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### Children's & Youth Ministry:

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### Blessed Sacrament School:

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[www.catholicjonesboroschool.com](http://www.catholicjonesboroschool.com)

### St. Vincent de Paul Ministry:

324 W. Huntington Avenue  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.  
870-316-0229

### Motherhood Ministry:

324 W. Huntington Avenue  
Wednesday 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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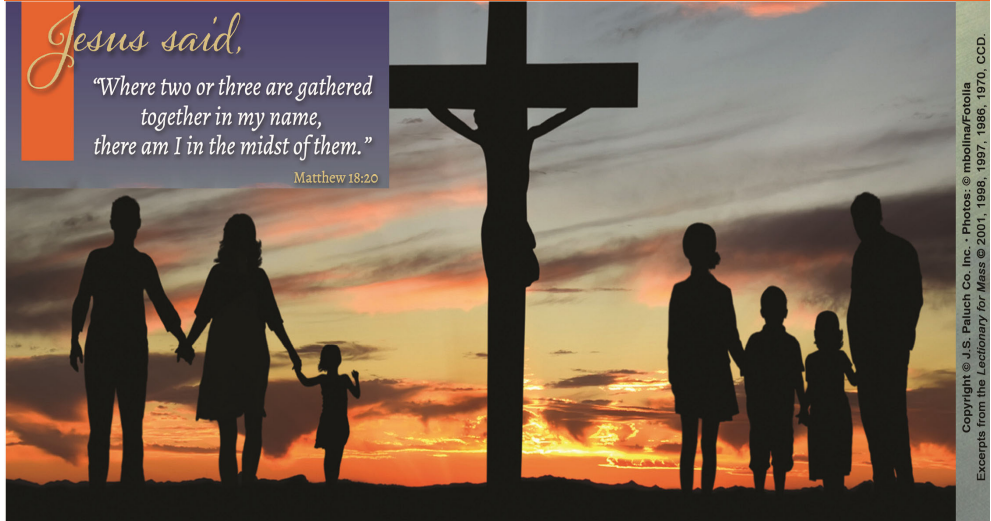
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# BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Jesus said,*

*"Where two or three are gathered  
together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them."*

Matthew 18:20



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*September 6, 2020*

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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870-520-8331

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, September 7 - Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Hillard Clark †

Tuesday, September 8 - Public Mass  
5:30 p.m. Joe & Carolyn Nolan †  
by The Simpson Family

Wednesday, September 9 - Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Ray Back †  
by Steve and Gloria Hecht

Thursday, September 10 - Public Mass  
5:30 p.m. Dan Thrasher †  
by The Nonis Family

Friday, September 11 - Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Therese Hettiarachchi †  
by The Nonis Family

Saturday, September 12 - Public Mass  
Public & Livestreamed Mass  
5:30 p.m. Ferrel & Helen Flemon †  
by Fred & Gail Flemon

Sunday, September 13- Public Mass  
8:00 a.m. Scott Rennels †  
by Lillian & Warren Randle

10:00 a.m. Mildred Black Carruthers †  
by Paul & Carolyn Black

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 September 7  
*Labor Day-Parish Office Closed*  
7:00 a.m. Public Mass  
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Tuesday September 8  
*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Wednesday September 9  
*St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
7:00 a.m. Public Mass  
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Thursday September 10  
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Friday September 11  
7:00 a.m. Public Mass

Saturday September 12  
*The Most Holy Name of Mary*  
5:30 p.m. Mass—Public & Live Streaming

Sunday September 13  
8 a.m. Mass—Public Mass  
10 a.m. Mass—Public Mass  
12 p.m. Mass in Spanish—Public & Live Streaming

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

Sunday Ez 33:7-9  
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
Rom 13:8-10  
Mt 18:15-20

Monday 1 Cor 5:1-8  
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday 1 Cor 7:25-31  
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13  
Lk 6:27-38

Friday 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27  
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 1 Cor 10:14-22  
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday Sir 27:30—28:7  
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
Rom 14:7-9  
Mt 18:21-35



**Tommy Craft**

**Hillard Clark**

Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine  
upon them.  
May their soul 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?**



**Building Fund  
Financial Report**

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

**COLLECTIONS**

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Beginning 01/01/2020</b>  | <b>GOAL \$500,000.00</b> |
| Pledges Paid (To Date)       | \$28,500.56              |
| Donations Received (To Date) | \$191,991.51             |
| <b>Remaining Balance</b>     | <b>\$279,507.93</b>      |

*Thank you for your support!!*

**Fr. Tuyen Nogoc Do**

who will be our new Associate Pastor. He is joining us from Christ the King Church in Little Rock. Let's all welcome him to our Parish!

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

Rental assistance for 6 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.

## Important Building Update We have great news!!

**A parishioner has offered to match all donations to the building fund for the months of September and October up to \$100,000! That means, if we raise \$100,000 in donations, then we will receive \$200,000 toward our building fund and we will not have to borrow any money from the diocese. What a blessing for our parish at a much needed time! Please prayerfully consider a contribution to our building fund prior to our October 31, 2020 deadline.**

**If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to:**

**Blessed Sacrament Building Fund  
P.O. Box 1735, Jonesboro, AR 72403**

**or give online at**

**<https://catholicjonesboro.weshareonline.org/>**

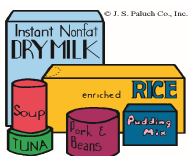
**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The special intentions of parishioners, especially those homebound/hospitalized, Agnes Tipton, Michelle Veteto, Shelby Ward, Lloyd McCuiston, Koen Smith, Yelba & Raymond Stevenson, Kathy & Donald Plesinger, Jody Amick, Millie & Bill Kueter, Nikki Amick, Mary Ann Eaton, Vicki Elder, 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, Nathan Barajas, Andy Sanders, Bill Ritter, Earl Wallace, Bob Massanelli, Candelaria Flores, COVID-19 sufferers

**WORK OF MERCY**

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has received 15 lbs food donation from our parish last week. 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



**Confirmation Prayer Retreat**

The required Confirmation Prayer Retreat will be held Saturday, September 19th at the Church from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Year 1 and Year 2 Confirmation class registration is required to be able to attend this retreat. Registration can be completed at the church office from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please contact Cindy Cole at the Church office 932-2529 if you have any questions.



**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](mailto: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 this Wednesday, September 9th and continue through Easter 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Puryear, [jpuryear@wpmfirm.com](mailto:jpuryear@wpmfirm.com), or Robert Jones, [rsjones7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsjones7@sbcglobal.net).



**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 402-677-8582 to register**



**Motherhood Ministry** is located at 324 Huntington. Each Wednesday, volunteers assist those in need 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Expectant mothers may obtain free maternity clothes. Free clothing for children, infancy to Size 14, is available. For more information please contact Becky Pope at 870-930-7346.

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you ever thought that living as a Christian was always going to be easy, today's readings will convince you that this is not so. In the first reading from Ezekiel, the prophet was sent to convince the people in Jerusalem to return to God and God's ways; he bore rejection as a result of fulfilling his mission. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his followers to work toward reconciliation when we have been wronged, rather than remaining caught in anger or disappointment. Saint Paul captures what lies behind these instructions—love. "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." When we are tempted to walk away from a friend or co-worker with whom we disagree, or even more so when we worry that the person has turned away from the Lord, we are instead called to reach out in love.

### LOVE AS CHRIST CALLS

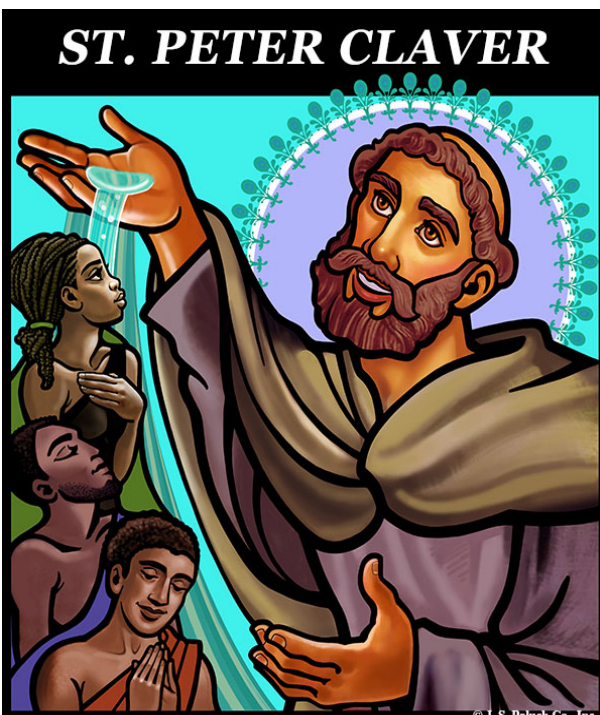
The truth is, love is sometimes wonderfully charged with light and life, but it also often requires us to confront wrongdoing and injustice, to be patient and forgiving, and to work for peace and reconciliation. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to reflect the love of God which desires the best for every person and for all of humanity. Jesus was so committed to this mission of God's love that he gave himself as an offering of pure sacrifice. This is not easy love. It is compelling love, the sort of love that transforms and draws us toward the light and life that in our hearts we know we seek, and which we are called to share.

### IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE

Where does this leave us when we experience conflict with others? As in all times and seasons, the best place to begin is in prayer. Listen for the voice of God in personal prayer, at Mass, in sacred scripture and other devotional reading, with trusted faithful and faith-filled friends. Listen with the compassion of the Lord in mind. And when you hear God's voice, pay attention! This sounds self-evident, yet how many of us hear God's voice but ask that we not be called to the challenge and discomfort of the situation, desiring instead to hope that things will simply get better? Perhaps they will, but perhaps you are called to bring the light and life of Christ to the situation, in love, for love, and through love, just as Jesus did. "If today you hear [God's] voice, harden not your hearts," says today's psalm. We often know the depth of love to which we are called. Today's readings invite us to listen and to act, to love our neighbor as ourselves, to desire the best for every person as God desires, and to be assured that God is in our midst.

Today's Readings: Ez 33:7–9; Ps 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9; Rom 13:8–10; Mt 18:15–20

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## ST. PETER CLAVER

SAINT PETER CLAVER (1581-1654)

September 9

Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed "that all men are created equal," two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream," and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become "the slave of the slaves," and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: "We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures" (see *Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4*, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver's enduring witness.

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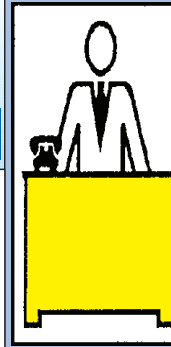
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