21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MOBRIDGE, SD

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Meditation for the 21st Sunday "For from him and through him and for him all things are. To him be glory forever. Amen."

The most important question in life is: "Who do you say" Jesus is? If we confess with our lips that Jesus is the Messiah, Lord, and Son of God and if we live for Jesus and not for ourselves, we will be saved from death, self-deception, slavery, damnation, and hell, and we will be saved for freedom, purity, holiness, love, peace, joy, and eternal life.

Moreover, when we accept the grace to have faith in Jesus and to live for him, Jesus reveals his Church to us. He likewise calls us to love the Church, even by laying down our lives for her.

Have you accepted Jesus on his terms? Have you been crucified with Christ? Is the life that you're living no longer your own? Have you lost your life for Jesus? Do you merely go to church, or are you "churched" by Jesus' standards?

"How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How inscrutable his judgments, how unsearchable his ways!" Enter into the mystery of Trinitarian, eternal love. Give your life totally to Jesus and his Church now. Prayer: Father, reveal Jesus to me in ever deeper ways.

Many of you have seen the video the Bishop has put out on COVID-19 or read his letter. Bishop is reminding us that attendance at Sunday Mass is essential for the wellbeing of us all. The general dispensation will be lifted and the Sunday obligation restored for all the faithful except those at increased risk of serious illness and those responsible for their care. The Bishop is also reminding us that persons with symptoms of any illness are asked to stay home. We are to continue to social distance for safety and practice good hygiene.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Mon. Aug. 24, 8:00 am Altar Society [Rdr: JoAnn] Tue. Aug. 25, 5:30 pm *†*Helen Reiss [Rdr: Ida] Wed. Aug. 26, 8:00 am *†*Dick Leonard [Rdr: Loretta] Thursday Fr. Bill's Sabbath day away Fri. Aug. 28, 8:00 am *†*Keith Lesmeister [Rdr: Audrey] Sat. Aug. 29, 5:30 pm *†*Virgil Binfet [Rdr: <u>Sharon</u>] Sat. Aug. 29, 7:30 pm People of the Parish [Rdr: Barb] Sun. Aug. 30, 8:00 am †Quintine Mertz [Rdr: <u>Leo</u>] Sun. Aug. 30, 10:00 am **†**John Schaefbauer [Rdr: J.J. Beadle]

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Donna Sherwood, Carol Collignon, Tom Holzer, Steve Schatz, Luella Bosch, Mary Fredricksen, Marge Mertz, Larry Schaefbauer, Bill Klucas, Bob Lipp, Maria Procida, Dan Sherrill, Carol Slaughter, Rachel Hoisington, Carson Keller, Bob Zerr, Leo Holzer, Marchell Phillips, Kenny Holzer, Lolis Linde, Pat Laintz, Jack Perman, LaVonne Dietrich, Jim Krause, Chad Uchytil, Colleen Froseth, Sharon Neuharth, Dr. Mike Holland, Marilyn Bohlander, Nehemiah Bauer, Laura Goldade, Alyssa Keller, Mark Nordstrom, Doug Orth, Bobby Zerr, Lisa Anderson, Mark Weigel, Jeff Pfeifle.

Deepest sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the soul

of Gerard Simon, brother of former pastor Fr. Brian Simon. Please pray for his family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. Fr. Simon's current address is Sacred Heart Parish, PO Box 15, Eden, SD 57232.

Fall CRE Update: With uncertainty still a part of our daily lives and peoples' comfortability still on many levels we will be delaying the start of CRE classes. However, we will be working with students for first sacraments and starting a Confirmation class. More details as things are developed. Please pray daily for the Spirit's lead as we plan for these fall Faith Formation programs.

Mass Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm: Beginning this weekend, an additional Mass at will be held at 7:30 pm. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, an Usher a Lector, or Rosary leaders, please let Andree know if you would be able to help at the 7:30 pm Mass.

Liturgy Volunteers: We will be making a schedule of volunteers for these positions at the weekend Masses: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, and Rosary Leaders. Please let Andree know if you plan to be away in September. The deadline to let us know is this Wednesday, August 26.

The Catholic Church, Why Does It Matter? "Catholic Conversations" Presented by Dr. Chris Burgwald will be held in our Parish. We are living in uncertain and difficult times. Now, more than ever, we need the Gospel and the grace of Jesus Christ to carry us. Come see where Jesus is most present to us, and rediscover the power of Jesus in the Eucharist. Join us in person or via livestream Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 pm, St. Joseph, Mobridge. www.sfcatholic.org/conversations

A Day of Eucharistic Adoration: This Friday, August 28, 8:30 am to Benediction at 8:15 pm. Mass at 8:00 am. Please sign up at the main entrance to the Church. Confessions at 7:45 to 8:00 pm.

Baptism Preparation: If you are planning to have your baby baptized within the next two months, please notify us this week by calling the parish office at 845-2100.



Secretary: Andrée Marshall 845-2100

August 23, 2020

<u>Many Gracious Thanks</u> to a couple of people who have stepped forward to help clean particular areas of the church in addition to our regular volunteers. Still seeking help as the Lord's house is large. If you would like to help, please call Evie Pleinis at 845-7618.

Family Rosary: Please join us at 5:00 pm on Thursdays to pray the Rosary in the church. The rosary is a powerful prayer in this time of pandemic. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Looking for deeper formation? Dr. Chris Burgwald created Equip just for you in tandem with Bishop DeGrood's focus on forming lifelong missionary disciples. Equip is a free threeyear process that forms lay men and women as missionary disciples, empowering them to deepen their own faith in Jesus Christ and to share him and his teachings with others. Areas of formation include intellectual, spiritual, human, and apostolic with an emphasis on Sacred Scripture, the Catechism, Church History, and Evangelization. If you yearn to take your faith to the next level, you are invited to apply for Equip. Applications are due by September 15. Get all the details at sfcatholic.org/equip. Possible carpooling available.

Treasure Hut 1/2 Price Sale (Hoven): This Monday-

Saturday, August 24-29, 9 am – 4 pm. Shop and be registered

<u>SATURDAY, August 29 - 5:30 pm</u> ROSARY: Ida Holzer LECTOR: Sharon Miklos EEM: Theresa Schneider USHERS: Dan Roesler, Dan Holzer, Mark Hammer GREETERS: Dan & Marcy Roesler SATURDAY, August 29 - 7:30 pm **ROSARY:** Volunteer needed LECTOR: Barb Overland EEM: JoAnn Omafray USHERS: Volunteers needed **GREETERS**: Volunteers needed SUNDAY, August 30- 8:00 am ROSARY: Marilyn Anderson LECTOR: Leo Vojta EEM: Andree Marshall USHERS: Del Marshall, Jake Selzler, Ron Roesler GREETERS: JoAnn Omafray SUNDAY, August 30 - 10:00 am ROSARY: Loretta Leonard LECTORS: J.J. Beadle EEM: Dan Heil

Liturgy Volunteer Schedule

USHERS: Joe Beadle, LeRoy Trautman, Derik B. GREETERS: LeRoy & Joanne Trautman

for a chance at one of two \$25 gift certificates to the Treasure Hut! For each \$10 purchase, your name will be put in for a drawing to be held on August 29, the last day of the ½ price sale!

Broom Tree Silent Retreats: Men's: Sept 24-27, Oct 15-18. The fall beckons you to come closer to Jesus.

<u>The Abbey of the Hills upcoming Retreats</u>: If you could use some extra prayer time and a chance to enjoy a drive to a beautiful, peaceful area, this may be for you! August 28-30: Women's Silent Retreat – "Discovering the Heart of the Father" More info and registration at www.abbeyofthehills.org/ Rediscover Peace.

<u>Men, this is for you!</u> Inviting all men to the Catholic Men's Conference in Aberdeen, on Saturday September 19. "Be Transformed" by the renewal of your mind and become the man God created you to be. Men are the key to healthy and holy families. This conference will help men understand not only their responsibility but their ability to influence and lead their family on the path of salvation. Tickets can be purchased at mission-blueprint.org/mission-id. Sponsored by Mission Blueprint.

Bishop's Charity Hunt: The 25th Annual "Bishop's Charity Hunt" Monday and Tuesday, September 21-22 at Horseshoe K Ranch, Kimball, SD. All proceeds benefit the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry in our diocese. To register, call 605-988-3765 or visit <u>www.ccfesd.org</u>.

The destruction of innocent human life, nowhere occurring more frequently than in abortion, are sins against God. To re-define marriage, abandon law and order, erase borders, allow violent criminals to run free in our communities, and make the US Court system unrecognizable, will harm all of us and our posterity. Prayers of reparation are urgently needed. Please join people across our nation in doing so.

The Passion of St. John the Baptist (Sept. 29): *"It is not right for you to live with your brother's wife."* (Mark 6:18) St. John the Baptizer called a sin a sin, a lie a lie, and adultery adultery. In a permissive, promiscuous society, where prime time TV is prime porn, it is not fashionable to speak of purity and sexual sin. Nowadays, if people are not aborting their children or spreading sexually transmitted diseases in "one-night stands," we almost consider them "virtuous," compared to others. Even the strictest have usually compromised their moral standards. If Grandma saw what is going on now, even in Christian circles, she wouldn't believe it.

Let's make a stand for sexual purity. "Stand up and tell them all I command you". As with John the Baptist, the secular culture will arrest and even attempt to kill us, but it will not conquer us. "They will fight against you, but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you,' says the Lord". The Lord says: "It is I this day who have made you a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole land".



There will be a day when no Christians watch filth and turn their bodies, God's temples, into garbage cans. There will be a day when all brides and grooms refuse to have sex before their wedding night. There will be a day when women can live without fear of rape. There will be a day when sexually transmitted diseases will be eradicated because of purity. Join the purity revolution today.