

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2020

In the verses proceeding the ones we hear in today's readings Isaiah details Shebna's excesses, particularly the tomb he has hewn for himself. Isaiah goes so far as to say that the LORD would see to it that Shebna would make use of his tomb much earlier than he expected! Isaiah's Judah was threatened by foreign adversaries from without and moral decay from within and Isaiah had no time for leaders who only served themselves. Instead, the Lord favors Eliakim, who is made a part of David's lineage, ensuring that a Messiah, one anointed to bring salvation, would eventually be born.

Jesus' disciples initially tell him that people say he is John the Baptist or Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the prophets, like Isaiah. A prophet is not one who can predict the future; a prophet is one chosen by God, sent by God, who speaks on God's behalf, and commits to spreading God's message. In this sense Jesus is a prophet, but not just "one of the prophets" (Matthew 16:14). He is not just chosen by God, he is the Son of the living God. He is not just delivering a message, he is the Word of God. He is not just pointing to salvation, he is our salvation. Peter realized this uniqueness of Jesus, and Jesus gives him the authority over all believers.

Each time we gather together at Mass, we listen to the word of the Lord. We eat at the table of the Lord. We grow in knowledge of the Lord and are sustained in the Lord's mission. We become a part of something much larger than ourselves, for we are a part of a parish community, of the whole Church, indeed, of the body of Christ.

Question of the Week

How do I answer the question Jesus asks his disciples: Who do you say that I am?



Saturday, August 22, 2020

Vigil Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Tiffany Page – Gautreaux and Hall Families

Sunday, August 23, 2020

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8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Freddie Thomas – Betty Cates – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Calvin Tate – Jerome Lomba, Sr.

10:30a.m. Stella Rochon – Guillory and Balancier Families – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Lamar and Shirley Smith – Evelyn Ford

12:00p.m. Claudia Claude – Tiffany Page – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parishioners

Monday, August 24, 2020

8:30a.m. Rose Garnett – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Therol Humphrey – Marilyn De Grasse – Henry Martin – Kimberly Brown

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions Stacey Martin – Levy Boulogny, Jr. – Henry Martin – Marilyn De Grasse – Calvin Tate, Jr. – Kimberly Brown

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey – Henry Martin – Kimberly Brown

Thursday, August 27, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Tiffany Page David Madison – Intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. – Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey – Henry Martin – Calvin Tate, Jr.

Friday, August 28, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – David Madison – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey – Kimberly Brown

Saturday, August 29, 2020

8:30a.m. The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

“No matter what is happening in this world TRUST GOD in everything.” No Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.

General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:

Please enter the door in the front to check in.

Please wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.

Every other pew in the Church will be roped off.

Be mindful of social distancing and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.

The sign of peace may be expressed by means of a smile and/or a nod of the head. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged.

When Mass is over, please do not gather in groups in the Narthex and continue to maintain social distancing.

Sign-up for the desired mass the day before for week day masses and by 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday for all week end masses at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4ca8a822a6fd0-covid19>.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion:

Please bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.

During Communion, please maintain social distancing in the line by spacing out six feet from the person in front of you.

Communion will be distributed by means of the sacred Host only.

Out of consideration and concern for others, we ask everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.

When approaching the priest for Communion, place your hand flat atop your other hand. The priest will place the Host over your hand and then let go of the Host to avoid any contact with your hand.

YOU HAVE THE KEYS! Has the Catholic Church lost her moral authority in our culture? Many would say yes. Here are some reasons: 1. The prevalence of institutional and systemic racism; 2. The never ending scandal of sexual abuse of children by priests and religious; 3 The failure to elevate social justice issues like housing, health care, voting, and a minimum wage, to the strident standard of abortion and the right to life of the unborn. These are patent examples of hypocrisy that have eroded the moral authority of the Catholic Church. We, the Body of Christ, can help the renaissance of the moral authority of the Catholic Church by being moral.

We all have to live what we preach. Second, we have to love God and love our neighbor enough to point out failings with love, rather than alienation. We must be the morality that we seek. You have the keys.

The Bible Study for the Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time. Deacon Terrel Broussard is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Bible Study.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84604826676>

Meeting ID: 846 0482 6676

Dial In: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Cory Martin Williams.

The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Fr. Daniel H. Green and Stacey Martin.

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.