



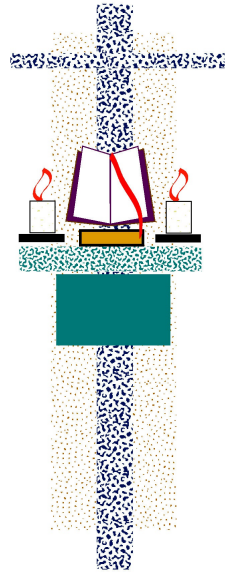
# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

**With the Lord there is mercy!**

## PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, August 16	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, August 17	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a. m.	Mass ( <i>Live Stream</i> )
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, August 18	..... 7:30 a.m	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tuesday, August 19	..... 7:30 a.m	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, August 20	..... 7:30 a.m	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a. m	Communion Service
	.. 9:30am -11:30 am	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 21	..... 7:30 a.m	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a. m	Communion Service
Friday, August, 22	..... 7:30 a.m	<i>Liturgy of Hours/Rosary</i>
	..... 8:00 a. m	Communion Service
Saturday, August 23	..... 3:15-4:00 p.m.	<b>Confession - Church</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



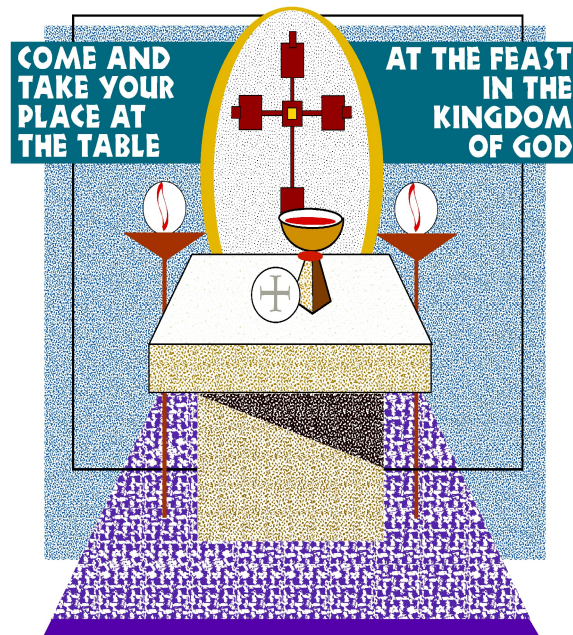
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## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Is:66:18-21:** *The prophet spoke of the Lord's coming to gather all nations together. They would proclaim God's glory, bringing offerings to Jerusalem in clean vessels. The Lord chose some as priests.*

**Hb:12:5-7, 11-13:** *The author of Hebrews offered encouragement: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord. . . Make straight. . .that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed."*

**Lk:13:22-30:** *Jesus told the people, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." Make yourself known to the Lord so that the door will open for you. Abraham, Issac, Jacob, and the prophets will be safe in God's reign.*



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:(former known as R. C. I. A)

"Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic? Do you or someone you know want to complete the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion, & Confirmation)? Do you want to do your part fulfilling the Church's evangelization goals? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (or OCIA for short) is the process the Catholic Church uses to achieve these goals for those who desire to participate and become candidates. Here's a few details of the program:

- 1) St. Rita's OCIA program will begin **Sept 7, 2025.**
  - 2) OCIA candidates will meet roughly every other Sunday night at 6:30 pm in the church.
  - 3) OCIA sessions will last for 1.5 hours. These sessions will be based on adult learning principles, with candidate participation a must. However, there will be no formal text or homework.
  - 4) OCIA candidates will participate in some or all of the following ceremonies leading up to the Easter Vigil mass:
    - a. Rite of Acceptance (**beginning of Advent**)
    - b. Rite of Election (**beginning of Lent**)
    - c. OCIA Scrutinies (**during Lent**)
- If you or someone you know is interested, please call Mele or our OCIA Director (Don Gerry, 860-908-5954)"

**WORD OF LIFE:** "God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."  
**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"**

### WEEKLY READINGS

**Aug 17 Sun: 20<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jer:38:4-6, 8-10; Ps:40; Hb:12:1-4; Lk:12:49-53*

**Aug 18 Mon: Ordinary Time**

*Jgs:2:11-19; Ps:106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44; Mt:19:16-22*

**Aug 19 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

*Jgs:6:11-24a; Ps:85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt:19:23-30*

**Aug 20 Wed: Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor**

*Jgs:9:6-15; Ps:21: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt:20:1-16*

**Aug 21 Thur: Saint Pius X, Pope**

*Jgs:11:29-39a; Ps:40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt:22:1-14*

**Aug 22 Fri: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Ru:1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps:146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt:22:34-40*

**Aug 23 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

*Ru:2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps:128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt:23:1-12*

**WE ASK  
IN THE NAME  
OF JESUS**

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## NOTES OF STEWARDSHIP

*In today's second reading, we hear the author of the letter to the Hebrews liken the daily life of the Christian steward to a race, a long-distance race perhaps, certainly not a sprint; requiring endurance and a single-minded focus on Jesus at the finish line. Good stewards are firmly committed to running the race, to live the Christian life to the fullest, to keep their eyes focused on Jesus. They don't grow weary. They don't lose heart. They know there is immense joy waiting for them at the finish line. Are you fully committed to living each day for Christ? Are you running the race, or are you simply jogging? Just walking? Sitting? Going backwards? Going nowhere? Some of us may want to reflect on what we can do to run the race with even more conviction. Others may want to reflect on how to simply enter the race and start running. (International catholic Stewardship Council)*

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**Figures will be posted in next week's bulletin**

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