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St. Vincent de Paul Ministry:

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870-316-0229

Motherhood Ministry:

324 W. Huntington Avenue
Wednesday 9:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

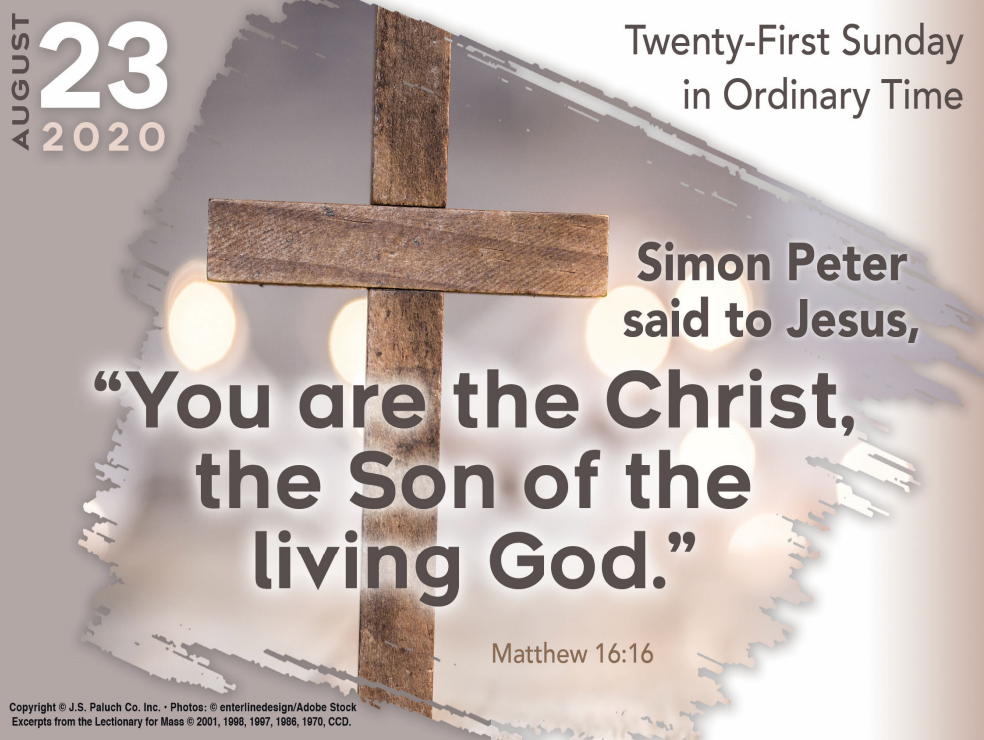
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BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST
23
2020

Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Simon Peter
said to Jesus,
“You are the Christ,
the Son of the
living God.”

Matthew 16:16

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870-520-8331

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 24 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving
by Sarah Nonis

Tuesday, August 25 - Public Mass
5:30 p.m. Vicente Jose Jocson and Teresa Teel †
by Tyson Teel

Wednesday, August 26 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Tommy Craft (Anniv.) †

Thursday, August 27 - Public Mass
5:30 p.m. Doris Fitzgerald †
by The GG Bible Study

Friday, August 28 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Mary Thelemier †

Saturday, August 29 - Public Mass
Public & Livestreamed Mass †
5:30 p.m. Teresa Schneider †
by Lawrence Schneider

Sunday, August 30- Public Mass †
8:00 a.m. George & Lola Norfleet †
by Ruth & Don Throesch †
10:00 a.m. Rebecca Cardenas †
by The Cardenas Family †
Public & Livestreamed Mass †
12:00 p.m. Mass for Parishioners †

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 p.m. Church
or by appointment, 870-932-2529.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK
Office Hours 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Monday August 24
St. Bartholomew, Apostle
7:00 a.m. Public Mass
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Tuesday August 25
St. Louis and St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Wednesday August 26
7:00 a.m. Public Mass
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Thursday August 27
St. Monica
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Friday August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m. Public Mass

Saturday August 29
Passion of St. John the Baptist
5:30 p.m. Mass—Public & Live Streaming

Sunday August 30
8 a.m. Mass—Public Mass
10 a.m. Mass—Public Mass
12 p.m. Mass in Spanish—Public & Live Streaming

Pray for the Dead

Frank Dittmeier
Brother of Holly Jordan
Mary Thielemier
Mother of Sherry Thielemier

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine
upon them.
May their souls and all the souls of
the faithful departed through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.
*Please keep their family in your
prayers.*



**Have you
prayed the
Rosary
today?**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK
AUGUST 23, 2020

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

Monday Rv 21: 9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 1 Cor 1:1-9
Mt 24:42-51

Friday 1 Cor 1:17-25
Mt 25:1-13

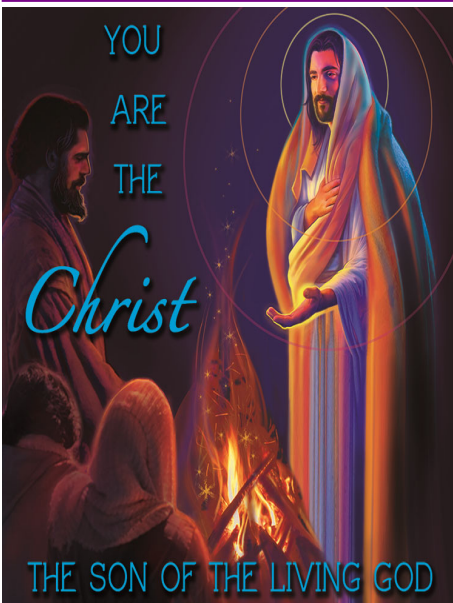
Saturday 1 Cor 1:26-31
Mk 6:17-29

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



Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Mission Appeal. As a parish, we raised **\$1,460** to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.



Mass Schedule for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Mondays, Wednesdays	7:00am 7:30am-7:30pm	Public Mass Church is open for Adoration
Tuesdays & Thursdays	5:30pm	Public Mass
Friday	7:00 am	Public Mass
Saturdays	4:00pm-5:00pm 5:30pm	Confessions in the Church (In the Chapel and Priest Vesting Room) Public Mass of the Sunday (English) livestreamed
Sundays	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Public Mass (English) Public Mass (English) Public Mass (Spanish) livestreamed

Guidelines:

Those who visit the Church **must** follow the directives and restrictions imposed by the Governor and Bishop and respect Blessed Sacrament Church guidelines:

Sundays and the Holy Days of obligation are still under suspension.

Must always wear masks (age 10 and over) or other protective covering of mouth and nose except when receiving Holy Communion during Mass. **(Please bring your own mask when possible)**

All must use a hand sanitizer upon arrival at the Church.

Maintain social distance of 6'

Holy Communion reception on the hand during the Mass (without gloves)

If you would like to receive Holy Communion on the tongue please request the Priest after Mass.

Only the Church main doors (that is southside entrance) will be open for entry and exit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY UPDATE

For those in our community in need of assistance (rent or utility), volunteers are answering requests by phone.

During the past two weeks:

Utility assistance for 4 families

Rental assistance for 2 families were provided.

Priority is given to members of our parish family.

If you or someone you know, is a resident of Craighead County, and struggling to make ends meet, please call:

870-316-0229.

We thank you for answering our prayers and ask for your continued support! God bless you all.

Building Fund Financial Report

If you have any questions, please call Molli Beaverstock
870-932-2529 x127 or stop by the Parish Office.

COLLECTIONS

GOAL \$500,000.00

Pledges Paid (To Date)	\$15,961.08
Donations Received (To Date)	\$98,292.04
Remaining Balance	\$385,746.88

Thank you for your support!!

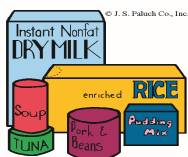
PLEASE PRAY FOR: The special intentions of parishioners, especially those homebound/hospitalized, Agnes Tipton, Michelle Veteto, Shelby Ward, Lloyd McCuiston, Tim Veteto, Koen Smith, Yelba & Raymond Stevenson, Kathy & Donald Plessinger, Jody Amick, Millie & Bill Kueter, Nikki Amick, Mary Ann Eaton, Vicki Elder, Rita Vaught, Metta Nesmith, Nancy McFarland, Freda & Jim Cole, Carolyn Boling, Jeannette Haddad, Pat Dacus, Rita Puryear, Charles Kline Family, Eddie Reinhart, David Wolters, Odette Dawood, Mary Lane, Charlie Payne, Brenda Hetler, Tim Winemiller, Aaron Brodell, Betty Cornell, Misael Reyes, Kat Wright, Sid McCaffey, Gary Wells, Robert Surdyk, Cecilia Tacon, Larry McKinney, Marisol Guerra, Melody Kennedy, Javier Garduno, Tim Reed, Nathan Barajas, Andy Sanders, Bill Ritter, Earl Wallace, Bob Massanelli COVID-19 sufferers

WORK OF MERCY

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has received 16 lbs. of food donations from our parish this month. Thank you!

F.Y.I.

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Drive Thru hours are: Mondays, Tuesday & Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (*weather permitting*) HNFP is located on the corner of Huntington and Vine. For more information please contact HNFP at 935-7298



Farewell Fr. Francis

August 29th and 30th will be Fr. Francis' last weekend with the Parish. Please come out and say good bye and wish him well after next weekend's masses.

RCIA 2020-2021

All who are interested in joining the Catholic Church are invited to sign up for the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults by contacting the church office, 870-932-2529 or office@catholicjonesboro.com. RCIA will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at St. John Newman Parish on the campus of Arkansas State. The program will begin after Labor Day and continue through Easter 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Puryear, jpuryear@wpmfirm.com, or Robert Jones, rsjones7@sbcglobal.net.



Are you or do you know of someone attending Arkansas Tech University in the Fall?:

If so, please contact St. Leo the Great Catholic University Parish, the Catholic Parish on ATU's campus. They are trying to contact incoming freshmen and transfer students, so please provide them with any contact information as soon as possible. The best way to contact them is through email at stleoatu@gmail.com or through their Facebook page (St. Leo the Great Catholic University Parish at Arkansas Tech University). You can message Pat Buford or Mary Corkins with any questions you might have. This is an unprecedented school year, so they need to be in constant communication with those that attend. St. Leo is located on campus due to the building of their new center, so they need to be able to share their location and activities with the students. St. Leo the Great Catholic University Parish looks forward to meeting you and starting a great school year!

Friends of the Poor Walk

It is time for our annual Friends of the Poor Walk once again! St. Vincent de Paul members invite you to join us on September 26th at 9:00 a.m. in the BSCC parking lot...walkers, strollers, pets on leashes, ALL are welcome!

A donation of \$25 insures you get an event t-shirt.

**Please call Ron Blackburn 870-761-5572 or
Marita Monteforte 402677-8582 to register**



Black Bag Donations

August 29th and 30th

Dear Fellow Parishioners,
St. Vincent de Paul members will be collecting money after each mass next weekend. Please be generous to our low income brothers and sisters here in our community. Checks are gladly accepted. Thank you for your kind and generous donations!

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus poses the question “But who do you say I am?” in today’s Gospel passage. It is a question posed to Peter and the disciples, to Matthew’s first readers, and to the Church today. Peter’s confession of faith in Jesus as Christ and Son of God was a culmination of what the disciples had experienced in their life with Jesus thus far. Jesus affirms Peter’s declaration as a gift from God. But it was only the beginning of Peter’s understanding of what these words actually meant, and how the disciples saw themselves in light of this truth. As Jesus and the disciples turned toward Jerusalem and to the cross, the disciples perhaps pondered their own identity, together with their dawning understanding of Jesus’ identity. For us, the journey of faith, initiated and sustained by the Holy Spirit, means an ongoing reflection upon who Jesus is and who we are.

TO BIND AND TO LOOSE

When Jesus says to Peter “whatever you bind” or “whatever you loose” in today’s Gospel, he describes a distinct power that emerges from Peter’s faith in Jesus. The capacity to bind or to loose suggests a new ability, both to restrain or block forces that harm the community of faith, and also to release or liberate energies that strengthen the community. It might be helpful to observe, within your own parish or faith community, where God might be working now. Perhaps you can see persons and groups working to restrain toxic forces of resentment or fear. You might see those who are releasing new energies, and empowering the faithful to care for their neighbors. When we are grounded in a prayerful trust relationship with Jesus, we can receive this power to participate in God’s work, to bind and to loose.

AWE AND PRAISE

In today’s passage from Romans, Paul concludes his complex reflections on the Jewish people, the emerging Gentile churches, and God’s work among them. Paul has struggled to understand the responses of both the Jewish and Gentile communities, with their mix of acceptance and rejection of Jesus. He warns the Roman church to avoid any sense of superiority over Jews or non-Christian Gentiles, for everyone is in need of God’s mercy. Paul acknowledges the limits of his understanding, and gives way to prayers of awe and praise. He concludes by marveling at the limitless mercy of God, whose designs are ultimately mysterious.

Sometimes our own prayer can be like that of Paul. In conversation with God, we try to make sense of life, especially its difficulties. The full truth of what’s going on in our lives or in our world eludes us, and so we work humbly with the truth that we can understand. If we believe our mysterious God is indeed trustworthy, we can open our hearts in praise, and allow God to shape our lives.

Today’s Readings: Is 22:19–23; Ps 138:1–2, 2–3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33–36; Mt 16:13–20



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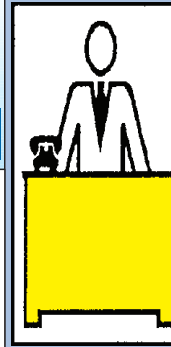
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