



Assumption Catholic Church

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May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ To The World!

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020



Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Mass registration is currently required

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

At an opportune time, Jesus tests his disciples with a crucial question: Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am? He was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was the Christ, the Son of the living God. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God. Jesus plays on Peter's name which is the same word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek. To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest of compliments. Jesus then confers on Peter authority to govern the church that Jesus would build, a church that no powers would overcome because it is founded on the rock which is Christ himself.

The Lord Jesus offers us the gift of unshakeable faith, enduring hope, and unquenchable love - and the joyful boldness to proclaim him as the one true Savior who brings us the kingdom of God both now and forever. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Savior. Make my faith strong like Peter's and give me boldness to speak of you to others that they may come to know you personally as Lord and Savior and grow in the knowledge of your great love.

Readings for Next Sunday,

August 30, 2020

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27



St. Monica

The feast of St. Monica occurs the day before the feast of her son, St. Augustine. Her tears, prayers, and sacrifices over many years helped bring about his conversion. It is only proper that their feasts are celebrated close together.

Monica was born in North Africa. As a child she lived with her family, but she and her sisters were raised by an elderly servant. This wise woman had also raised Monica's father.

Monica was raised a Christian, but was given in marriage to a pagan official named Patricius. They had three sons. Patricius was not only a violent man, but he had a number of other bad habits as well. Monica remained patient. Other wives with marriage problems came to her for advice. A year before Patricius died, he was converted—due to Monica's powerful example. In their early years of marriage Monica's mother-in-law turned against her because of ugly rumors spread by unhappy servants. Through patient forgiveness, Monica was able to win her cooperation.

Another source of worry for Monica was her son Augustine. This brilliant and gifted young man rejected the faith his mother had taught him. Augustine lived an immoral life and had a son although he was not married. Monica was ready to disown Augustine, but in a dream it was revealed to her that eventually he would come back to the faith. She prayed and fasted for her son and stayed close to him, following him to Rome and Milan. In Milan, she met Ambrose, the bishop, who became her spiritual director. He promised her, "Surely the son of so many tears will not perish."

It was Ambrose who finally converted Augustine. Together, Augustine, Monica, Augustine's son, and some other devoted people moved to the country to pray and write. From there they began a journey back to Africa. Monica died on the way.

She is the patron saint of wives, mothers, conversions, alcoholics, and abuse victims.



Feast Day: August 27

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, August 22

4:00 p.m. - Rosie Landis' Intentions

Sunday, August 23

8:30 a.m. - Joe Balassone †

Monday, August 24

No Mass

Tuesday, August 25

No Mass

Wednesday, August 26

6:00 p.m. - Martin Fitzgerald †

Thursday, August 27

12 noon - Angela Dorsey †

Friday, August 28

9:00 a.m. - Deceased Members of the
Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families

Saturday, August 29

4:00 p.m. - Deceased Members of the
Harber Family

Sunday, August 30

8:30 a.m. - The Dunn & Buhler Family

Collections & Attendance:

Week Ending August 16, 2020

Offertory Envelopes.....\$2,470

Loose Donations.....\$178

Total.....\$2,648

Saturday Attendance.....31

Sunday Attendance31

Total..... 62

*The Diocese has rescheduled the **Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land** collection since parishes were closed on April 10. It will be held next Sunday, August 30. If you no longer have your offertory envelope for that collection, please put your donation in an envelope separate from your weekly offertory and mark it "Holy Land." Thank you!*

CCD Registration Forms

If you are the parent of a CCD student and have not yet returned your registration form for the 2020-2021 educational year, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

Mass Intentions for 2021

As a reminder, we are now scheduling Mass intentions for the first half of 2021 (the rest of this year is full). To schedule a Mass for your loved one from January 1 through June 30, 2021, please call or email the Parish Office. The normal stipend for a weekday Mass is \$10; weekends \$20.

The Word Among Us for September

Copies of *The Word Among Us* for the month of September are available in the back of the church. Additional copies are available in a tote on the porch of the rectory so that our parishioners who are not yet able to attend Mass can pick one up.

Upcoming Lector/Cantor Schedule

Saturday, August 29.....Celia Cole (L)
Linda Marsh (C)

Sunday, August 30Pam Williams (L)
Julie Alt (C)

Saturday, September 5Kenny Brant (L)
Anita Tetreault (C)

Sunday, September 6Alan Taylor (L)
Nancy Starcher (C)

Saturday, September 12....Doug Minnich (L)
Linda Marsh (C)

Sunday, September 13.....Kelley Kuhn (L)
Anita Tetreault (C)

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement.

Teacher

Good Shepherd

SAVIOR

Prophet

Everlasting

REDEEMER

Lamb of God

Love

King of Glory

FOUNDATION

Healer

**WHO DO YOU
SAY THAT I AM?**



MATTHEW 16

Hope

Living Bread

Most Holy

Eternal life

TRUTH

Priest

Peace

Gift of God

Christ

**LIGHT
OF THE
WORLD**

Lord from Heaven

REDEMPTION

Holy One

The Way. The Truth. The Life.