

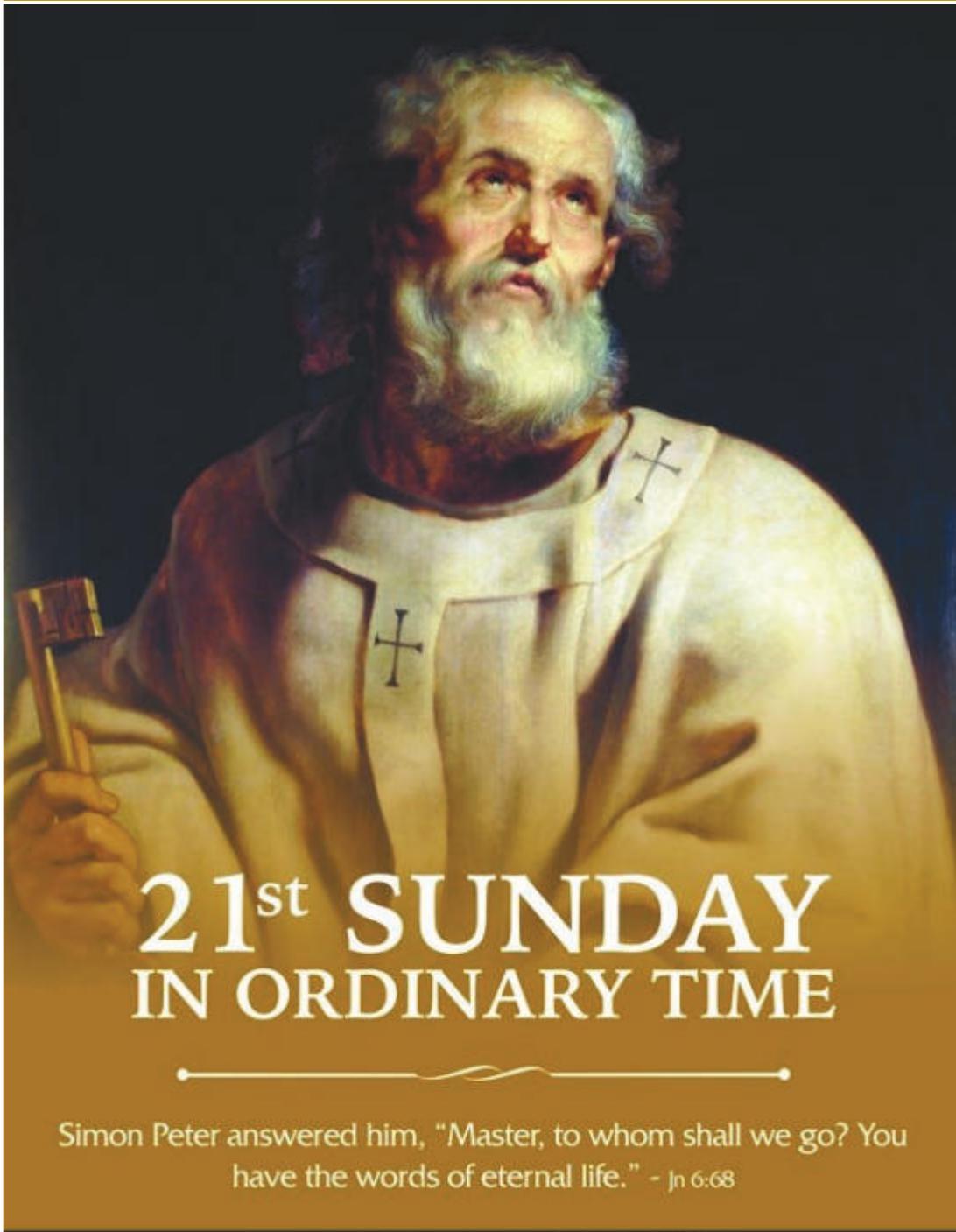


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THE ARCHANGEL**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Sunday,  
August 22, 2021**



## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### MASS TIMES

#### Daily Mass

Monday-Friday  
9:00 am

#### Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm

#### Sunday Masses

8:00 am & 10:00 am

### RECONCILIATION

#### Saturday

3:00 pm—3:30 pm

### ADORATION

#### Tuesday

9:30 am—3:00 pm  
Livestreamed

### HOLY ROSARY

#### Monday—Friday

9:30 am

#### Thursday

Livestreamed

### CHURCH HOURS

#### Monday-Thursday

8:00 am—4:00 pm

#### Friday

8:00 am—Noon

### OFFICE HOURS

#### Monday-Thursday

8:00 am—4:00 pm

#### Friday

8:00 am—Noon

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## WELCOME FROM OUR PASTOR

Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church on beautiful Siesta Key!

Whether you are a full-time parishioner, seasonal resident, or just visiting us for a short time, you are very welcome to our glorious faith community.

St. Michael's parish has been serving the Siesta Key community for over 60 years. What started as a Mission Church serving just 40 local Catholic families has grown exponentially over the decades. This growth correlates to Siesta Key's rise in popularity as a tourist destination due to its consistent ranking as one of the top beaches in the nation.

Today an estimated 400,000 Catholics visit Siesta Key each year, and our parish is now ministering to the faithful from all over the world. We have also become a popular place for not only "Destination Weddings" but also "Destination Baptisms", and other family events.

Feel free to visit our website for more information on our parish ([stmichaelsiesta.com](http://stmichaelsiesta.com)), download our mobile app (instructions on website), follow us on social media or view our Masses via Live Stream through our YouTube channel.

We are blessed to have you with us.



Fr. Michael Cannon  
Pastor



# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## WEEKLY COLLECTION (AUG 14-15)

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$2,943</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$77</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>	<b>\$46</b>
<b>Assumption of Mary</b>	<b>\$668</b>

### ONLINE GIVING

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(link can be found on the home page of the parish website)

2) Select: Give once or recurring.

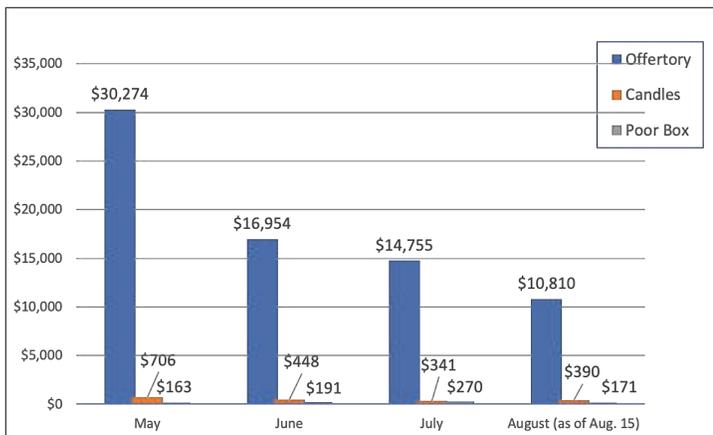
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### WEEKLY OVERVIEW



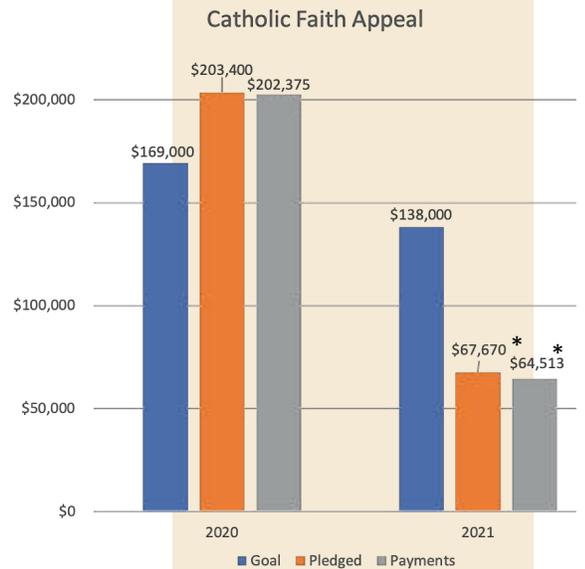
### MONTHLY OVERVIEW



## CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

CFA	2020	2021
Goal	\$169,000	\$138,000
Pledged	\$203,400	\$67,670
Payments	\$202,375	\$64,513*
% of Goal	120.36%	49.04%*

\* as of August 12, 2021



\* as of August 12, 2021



### CFA

To make a gift, visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/> or complete a pledge envelope located at the back of the church, and submit it either to the Parish office or in the offertory basket.



**DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA**  
*OFFICE OF THE BISHOP*

August 17, 2021

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On August 14, 2021, an earthquake of magnitude 7.2 hit the southwestern region of Haiti. This earthquake was stronger than even the devastating earthquake that hit Port-au-Prince in 2010. Though the full extent of the damage is yet unknown, over 1,400 people have lost their lives, those injured is now estimated at over 6,000 and thousands of buildings, including homes and Churches, are destroyed. This has been complicated by heavy rains and flooding.

Our Catholic Faith calls each of us to care for those in need, and, at this time in particular, for those who are suffering in the wake of this terrible tragedy. Recognizing the need of those who have been so severely impacted by the earthquake, I am asking Pastors and Administrators throughout the Diocese of Venice to take up a second collection on the weekend of August 21-22, which will be sent to assist in recovery.

Your generosity and your prayers for the people of Haiti are deeply appreciated. If you are not prepared when the collection is taken, donations may be sent with a check marked "Diocese of Venice Haitian Relief" to:

Diocese of Venice in Florida  
Haitian Relief  
1000 Pinebrook Road  
Venice, Florida 34285

May Almighty God bless you and your families. Please continue to pray for all who are suffering in Haiti.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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+ Frank J. Dewane  
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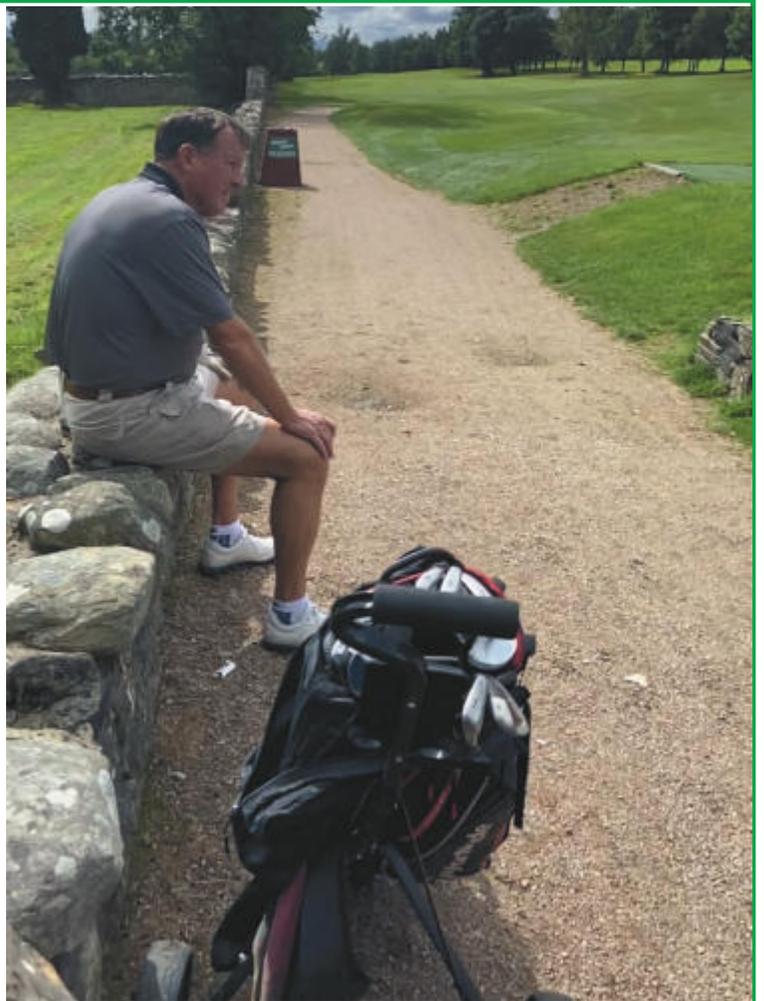
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Greetings From

# The Emerald Isle



A day of golf



After 12 holes feeling my age!



Dad and brother Brian enjoying coffee at my nephew's coffee stand



Photo taken from nephew's new home

## GOSPEL MEDITATION 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 luke-

warm 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. ©LPi



***Be Blessed and Encouraged*** at our next Magnificat breakfast for women, **Saturday, October 2, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM** at the Holiday Inn Airport, Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. Our guest speaker is Peg Mengle, a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Community.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Peg and her husband Bob were married for one year before moving to Fort Myers, Florida in 1976.

They became active members of St. Cecilia’s Catholic Community Peg volunteered for several years in the parish office, was hired part time, then worked full time as Parish Administrative Assistant. She retired in 2017, but has not retired from growing and being involved in her faith. Since 2014, she has served as Treasurer for the Mother of Mercy Fort Myers Chapter of Magnificat.

At a Charismatic Mass in Philadelphia, Peg encountered the love of God in the first of several miraculous healings that changed her faith and trust in Him for the rest of her life. God the Father became real to her, as she experienced his great love, healing, and mercy. Peg believes that God has done great things for her because of His desire to alleviate suffering and make us whole, but also because of her willingness to share these healings with others; to proclaim his love and healing power.

*The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His Name. Lk. 1:49*

**Seating is limited. No walk-ins or payment at the door! Advanced registration ONLY.**

Please send a \$23 check, payable to *Magnificat Fort Myers*, to Margaret Mengle, 5017 Westminster Dr., Fort Myers, FL. 33919 (239-826-7475). **Your mail request must be postmarked by September 22**, or make reservations online at <https://magnificatfortmyers.com/order-tickets/>.

## 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

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### What is the Role of Catholics in Society?

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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# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B

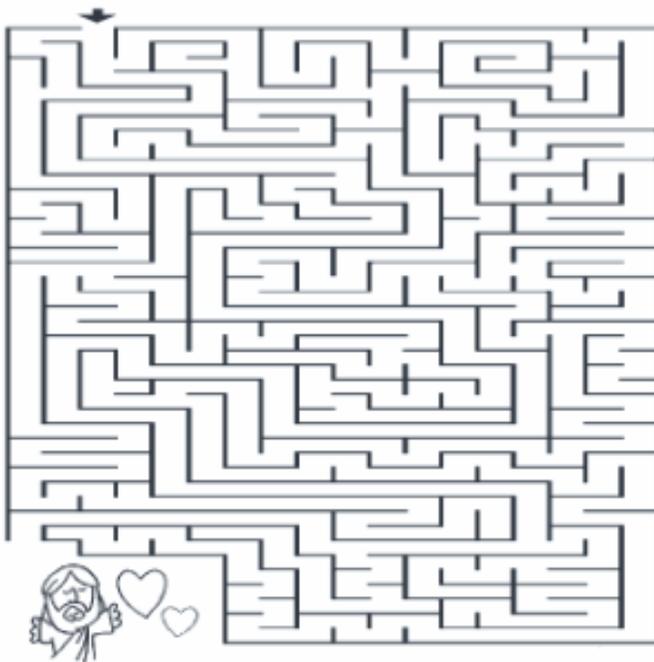
## PUZZLE

Draw a picture of your friend Jesus.



## PUZZLE

Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



## MISSION

Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



# MINISTRY MESSAGE BOARD

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Several of the parish ministries are looking for volunteers to assist with various tasks. If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact the parish office at 941-349-4174 to sign up for a ministry assignment.

Thank you to all our volunteers who give of their time freely to make our parish such a loving and welcoming community.

Ministries Needing Volunteers:

- ⇒ A/V Operations
- ⇒ Eucharistic Adorers
- ⇒ Eucharistic Ministers
- ⇒ Greeters
- ⇒ Lectors
- ⇒ Photography
- ⇒ Prayer Shawl
- ⇒ Ushers



## The Best Movie Now Playing

If you want to see a fantastic, uplifting short film, tune in on Tuesday nights to the Capital Campaign Zoom Meetings with Fr. Michael and Jim Holt for an update on the new Ministry Center.

The layout for the commercial kitchen and the social area anticipate many memorable events for our community and our parish. The sketches of the cloister, complete with statuary will take your breath away.

Our next Zoom briefing:

**Tuesday, August 24th—7:00pm**

The link to join via Zoom will be sent out via Flocknotes and will be listed on the parish website.

## St. Michael the Archangel Parish



If you have a special prayer request for yourself or a loved one, please reach out to the parish prayer line and allow our 82-member prayer team to pray for your intentions.

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. - 1 John 5:1*

Call Anna DeFelice at 941-378-9944 or email [adefelice@comcast.net](mailto:adefelice@comcast.net)

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## Eucharistic Adorers Needed

We continue to have a need for Eucharistic Adorers every Tuesday, especially 10am - 1pm. Can you spare an hour for the Lord?

*Please note that during the renovations, Adoration will be held in the conference room inside the Parish office red side door.*

For questions or to sign up for a specific time, contact Karen O'Neal at 216-990-2912.



# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

### Monday, August 23

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

*St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*

### Tuesday, August 24

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

*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

### Wednesday, August 25

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

*St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

### Thursday, August 26

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

### Friday, August 27

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

*St. Monica*

### Saturday, August 28

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

*St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

### Sunday, August 29

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, August 23

9:00 am +LILLY MUHLBACH by Mercurio Family  
+TOM HIGGINS by Brenda Higgins

### Tuesday, August 24

9:00 am LISA COOK BALL & PAUL ANDRASCIOK by Children of  
*Happy Birthday!* Cook Family

### Wednesday, August 25

9:00 am +TULA COLMENARES by Family  
+TOMAS CONTRERAS by Family

### Thursday, August 26

9:00 am +TETINA SHAY by Michael & Maria Shay

### Friday, August 27

9:00 am JOANN HEITMAN

### Saturday, August 28

4:00 pm +JOSE SOTO CINTRON by Denis & Maureen Keyes  
+RICK KACZANKO by Eileen Ishmael

### Sunday, August 29

8:00 am +MARIA SORANNO by Michael & Maria Shay  
10:00 am ST. MICHAEL'S PARISHIONERS



The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of

**Tetina Shay**

By Michael & Maria Shay

The Flowers this week are in memory of

**St. Michael's Parishioners**



### Mass Celebrants (subject to change)

Sat. Aug 28, 4:00pm: Fr. Greg Nevlud  
Sun. Aug 29, 8:00am: Fr. Mike Guarino  
Sun. Aug 29, 10:00am: Fr. Michael Cannon

### View Mass on Television

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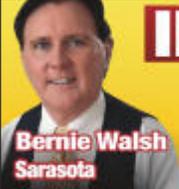
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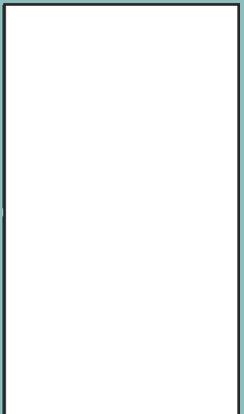
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