

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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Our Lady of the Lake Mission Statement

We, the Parish of Our Lady of the Lake, united in baptism and empowered by the Spirit, endeavor to live our commitment to proclaim God's love by: being a welcoming parish community; worshipping, working and celebrating together; serving the spiritual and material needs of all; spreading the Gospel through personal witness; inviting each parishioner to active participation in our parish life and in surrounding communities; and, through our unique call, welcoming our many visitors.

We share our gifts and ourselves in the name of Jesus. †

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22 - August 28

Events

SATURDAY August 22

Welcome Women Meeting

10:00-1:00pm-Faith Formation Room

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00-4:30pm-Confessional

SUNDAY August 23

Coffee & Christ

9:15am-10:15am-Faith Formation Room

MONDAY August 24

No Events today

TUESDAY August 25

Adult Bible Study

10:00am-Noon-Faith Formation Room

OCIA

6:30-8:30pm-St. Ignatius Room

WEDNESDAY August 26

Stitchers

9:00am-Noon-St. Francis Room

THURSDAY August 27

OLL Game Day

1:00-3:30pm-Faith Formation Room

Break Open the Word

6:30-8:00pm-St. Mother Teresa Room

FRIDAY August 28

Spanish Charismatic Group

6:00-9:00pm-Chapel

SATURDAY August 29

No AM Events today

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Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm

7:00pm(Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

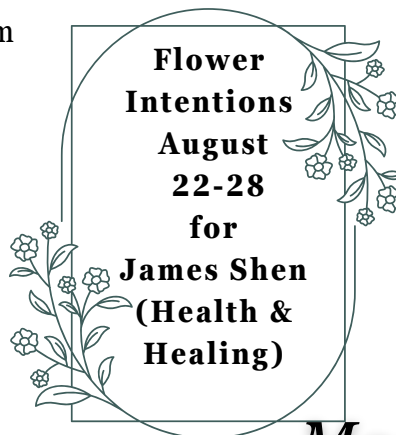
9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am - 3pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am - 7pm - Chapel

Important Links

[Click Here For
PARISH CALENDAR](#)

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MASS INTENTIONS](#)

[Click Here For
FLOWER INTENTIONS](#)

*Flower Intentions
available for
August & October*

Mass Intentions

Sat.	8/22	5:00pm	Vivian and Charles Fernando †
Sat.	8/22	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (L)
Sun.	8/23	8:00am	Violet & Bill Basden †
Sun.	8/23	10:30am	Teresa Bruneau †
Mon.	8/24	9:00am	Audrey Ackerman (L)
Tue.	8/25	9:00am	Father Rolando Perez - Special graces, blessings & safety for his priesthood (L)
Wed.	8/26	5:30pm	Whitney & Michael Axelson (L)
Thur.	8/27	9:00am	Sharon Mattes (L)



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Request](#)

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Online](#)

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aquí para
el boletín
en español](#)

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to Contact
Parish Staff](#)

**[CLICK HERE FOR
DAILY MASS READINGS](#)**

**Collection through
August 16, 2026**

Envelopes:	\$17,892.18
Plate:	\$ 7,450.76
Green Envelopes:	\$8,459.96
Total:	\$33,802.90

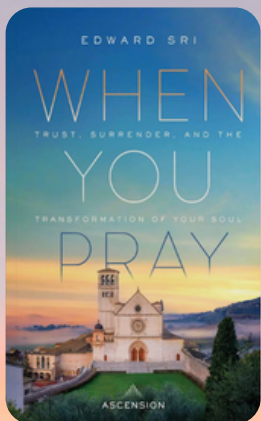


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Adult Bible Study

Tuesdays~ 10:00AM
Faith Formation Room



You know prayer is important but still find it challenging.

Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

Aug. 25~session 4: Meeting God in the Valley

Sept. 1~session 5: The Living Flame of Love

Sept. 8~session 6: In the World, Not of the World

Sept. 15~session 7: Radiating Christ

Authored and presented by Dr. Edward Sri, When You Pray also features Fr. Jacques Philippe, Fr. Josh Johnson, Fr. Gregory Pine, Sister Josephine Garrett, Fr. Donald Haggerty, and Sister Maris Stella.

Looking for a simple way to serve your Parish?

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has the following times available

Tuesdays
Noon-1:00pm

Thursdays
11:00am-Noon
Noon -1:00pm
2:00-3:00pm
4:00-5:00pm
5:00-6:00pm

We will not have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the week before, the week of, and the week after a holiday.

If you are available for any of the specified time slots, please reach out to Julie Johnsonbaugh at julie.johnsonbaugh@gmail.com



Coffee & Christ **Resumes Sunday** **August 23rd**



9:15am to 10:15am
Faith Formation Room

Join Us for
Foundations of Faith:
A Journey Through the Catechism
of the Catholic Church.

Uncover the Wisdom of the Catechism—
Filmed On Location with
Today's Top Catholic Presenters
Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through
the Catechism of the Catholic Church is an
immersive exploration of the Church's
teachings.

Filmed across forty locations in eleven
countries, this study brings you to the
places where the Faith was explained and
clarified by Church councils, the Church
doctors, and the saints.

Participants are always welcome!
There is no required attendance!



2026 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

We are One in Him.

WE MADE OUR GOAL!

Thank You
For Your Prayers &
Support!

Our parish had
188 donors pledge \$84,525
toward our goal of
204 donors & goal of \$83,921

Mark YOUR Calendar

**Coffee & Christ
Returns
Sun. Aug. 23rd
9:15-10:15am
Faith Formation Room**

**OCIA
Classes start
for adults & youth
Tues. Aug. 25th
6:30-8:30pm
St. Ignatius Room**

**Break Open the Word
(formerly Spiritual Companionship)
Will begin meeting
Thur. Aug. 27th
6:30-8:00pm
St. Mother Teresa Room**

**PSR
(Parish School of Religion)
Grades K- 12
Kicks off
The week of Sept. 15th
Detailed calendar coming soon!**

**If you have any questions regarding PSR (Parish School of Religion),
Sacraments, or Quinceañeras.**

**Please call, text, or email Nickie
Director of Formation**

NickieRivera@ollbranson.com

417-251-1819 Cell



Break Open the Word

What is Break open the Word?

We will read & discuss the upcoming Sunday readings.
We will meet the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month.
Come & join us when you can to learn how the Holy Spirit
talks to us and prepares us for Sunday Mass.

**Will begin meeting
Thur. Aug. 27th
6:30-8:00pm
St. Mother Teresa Room**

**Thur. Aug. 27th
Readings we'll be discussing
1st Reading~ Jeremiah 20: 7-9
2nd Reading~ Romans 12: 1-2
Gospel~ Mathew 16: 21-27**



REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

It's that time of the year again.

Beginning **July 1, 2026** the NEW 2026-2027 Code of Conduct will be made available.

EVERYONE THAT WORKS OR VOLUNTEERS* AT THE PARISH NEEDS TO READ AND COMPLETE THE FORM (ANNUALLY)

**(which include the following ministries)*

Knight of Columbus
Welcome Women
Ushers
Help Desk

Parish Office Volunteers
Sacristans
OCIA
Hospitality
Young Adult

Hispanic
Homebound
Gift Shop Volunteers
Funeral Ministry
PSR

Safety & Security
Music Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Bible Study Leaders
Lectors

The Code of Conduct can be accessed through the diocesan webpage:

<https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>

- Scroll down - towards the bottom of the page there's a **RESOURCES SECTION**
- Select the **Prevention and Protection tab**. The documents may be found there.

OR

- Click ***here*** to access the form

**The Code of Conduct is to be read, signed, and submitted to the local
Safe Environment Coordinator at the parish - Nickie Rivera**

For NEW volunteers

- To begin the process, an account must first be created in VIRTUS.
[https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/\(Online account\)](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/(Online account))
For Organization Select: Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO (Diocese)
- There the Background Screening Application will be prompted and is now completed online through their VIRTUS account.
- The training, which includes "Protecting God's Children" and "Mandated and Ethical Reporting", are accessible through their VIRTUS account and are also completed online.

If you need assistance, please contact
Nickie Rivera
Please call, text, or email
417-251-1819 Cell
NickieRivera@ollbranson.com
Director of Formation

Any questions may be directed to the
Associate Safe Environment Coordinator,
Shelly Ferry, sferry@dioscg.org or
the Director of Child and Youth Protection,
Bill Holtmeyer, billholtmeyer@dioscg.org
or at The Catholic Center, (417) 866-0841.

*Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of creating a safe environment
for all to worship, learn, and grow in their faith.*



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Fundamentalist or Catholic? Clearing Away the Caricature

When conversations about faith arise between Catholics and some Fundamentalist Christians, misunderstandings often surface quickly. Many Fundamentalists reject Catholicism not because they have examined the Church's true teachings and found them wanting, but because they have been presented with a distorted version, a **caricature** of what the Church believes.

A caricature, by definition, exaggerates certain features while ignoring the whole picture. In art sketches, it might make someone's nose comically large (i.e. Deacon Dan) or their chin impossibly sharp. In matters of faith, a caricature can be far more damaging, because it replaces truth with half-truths or outright errors. Some Fundamentalists are taught, for example, that Catholics "worship" Mary or believe they can "earn" salvation. These claims miss the heart of Catholic teaching entirely. The Church honors Mary as the Mother of God, but worship is due to God alone. And salvation is always a gift of grace, received through faith and lived out in love.

One of my favorite theologians is Peter Kreeft. His analysis of this topic identifies **seven major differences**, not to divide, but to clarify. These distinctions help Catholics better articulate our own faith and engage others with charity and confidence.

First, Catholics and Fundamentalists approach **biblical inspiration** differently. Fundamentalists often stress the Bible's divine authorship alone, while Catholics embrace its fully divine and fully human character, an incarnational view that mirrors Christ Himself.

Second, Fundamentalists hold to **sola scriptura**, believing Scripture alone is sufficient. Catholics treasure Scripture but also recognize **Sacred Tradition** and the teaching authority Christ gave the Church.

Third, Catholics and Fundamentalists differ in their understanding of the **Church**. For many Fundamentalists, the Church is an invisible fellowship of believers. Catholics see it as the visible and **Mystical Body of Christ**, both human and divine.

Fourth, Catholics live within a **sacramental worldview**, where God uses physical signs to communicate grace. Fundamentalists often see sacraments as merely symbolic, while Catholics see them as Christ's own instruments of salvation.

Fifth, Catholics believe Christ entrusted real **teaching authority** to the apostles and their successors. Fundamentalists emphasize individual interpretation of Scripture, which can unintentionally foster conflicting doctrines.

Sixth, Catholics hold **faith and reason together**, confident that truth cannot contradict truth. Fundamentalists often prefer simpler, literal approaches to Scripture.

Finally, Kreeft notes that Catholicism is profoundly **incarnational**. God works through Scripture, sacraments, the Church, human reason, and history. Fundamentalism tends to spiritualize or simplify these realities.

Why do misunderstandings persist? Often because people learn about Catholicism from sources outside the Church: books, sermons, or media that present a simplified or hostile version of Catholic belief. Once this false picture is accepted, it becomes the "Catholicism" they reject.

As Catholics, we are called to be patient teachers and joyful witnesses. We can correct misconceptions gently, with humility and charity, remembering that our goal is not to "win" but to invite others to see the fullness of the faith.

So, the next time someone says, "I could never be Catholic because...", listen carefully. They may be rejecting a caricature. And you may have the privilege of introducing them to the *real thing*.

FORE the FUTURE

Pregnancy Life Line Golf Tournament

SEPTEMBER 26



SHOTGUN 8:00AM



4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

HOLIDAY HILLS GOLF CLUB IN BRANSON, MO

\$10,000 HOLE~IN~ONE PRIZE

\$6,500 HOLE~IN~ONE PRIZE

2 BONUS HOLE~IN~ONE PRIZES (VALUED AT \$500)

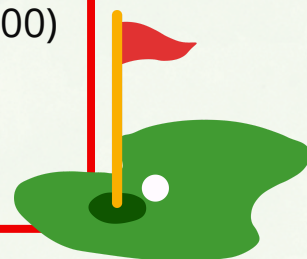
CLOSEST TO THE PIN PRIZE

LONGEST DRIVE PRIZE (MEN/WOMEN)

2 FLIGHTS, PRIZES FOR 1ST & 2ND PLACE

\$125 Per Golfer Entry Fee

(Includes breakfast, cart & lunch)



ALL ENTRY FORMS & PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 31, 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT GINA @ 417-272-5210 OR
GINA@PREGNANCYLIFELINE.COM

Heavenly Father,
as we begin this new
school year, we ask for
Your guidance and
protection. Grant students
confidence rooted in Your
love, courage to face
challenges, and
perseverance in learning.
Help them to see
education as a gift, to
grow in wisdom and
knowledge, and to develop
friendships that
encourage their best
selves. May they use their
talents to serve You and
others, and may Your
Spirit guide them in
all their studies and
relationships.

Amen

BACK TO SCHOOL



*"May our Diocesan
Eucharistic Congress be a
time of renewal and
deepening faith."*

*May our love of Jesus, His
Body, Blood, Soul and
Divinity compel us to care
for those in need."*

Bishop Edward M. Rice



August
PRAYER INTENTION



**Join us August 27th OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room**



Swoop:
Just the 5 of Us!
then Harry
Big Winner Butch -252
Sharron -290
Sharon A -322
Judy H -331
Lil' Winner
Jeanie -433
Harry one hand 15 points!

OLL Train:
3 Females 3 Males
BIG Winner Julie J -188
Joe -251 Eva -276
Ed -295 Judy E -326
Lil' Winner Remy -332
Bragging Rights!
Julie J and Judy E
tied by each going
out twice



We are saving a seat on the porch for you! Come sit a spell!



Mahjong Table

Harry -0-
Susan C 25
Monnie 75
Kath -0-

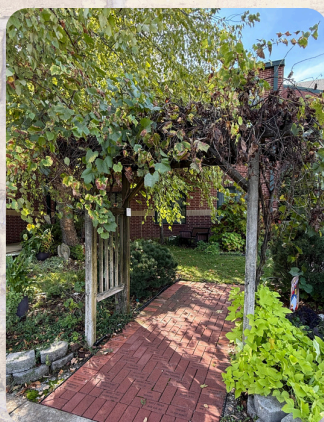
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Looking for a
gift for that
hard to buy for
person!

Memorial Bricks

Interested in a
Memorial Brick
for the next
installation?

***Paver bricks are available to remember loved ones,
signify special celebrations and commemorate the
celebration of life!***



Meditation Garden



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**[ollbranson.com/
memorial-bricks](http://ollbranson.com/memorial-bricks)**

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Memorial Flag Pole



ABOUNDINGJOY
No Catholic walks through separation or divorce alone.



Whether you are considering separation, in the midst of divorce, or years beyond it, healing is possible.

THROUGH THIS PROGRAM YOU WILL ENCOUNTER



Emotional Healing

Process grief and loss, anger, anxiety, & isolation.



Spiritual Renewal

Deepen your relationship with God and rediscover hope.



Practical Support

Learn tools for communication, boundaries, forgiveness, and co-parenting.



Community

Connect with others who truly understand.



A New Beginning

Gain new confidence, clarity, and peace.

QUESTIONS?

✉ Carolyn@aboundingjoyministry.com

☎ 608-547-9484

🌐 aboundingjoyministry.com/events

FALL 2026 BNLW WORKSHOP

12-Weeks | 7pm-8:30pmCT | Zoom

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 3RD!

Presented by

Abounding Joy Ministry

In partnership with the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau and dioceses and parishes nationwide.



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Discount Code: SCG-100F26

Join in-person from Holy Trinity
(Marshfield), St. Peter the Apostle (Joplin),
or online from your home.

*Unmask the magic!
Mark your calendars for the
2026 LifeHouse Gala, Springfield:
Moonlight Masquerade!*

Join us on Saturday, September 19,
for an enchanting evening featuring fine food,
exciting auctions, and live entertainment by
Twice on Sunday.

All proceeds directly support the impactful work of
LifeHouse in Springfield,
helping mothers and babies in need.
White River Conference Center | 600 W Sunshine St,
Springfield, MO 65807

5:30 PM – Doors Open
for cocktails and auction viewing
7:00 PM – Program Begins & Dinner Served
There are many ways to get involved,
even if you can't attend!

To donate to the Fund Our Mission, purchase raffle
tickets, or bid on the auction, visit the event site [here](#)



FIRST FRIDAY MASS *for* VOCATIONS

Bishop Rice will celebrate the *Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart* for Vocations each First Friday of the month, followed by the Rosary.

All parishes are invited to celebrate **First Friday Masses for Vocations** as we continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

BISHOP RICE'S SCHEDULE *for* FIRST FRIDAY MASS:

Fri., Sept. 4 St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield **5:30 p.m.**

BACK TO SCHOOL Blessings!



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CATHOLIC MASS AT THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 AT 10:30AM
TOUCHSTONE ENERGY STAGE



SCAN HERE FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF MASS TIMES AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH IN SEDALIA





THEOLOGY OF THE BODY Conference WEEKEND

Rediscovering the Human Person Through the Teachings of St. John Paul II

SPEAKERS



Genevieve Scherer



Deacon Alvin Stoverink



Deacon Thomas Schumer



Nicholas Koepfel



Madeline Doucet

Early Bird Price: \$30 until Aug. 15
SEMO Students Free.

Location:
Catholic Campus Ministry, SEMO
Cape Girardeau, MO

September 12-13

Register Here



 Cape Girardeau, MO
  www.tobeducators.com
  tobeducators@gmail.com

FESTIVAL of Nations de Naciones



21st ANNIVERSARY

Saturday Aug. 29, 2026
FREE ADMISSION — ENTRADA GRATIS

International food
Comida Internacional

5p.m. - 9p.m.
Vendors

Music & Performances
Musica y Bailes

Children's Area
Area Infantil

Beer Garden
Jardin de Cerveza

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
1609 N. Summit
Springfield, MO 65803
(417) 869-3646



Knights of Columbus®

Knights' Corner ~ Council 6470



Talent Show & Lunch ~ November 8th, Noon ~

All proceeds to benefit the
K of C Seminarian Support Fund!

All talents welcome, but **MUST** send video of
performance in for audition. Please email
video submissions to:

raij@andraijsays.com



Talent Show portion
of event to follow
lunch on Nov. 8th.

Plan to come be
well entertained
AND well fed!



DONATE FINANCIALLY or DONATE NEW COATS

No COLD Kids!

What an amazing
response to the appeal!

Over \$6,159

toward our \$15,000 goal has
been raised! Keep it up!

Don't forget the coat collection boxes!

Food Drive Update



As of 7/28/26, Our Lady of the Lake has donated over 136 lbs of food and \$90 to the Salvation Army Food Pantry for the Fraternal year 7/1/26 - 6/30/27.

Did you know the Salvation Army can buy food at just \$0.18 per pound? Obviously this makes monetary contributions more effective.

Just a reminder that for every 1000 lbs of food **AND** for every \$500 donated, K of C donates \$100 to the pantry, up to \$500 each from the K of C annually.

Want to make a monetary contribution to the Salvation Army Food Panty through the Knights of Columbus to help reach the bonus gift from the K of C?

Make checks payable to:

K of C Council 6470

Memo: S. A. Food Pantry

Send checks to:

Knights of Columbus S. A. Food Pantry: Our Lady of the Lake
203 Vaughn Dr. Branson, MO. 65616

The next blood drive is scheduled for

September 18th

Noon to 5:00pm

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Center

202 Vaughn Dr., Branson, Mo. 65616

45 - units collected at the July 24th, 2026 drive.

65 - drives successfully completed since Nov. 2015.

3201 - units of blood have been collected since Nov. 2015.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR VISIT

www.redcrossblood.org

Use code OURLADYBRANSON to schedule appointment

**Red Cross
Blood Drive**

Interested in becoming a Knight?

Contact the church office for contact information, or go online @ kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html

Use promo code
SHINKEBEIN
for one year free membership!

Meeting Reminder

Membership meetings are every *first* Thursday in the Faith Formation Room in the Church, Rosary starting @ 6:30pm, mtg @ 7pm.

Don't forget! The Larry Konzen Social is on after the meetings too!



BLOOD CRISIS

Help save lives.

Donors are needed immediately to help save lives.



**American
Red Cross**

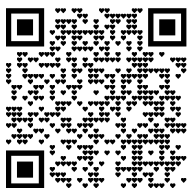
*The American Red Cross has declared a **national blood crisis**. Blood donations have fallen to a four-year summer low. All blood types are needed, but **the situation is especially dire for type O blood**.*

Blood Drive **Our Lady Of The Lake** **Catholic Church**

Parish Center
202 Vaughn Drive
Branson, MO 65616

Friday, September 18, 2026

12:00PM to 5:00PM



Scan to schedule
an appointment

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) OR
CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR GO TO –
www.redcrossblood.org use code OURLADYBRANSON
to schedule appointment

Two more ways you can help restock the shelves:

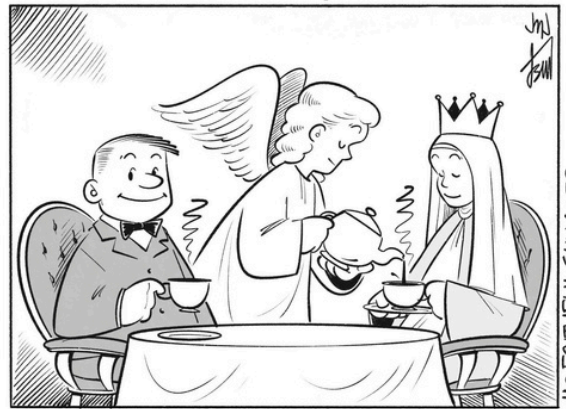
Bring a friend to
donate with you.



Spread the word
about the need in
your community.

Love GOD Love People

"What kind of tea do you drink
with Mary?"



"Royal Tea!"



August 22 is the feast of the
"Queenship of Mary," a day we
honor Mary as Queen of Heaven!

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the very
first ecumenical council of the Catholic
Church, held in 325 AD?

Answer: The First Council of Nicaea

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IT'S AN
E-MAIL
FROM THE
BISHOP.



HE'S SENDING OVER
A TECH TO CHANGE
ALL THE CURSORS
TO BLESSORS.



Readings for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/
Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday:

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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "**Who do you say that I am?**" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "**You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.**"

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;
when he opens, no one shall shut,
when he shuts, no one shall open. (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel:

"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)

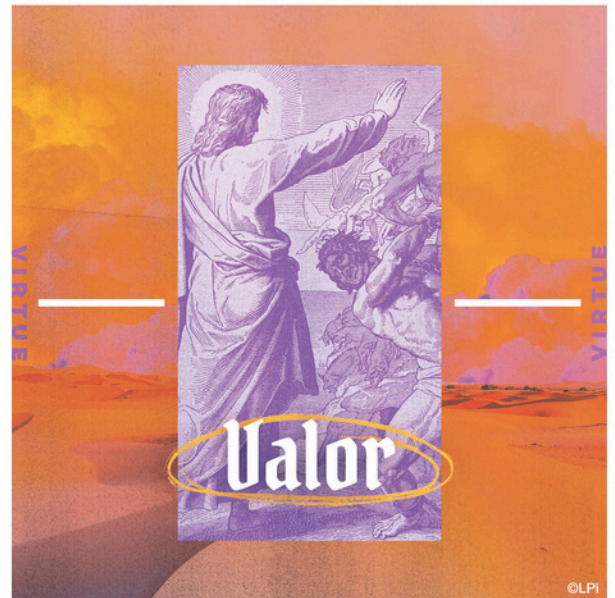
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Observances for the week of August 23, 2026

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



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Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am (Live-Streamed)

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Wednesday 5:30 pm
1st Friday 10:00 am

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Tuesday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

1st Wednesday of the month (Will RESUME in the Fall)

Thursday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

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