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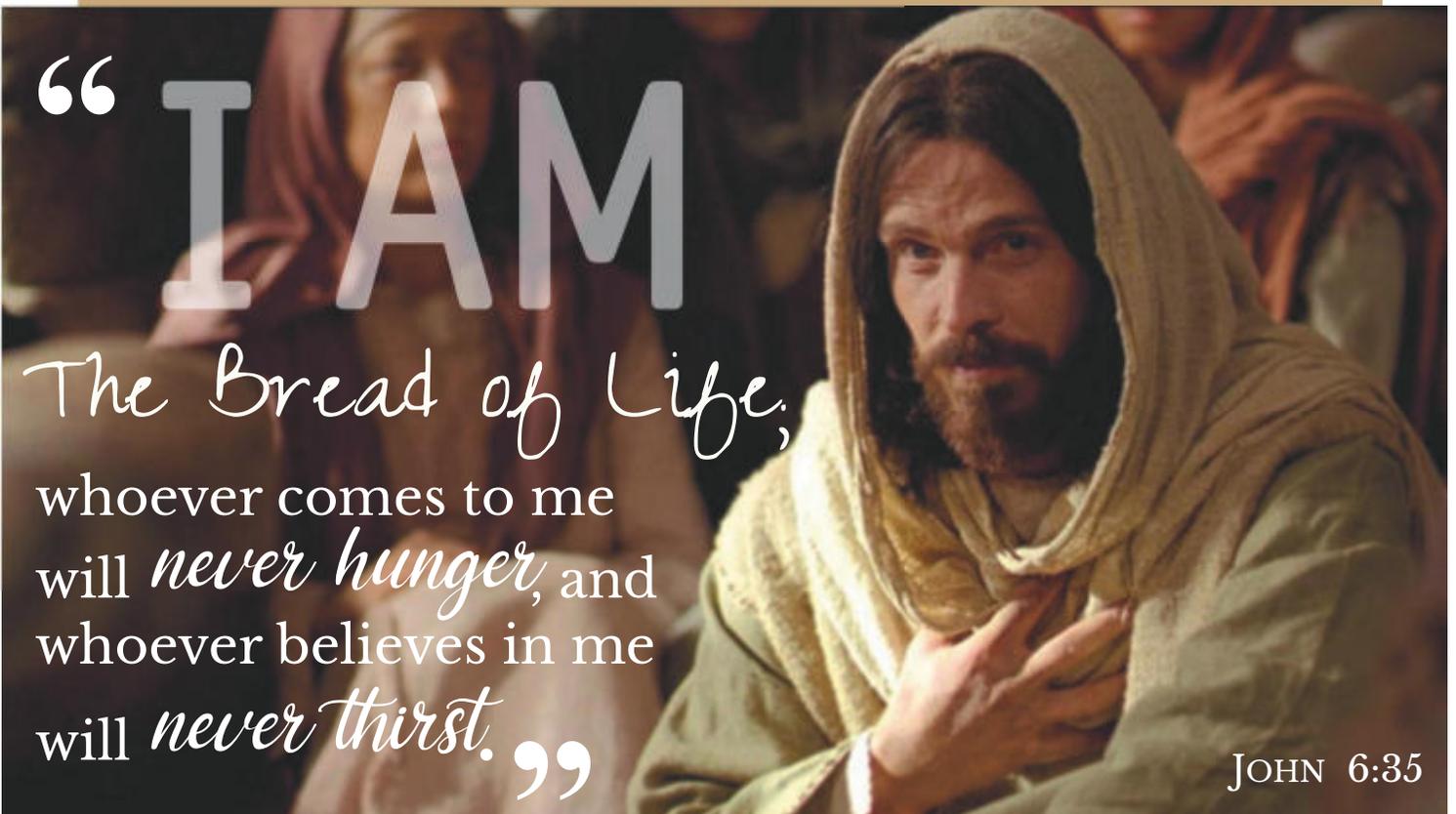
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life, pray for us

August 1, 2021 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



JOHN 6:35

**Mass Weekdays:**  
Monday—Saturday  
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**Mass Weekends:**  
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Sunday  
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# Mass Intentions and Weekly Readings

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, July 31

4:00 p.m. Amanda Strmensky †

### Sunday, August 1

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased  
Members of St. Anthony  
the Abbot Parish  
10:00 a.m. Dinis Chaves †  
11:30 a.m. Melissa Tipton

### Monday, August 2

8:00 a.m. Dan Early

### Tuesday, August 3

8:00 a.m. Elsa Valladares & Family †

### Wednesday, August 4

8:00 a.m. Ryan Sumner †

### Thursday, August 5

8:00 a.m. Robert Vron dran †

### Friday, August 6

8:00 a.m. Edna McDonald †

### Saturday, August 7

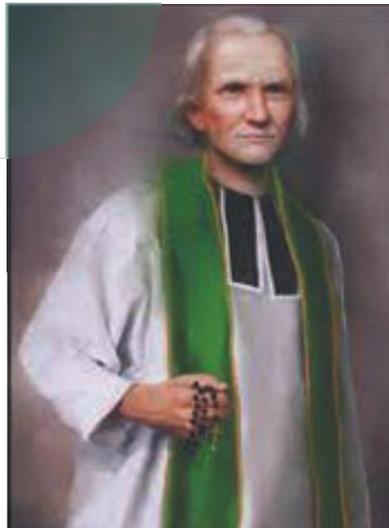
8:00 a.m. Kathy Cornacchia †  
4:00 p.m. Douglas Fox †

### Sunday, August 8

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased  
Members of St. Anthony  
the Abbot Parish  
10:00 a.m. Ellsworth W. & Bruce Thomas †  
11:30 a.m. Edith Haber †

## Saint John Vianney

DATES: 1786-1853 FEAST DAY— AUGUST 4



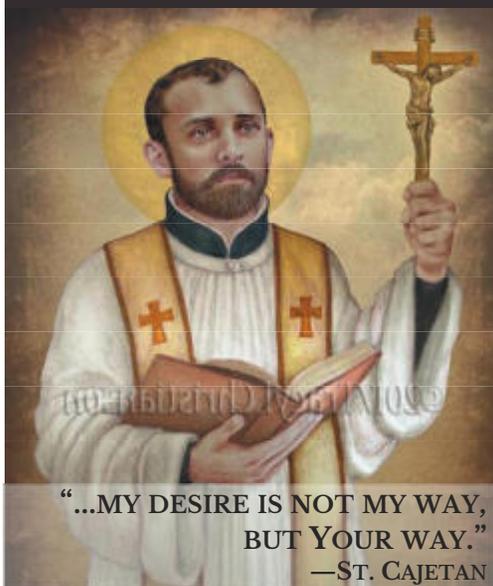
“  
The Saints did not  
all begin well  
but they  
ended well.”

—St. John Vianney

**B**orn near Lyon, France, this farmer's son studied for the priesthood for many years, and eventually was ordained for his devoutness and good will than for other qualities. But, he became a model parish priest in Arsen-Dombes, where he served for 40 years,

he was devoted to his parishioners, and became famous for rigorous preaching and insights in the confessional. The Cure of Ars, as he was known, spent up to 18 hours a day hearing the confessions of pilgrims who sought him out. He is the patron of parish priests.

## SAINT CAJETAN, PRIEST 1480-1547 FEAST DAY AUGUST 7



“...MY DESIRE IS NOT MY WAY,  
BUT YOUR WAY.”  
—ST. CAJETAN

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## Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

### Sunday, August 1, Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

### Monday, August 2, Weekday

[Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest]  
Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday, August 3, Weekday

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday, August 4, Memorial of Saint John Vianney,

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28

### Thursday, August 5, Weekday

[The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major]  
Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 16:13-23

### Friday, August 6, Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; Mk 9:2-10

### Saturday, August 7, Weekday

[Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest; BVM]  
Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20

### Sunday, August 8, Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30—5:2; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 6:41-51

## Weekly Message from Fr. Pecchie



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week Jesus performed the multiplication of the loaves, and all the people who witnessed the amazing miracle wanted to make Jesus king. Making Jesus king was the same thing as asking him to lead them in a revolution against the Roman Empire. The Israelites at that period in their history didn't have their own kingdom. They were an

occupied territory, ruled by a Roman delegate, who gave them only very limited powers of self-determination. And the massive crowd of would-be revolutionaries was so convinced that Jesus was the perfect revolutionary leader that they followed him across the Sea of Galilee after he sneaked away in the middle of the night. They finally catch up to him, gather around him, and acclaim him once again. He is surrounded by this huge, adoring crowd of people willing to follow him to the death if only he will agree to be their king, to bring them political freedom and prosperity.

But Jesus didn't come to earth in order to spark a political revolution. He had a much bigger agenda, and so do his followers. He tries to explain this to them. He says: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." True Christians, in other words, understand that real fulfillment comes from more than just making a living; it comes from making a life.

Many of our Lord's most famous sayings taught the same lesson: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Matt 5:4), for example, and "seek first the Kingdom of God" (Matt 6:33), and what does a man gain if he wins the whole world but loses his soul?" (Matt 16:26). Our life on earth is preparation from something greater; our citizenship is in heaven, and here on earth, as the Letter to the Hebrews puts it, "We have no lasting city" (Hebrews 13:14).

We all remember Ebenezer Scrooge, the famous protagonist of Charles Dickens's masterpiece, *A Christmas Carol*. Scrooge had a very clear goal in life: making money. And as the richest man in the city, he achieved his goal. He made a very good living, but he had a miserable life. The human heart is made for greater things than wealth, prosperity, and pleasure. It is made to love God and love one's neighbor, and that's where true, everlasting happiness comes from.

As soon as Scrooge started to put his wealth at the service of Christian love, he remembered how to smile. Scrooge is a fictional character, but the history of the Church boasts of a few saints who truly made that same discovery.

St. Thomas Becket is one of them. He lived in England in the 1200s. He was best friends with King Henry II; they both were selfish, self-indulgent, and power hungry. They drank together, debauched together, and plotted together. Then King Henry got the idea of appointing

Becket to be the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Henry thought that having his best friend occupy the highest Church position in the land would give him a chance to control the Church and squeeze money out of it.

But when Thomas Becket was ordained, God's grace touched his heart, and he began to see the folly of living just for earthly goals. He sold his considerable property and gave the money to the poor, stopped his loose living, and dedicated himself to serving Christ and the Church with all his energy and talent. The King wasn't pleased, and ended up having his former best friend murdered during Mass in the Cathedral. Becket traded in temporary earthly glory for a martyr's eternal crown - and you can rest assured that he has no regrets.

It is certainly no sin to desire and to work for happiness here on earth, as long as we have the right expectations. Jesus is very clear in telling us that the complete fulfillment and permanent satisfaction that our hearts long for will never be found here on earth.

All the pains and pleasures of this world, all the accomplishments and achievements that look good on a college application or a résumé - these are all passing things. We were made for greater things, for eternal life with God in heaven. Here is how Pope Benedict explained it just days before he was elected Pope: "All people desire to leave a lasting mark. But what endures? Money does not. Even buildings do not, nor books. After a certain time, longer or shorter, all these things disappear. The only thing that lasts forever is the human soul, the human person created by God for eternity."

It is a healthy thing for us to ask ourselves where we are looking for our true happiness: from the satisfactions of this world, or from our everlasting friendship with Jesus Christ? One thermometer for this aspect of our spiritual lives is our use of entertainment.

People banking on perfect happiness in this passing world often give top priority to entertainment. They tend to live for the weekend, to live for vacation. They tend to spend all their free time indulging in their favorite hobby. They tend to become easily upset if something prevents them from watching the game or seeing their favorite TV show. But people who are truly working for "food that endures" are more balanced in their use of entertainment.

They more easily recognize that the purpose of entertainment is to help us relax and re-create, restoring our energies so that we can keep on striving to fulfill our life mission. They don't live for the weekends, they use the weekends to help them live life more fully. Let us ask him to help us renew our commitment to him, so that while we continue working for a living this coming week, we don't lose sight of what it's really all about.

*Oremus pro Invicem*  
*Fr. Pecchie*



## Ministry Information

### Pastor's Class



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St. Anthony the Abbot Family ministry meets on Fridays beginning at 8:00 a.m. Mass. We are a support group for the family while helping each other build our domestic church. For more information call: **Katheryn (352) 345-0934** or **Serena (352) 277-6579**.



### Are You Interested in Inquiring About The Catholic Faith?

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**Sessions are held from September through May** and include an in-depth study of THE CREED: WHAT WE BELIEVE. We always welcome and encourage you, or others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions about the Church.

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- Returning Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while

**Place completed form in the collection box or bring to the parish office.**

For more information, you may call Michele in the Parish Office at (352) 796-2096, ext. 108.

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**All women invited!!**

Join Fr. Pecchie for

### Wine and the Word

Come and fellowship with Fr. Pecchie and other women while learning about your faith and grow closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ. Every **3rd Thursday** of the month at **7:00 p.m. at the Fire Pit**.

### Help Is Available for Catholic School Tuition



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## Ministry Information



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# The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

*WHAT IS THIS FEAST ALL ABOUT?*



In Year B, the reading for the Transfiguration comes from Mark's gospel. (The Transfiguration also appears in the other two synoptic gospels, Matthew and Luke.) In Mark, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, apart from the other apostles and disciples.

There, Jesus is transfigured (changed in form and appearance) and appears in dazzling white clothes. Elijah, the great prophet, and Moses, through whom the Israelites were given the law, appear with Jesus. A cloud appears, overshadowing them, and a voice states, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Jesus charges the three to not share with anyone what they had seen "except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead." They keep their experience to themselves, pondering what Jesus meant by rising from the dead.

How are we to understand the Transfiguration? The story of the Transfig-

uration is also proclaimed on the second Sunday of Lent—a key part of Jesus' journey towards the Cross. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* draws parallels between Jesus' Baptism and the Transfiguration. Jesus is baptized at the start of his public ministry. His baptism proclaims the mystery of our first regeneration—we die and rise again with Christ. The "Transfiguration 'is the sacrament of the second regeneration': our own Resurrection (St. Thomas Aquinas, *STh* III, 45, 4, ad 2). From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body (Phil 3:21)'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 556). During the Prayer after Communion, we pray that God might "transform us into the likeness of your [his] Son, / whose radiant

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For particular help you may call: **Michael Craig, Safe Environment Program Manager at (727) 344-1611, ext. 5377.**

Source: "Know the Rules . . . After-School Safety Tips for Children Who Are Home Alone," [www.kidsafe.com](http://www.kidsafe.com).

splendor you willed to make manifest / in his glorious Transfiguration." The Collect, or opening prayer, tells us that the mystery of the Transfiguration "prefigures our full adoption to sonship." The Transfiguration, initially revealed to Peter, James, and John, reveals to all of us a taste of what is yet to come.



The Transfiguration is the fourth of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Spend time praying the luminous mysteries at home today:

<http://www.usccb.org/prayerand-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/fourth-luminous-mystery-the-transfiguration.cfm>

*This article is an original piece written specifically for Catholic Current.*

## Information

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, August 1, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass  
10:00 a.m. Mass  
11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass  
Coffee and Donuts after all Masses

#### Monday, August 2, Weekday [Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest]

8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Novena after Mass

#### Tuesday, August 3, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass  
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#### Wednesday, August 4, Memorial of Saint John Vianney,

8:00 a.m. Mass  
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#### Thursday, August 5, Weekday [The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major]

8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Novena after Mass

#### Friday, August 6, Feast of The Transfig- uration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### Saturday, August 7, Weekday [Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest; BVM]

8:00 a.m. Mass  
10–11 a.m. Reconciliation  
11:00 a.m. Spanish Legion of Mary  
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4:00 p.m. Mass  
5:30 p.m. High School Youth Event

#### Sunday, August 8, Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass  
10:00 a.m. Mass  
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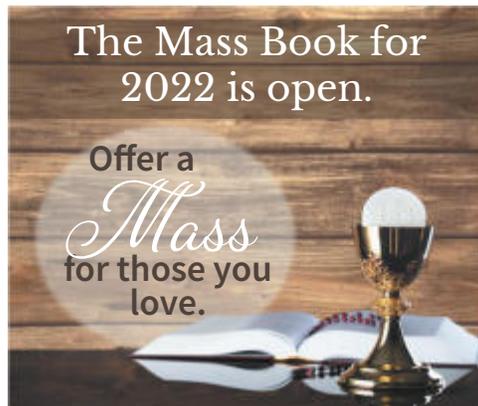
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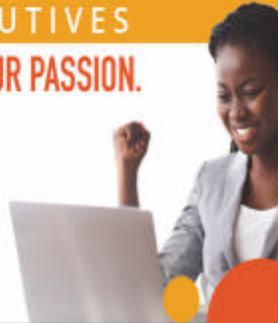
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