? He applies to himself the messianic apocalyptic title "son of Man." The question is not self-serving. Jesus seeks to discover how his words and actions are being understood by the people, and he is preparing the disciples for their own assessment of him. The answers given to his questions are telling. Some believe he is John the Baptist; others that he is Elijah; still others that he is one of the other prophets. All these religious figures have already died. The people seem to believe that Jesus is a prophetic figure who has come back from the dead.

It is not clear why Jesus should be associated with John the Baptist, since in both their life-styles and their central messages they were so different. The connection may have been made simply because the memory of this exceptional man was fresh in the minds of the people. Many had set their hopes on John, and with his death they transferred them to Jesus. Elijah had been the mysterious prophet whose return would be herald the advent of the reign of God. Since Jesus had launched his ministry with the announcement that the long-awaited reign was now at hand, it is understandable that people would link him with Elijah. In some way all the prophets had looked forward to the coming of this reign, so the people's general reference was not inappropriate. Simon Peter speaks in the name of the others when he proclaims that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the anointed one of God. To this he adds the divine title "Son of the living God."

Jesus promises that the forces of the netherworld will not be able to encircle this church. It is clear this promise is not based on any strength of Peter's. It is solely a gift from Jesus. For his part, Peter will exercise the power of the keys. As we saw in the reading from the prophet Isaiah, controlling the keys is a sign of authority. However, here the symbol of keys refers to a different kind of authority, one that is more judicial or disciplinary than managerial. Peter is given the authority to enforce laws and to exempt from their obligation. This does not suggest that Peter legislates. Rather, he interprets the Law, determining when it should be binding and when not. In a sense, Peter is cast in the role of chief rabbi.

The first reading assures us that God chooses Peter, and others like him, not simply because there is no one else to whom responsibility can be given. On the contrary, God works through those who are weak so there will be no question about the source of any success they may experience. This penchant on God's part prevents us from using our own weakness as an excuse for not committing ourselves to the service of God and others. We are asked to open ourselves to God regardless of our limitations and weaknesses. The rest is in God's hands.

*Fr. Joe, pastor*



## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 23, 2020

### Collection—August 15 & 16

Envelope Coll.....	3118.00
Loose Coll.....	711.10
<b>Total Collection.....</b>	<b>3829.10</b>
Parish Devel.....	290.00
Feast of Assumption.....	525.85
Pandemic coll.....	10.00
Wedding & Funeral.....	450.00
Hall Rent-Voting.....	150.00

### Weekly Mass Schedule

- Monday ———No Mass
- Tuesday—6 pm Mass w/Novena in church
- Wednesday—8 am Mass in church
- Thursday—8 am Mass in church
- Friday—8 am mass in church
- Saturday—4 pm Mass in church
- Sunday—8 am & 11 am Mass in church

### Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Veneration) The Catholic faith states, as a dogma, that **Mary** was assumed into heaven and **is** with Jesus Christ, her divine son. ... The **Queenship of Mary** **is** commemorated in the last of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary—the Coronation of the Virgin as Queen of Heaven and Earth. The Feast Day is Aug. 22.

### Saint Bartholomew

**Saint Bartholomew** lived in the first century AD and was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ. ... **Saint Bartholomew** is credited with many miracles related to the weight of objects. He was martyred in Armenia, being either decapitated or skinned alive. The Feast Day in Aug. 24.

### St. Monica

**Saint Monica** was an early African Christian saint and the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo. She is remembered and honored in the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, albeit on different feast days, for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly the suffering caused by her husband's adultery, and her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son, who wrote extensively of her pious acts and life with her in his *Confessions*. Popular Christian legends recall Saint Monica weeping every night for her son Augustine. The Feast Day is Aug. 27.

### The Passion of St. John the Baptist

St. John the Baptist spoke the truth with great courage in calling others to a true change of heart, and to embrace the ways of God. He did this not only by preaching, but also by example. He fasted in the desert, and prepared the way for Jesus. He had such a great courage, that he wasn't fearful of speaking out about the immoral activities of his day. This was the reasoning that led to his death, but he continued. We can learn a lot from his life. We too, can embrace the ways of God and speak out of the immorality of our day, and with the help of St. John the Baptist, we can prepare the way for Jesus to those around us. The Feast Day is Aug. 29.

### MASSES – AUG. 22—28

World Peace, Poor Souls In Purgatory, Ida R. & Andre E. Bourgeois, Andre M. Bourgeois, Bob Bourgeois Jr., Lydia & Joseph Roger, Ophelia & Marcellain Bourgeois, M/M Theophile Aucoin, Edwina Boudreaux, Adela Clement, Victoria T. & Walter C. Richard, Tyrone Richard, Bob & Bessie Gros, & Deceased Loved Ones, Mary & Elie Guillot & Fly, Andrew, Rita & Gustave & Harry Tabor, Stanley Gravois, Annalie Gravois, Sterling Aysen, Irving Chiasson, For Conversion & Salvation of Souls, For Priest & Religious & Those in Prison, Lee & Eudora Chauvin, Russel & Emelda Benoit, Bernice Morvant, M/M Edward Aucoin, Eulalie Mire, Louis Mire, Hazel Mire, Virginia L. Mire, Louis Benoit, Eula Benoit, Gary Joseph Benoit, Regina Carlos, Larry Joseph Benoit, Louis Thibodaux, Gale Clement Decker, Thomas E. 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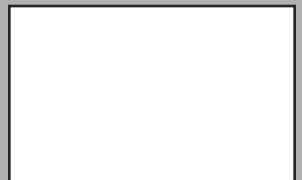


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