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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 23, 2020



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys
to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on
earth shall be bound in
heaven; and whatever you
loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven."
- Mt 16:19

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The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday 4:20 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643- 9553) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-9553.



**TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

AUGUST 22 — 23, 2020

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Marian Herasimowicz request of Janusz and Agata Herasimowicz

11:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

6:00 P.M. **ROSARY**

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 — No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 — No Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Livestream Masses:

From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>

Sunday 9AM

Daily Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish

<https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/>

Monday 8AM / Tuesday 9AM / Wednesday 8AM / Thursday 9AM / Friday 8AM and Sunday 10AM

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2020

- SUN 8/23 Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [Bbc]/Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20
- MON 8/24 Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- TUE 8/25 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26
- WED 8/26 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- THR 8/27 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51
- FRI 8/28 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
- SAT 8/29 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/ Mk 6:17-29
- SUN 8/30 Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2020

- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Tuesday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Monica
- Friday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Next Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

St. MAURICE PRAYER LINE



Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests. New requests this week: Grace, Bob, Don, Sue, Omar, Mario, Richard, Kevin, Ray, Maureen, Mary.

Thank you, Mary Ann



It is with great regret that we announce our decision to postpone the 50th Sleigh Bells Ring Christmas Fair from November 21, 2020 to November 20, 2021 due to the continuing pandemic out of concern for the safety of our workers and the public. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

**TOP 10
SECRETS TO HAPPINESS
CATHOLIC VERSION**

1. SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD
2. LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF
3. EMBRACE THE HOLY CATHOLIC FAITH
4. DRAW NEAR TO THE BLESSED MOTHER
5. MAKE FREQUENT USE OF CONFESSION
6. FREELY FORGIVE OTHERS
7. ENTER DEEPLY INTO HOLY MASS
8. RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST WORTHILY
9. LIVE A "SACRIFICIAL" LIFE
10. REMAIN PROFOUNDLY PRAYERFUL

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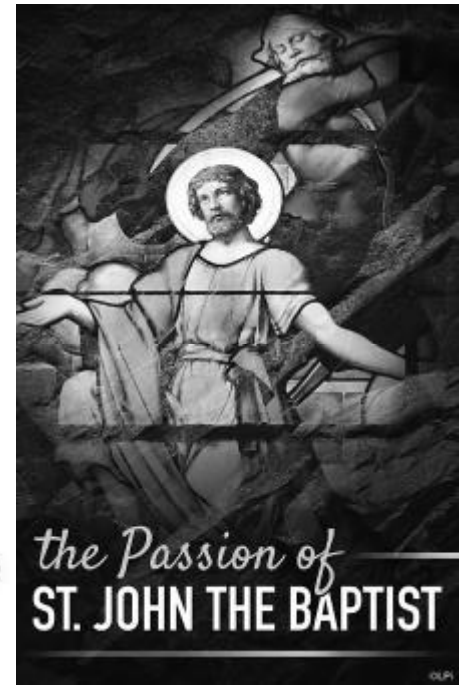
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"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"
- ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God? To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul.



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NOR-



If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us for *A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows*, a virtual seven-week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary’s life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains. The program will be offered in two sessions: Tuesday nights from 7-8:15 P.M. **September 15, 22, October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3**, or Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-2:45 P.M. **September 16, 23, October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4**. Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary’s sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but registration is required. To do so, or, for more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.



ANNIVERSARY MASS – Because of uncertainties surrounding Covid-19, the Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will not take place this year. Bishop Cote will offer a private Mass for the intentions of all couples celebrating specific anniversaries this year. Each couple who registers will receive a signed certificate from the Bishop. The names of all registrants and their anniversary dates will also be listed on a special Anniversary Page on the Diocese of Norwich Website. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year and would like to be recognized by Bishop Cote, please register by sending the following

information: **husband and wife’s name, address, telephone number, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated and parish** to: Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, telephone at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves to this address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website. The registration deadline is September 2, 2020.

An Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,
 I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed for all the faithful in the Diocese of Norwich until further notice. Those who are considered “high risk” due to age or underlying health condition, are encouraged to stay home. Stay home also if you are experiencing symptoms of illness or not feeling well. Since Sunday is still the Lord’s Day, the faithful are encouraged to do one of the following while unable to attend Mass: Read and reflect on the Sunday scriptures; Pray the rosary reflecting on the Glorious Mysteries; Watch the Sunday Mass on TV, or via the internet.



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