

August 23, 2020

St. Ronald Church

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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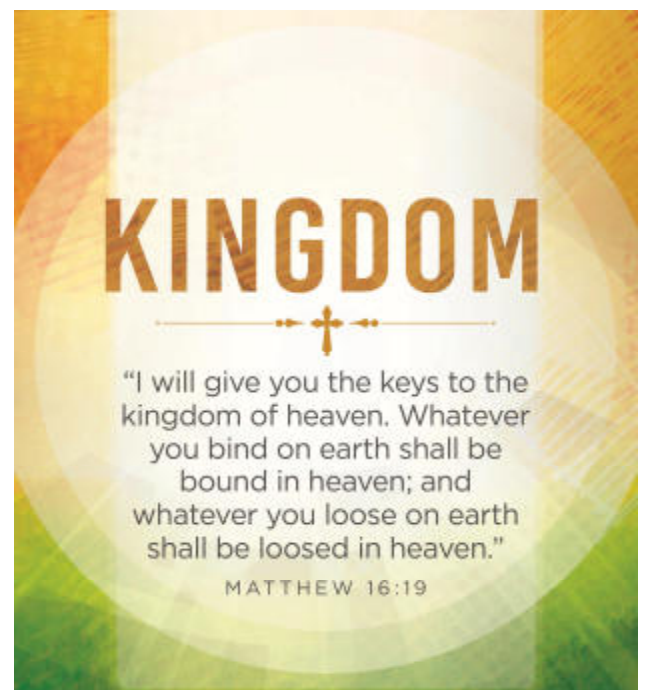
GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical? ©LPi



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God? To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul. ©LPi

Religious Formation News

Kimberly Jacob:

Parish Catechetical Leader & Youth Minister

On the morning of Monday, August 10th I received a text that one of our youth, Angelina Downey, was missing. I immediately started praying and telling everyone I knew to tell everyone they knew to start praying. A prayer vigil was held for Angelina Tuesday night with more than 100 people in attendance. Rosaries with her picture on them were handed out and we prayed a decade of the rosary and prayed that she would be found unharmed. Our prayers were answered on Wednesday afternoon about 3:30pm when she was found unharmed. I know in my heart and soul that the only reason that she was found safe is because of the prayers that were being said in her name. God's hand was truly over her every step of the way for four days! A huge thank you to everyone that prayed for Angelina and to all who attended the prayer vigil! Prayer changes everything.

First Holy Communion:

Some of our students will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion next Sunday, August 30th at the 11:00 Mass. Please keep all the First Communicants in your prayers. I will be touching base with each family the week before their child's big day to go over everything with them.

Middle School Family Formation:

This Tuesday, August 26th at 6:30pm we will be showing the last session of the *Encounter* series in the social hall. A friendly reminder that this is the same video we showed last week, I wanted to give families two different nights to choose from. Please wear your masks when you enter the building. I am looking forward to seeing you! The new school year for middle school starts on Friday, October 9th, get those registration forms in please. We will be studying *Theology of the Body* by Ascension Press.

Religious Formation:

I plan on classes resuming on Tuesday, September 22nd. As I have previously stated if parents do not feel comfortable with sending their child/children to religious formation classes at church they can reach out to me and we can discuss a plan for homeschooling. Obviously, if a family chooses homeschooling, I will certainly be there to assist with lesson plans and ideas to best teach the lessons. Homeschooling will have a reduced fee, so please contact me if homeschooling is the way you want to go.

Youth Ministry:

A meeting for high school is planned for this Wednesday, August 26th from 6:00-8:00PM outside.

Quote of the Week: "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." ~ Proverbs 3:6

As always, any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me by phone at 586-792-1276 or via email at kjacob.stronald@gmail.com

Masses of the Week

Aug 23 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME. As Eliakim is given authority as master of the palace, so does Jesus confer upon Peter authority to bind and loose. To Jesus, who promised to be with his Church for all time, be glory for ever and ever.

Aug 24 Monday Weekday – ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE. Bartholomew, meaning "son of Tolmai", was associated with St. Philip. He was said to have preached the gospel in India and Armenia where, according to tradition, was flayed alive.

Aug 25 Tuesday Weekday – St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest. Louis was a model ruler, father of eleven children and Franciscan tertiary who cared for lepers. While on his second crusade, he died of the plague and is known as patron of masons and sculptors. Calasanz was dedicated to helping poor children. He faced many trials for his work and is patron of all Christian schools.

Aug 26 Wednesday Weekday – Mass of the Day.

Aug 27 Thursday Weekday - St. Monica. Monica, after thirty years of prayer, won the conversion of her dissolute pagan husband under the guidance of Ambrose and the conversion of her son, St. Augustine. She is the patroness of mothers.

Aug 28 Friday St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church. Augustine, after a dissolute life, received baptism at age thirty-three from St. Ambrose and was elected bishop of Hippo. He is considered a founder of monastic life in the West and is one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church, called the "Doctor of Grace."

Aug 29 Saturday The Passion of St. John the baptist. The Lord has chosen the weak to shame the strong. John won for himself the crown of martyrdom by being beheaded.

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.
(Ps 138)



**American
Red Cross**

Those who give at the American Red Cross blood drives can take pride in knowing that your partnership with us makes a positive impact on your local community — and even those far away. Families and communities depend on the Red Cross in times of need; and we depend on the support of partners, like you, to help fulfill the mission of saving lives.

The results of July's blood drive held at St. Ronald's are:

July 27th goal - 41 units
22 whole blood units were collected and 6 Power Reds yielding 11 units
for a total of 33 units!
37 registered, 6 deferrals, 3 first-time donors

Thank you to all who participated at the blood drive as a donor or a volunteer!
Our next blood drive at St. Ronald's is on Monday, October 26, 2020 from 1pm-7pm; please mark your calendar.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Aug 29/30	4:00 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Sacristan	Bill Pantalone	Geri Blaszczyk	Mary Lutz
Ushers	Cindy Neiman Mark Bischoff Phillip Vallelunga	Joe Konopka Dave Anderer Tony Mannino	Jan Chrzan Michelle Toerper Mike Lutz
Lector	Judy Goetz	Lynn Hodell	Joe Kosmala

Pray for our Troops

*Keep our troops and their families
in your prayers.
Also, remember all those who fought
and lost their lives for our freedom.*



Senior Airman Chayse Anderer

Sgt. Veronica Camacho

Dominic DeYonker

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George Revenaugh

LCpl Ryan Ritthaler

1T2 Andrew Severini

LTC. Allison Stewart

LCP Joseph M. Zelek

ST. RONALD MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, AUG 22, 4pm

For Bob Putrycus requested by Friends

For Patricia Putrycus requested by Friends

Sunday, AUG 23, 8:30am

+Benjamin Klaczkiwicz requested by Cheri and Nick Stanziola

For Ann Lanivich requested by Aurora Riss

Sunday, AUG 23, 11am

+Joan Wowrzynski requested by Family

+Walt Frisby requested by Judy

For President Donald Trump

requested by the Families of Raymond and Richard Cook

Tuesday, AUG 25, 9am

+Bill Haas requested by Theresa Haas

Wednesday, AUG 26, 9am

For Bob Putrycus requested by Friends

For Patricia Putrycus requested by Friends

For Children with Special Needs requested by Cindy Nieman

For Souls in Purgatory requested by Cindy Nieman

Thursday, AUG 27, 9am

For the Parishioners of St. Ronald

Friday, AUG 28, 9am

For Olivia Kalbaugh requested by Family

For Bob Putrycus requested by Friends

For Patricia Putrycus requested by Friends

Saturday, AUG 29, 4pm

For Bob Putrycus requested by Friends

For Patricia Putrycus requested by Friends

Sunday, AUG 30, 8:30am

+Mary Witt requested by the St. Ronald Altar Sodality

Sunday, AUG 30, 11am

For President Donald Trump

requested by the Families of Raymond and Richard Cook

Pray for our Sick

Dave Anderer

Robert Barner

Barrington Boys

Barb Bell

Barb Bennett

Chemille Bennett

Fred Bennett

Brian Billiet

Mark Bischoff

Kathy Boertmann

Michael Bolter

Dolores

Braekevelt

James Cichocki

William Cichocki

Anna DelVillano

Carol Goyette

Chris Kleist

Richard

Kowalewski

Rosie Loudermilk

Walter Loudermilk

Sheila Romines-

Majewski

Carol Matson

Barbara McDevitt

Anthony Mentz

Jacob Michael

Sharon Packus

Susan Pleiness

Rance Russo

Jerry Schmidt

Covy Smith

Mike Sova

Mary Spear

Susan Walker

Scripture of the Week

Readings for the week of August 23, 2020

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/

Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and

17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/
Mt 16:21-27

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