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# Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016

Turn your ear and answer me,  
my God!

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## **Guest Column**

### **You Are A Child of God**

Several years ago, a mother dropped her son off at the university's Catholic Center with the words, "Don't forget where you come from." I remember thinking how profound those words were. They spoke not only of a place but also of an experience of family.

She was reminding him of his roots. In the first years of college, students can easily lose their way. They experiment with different behaviors and identities. They strive to figure out how to manage their responsibilities. Their religious practice may lapse or change. With a strong foundation, however, most will settle down to the business of becoming Catholic and Christian adults, which happens in small and large steps.

The people in today's parable had changed so much that the master didn't even recognize them: "I do not know where you are from." Maybe they had forgotten themselves or had rejected the promises that the master (who is God) had given them. In any case, Jesus gives them a glimpse of what's behind the narrow gate of salvation—as well as the alternative—and urges them to "strive to enter" it.

Our baptism is a personal invitation to this narrow gate. The path of discipleship requires God's grace and a desire to serve. If our lives don't reflect this call, we run the risk of forgetting who we are, where we are from, and what we are promised. Reflect today on your identity as a child of God and hear God say to your heart, "Don't forget where you come from."

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*Mass Intentions*  *for the Week*

**Aug 20 - 27, 2016**

	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Aug. 20	5 p.m. James Austin, Sr. †	Michael Healy
Sunday, Aug. 21	8 a.m. Victoria Tannady-Thanksgiving	Victoria Tannady
	9:30 a.m. Isabella Tannady-Birthday	Victoria Tannady
	11 a.m. Petrus Tannady-Special Intentions	Victoria Tannady
	12:30 p.m. Betty Cooper's Wellness	Olivia Wong
	6 p.m. For All Mankind	Ricardo Bautista
Monday, Aug. 22	8 a.m. For All Who Have Died	Ricardo Bautista
Tuesday, Aug. 23	8 a.m. Larry Peralta-Special Intention	Nemesia Peralta
Wednesday, Aug. 24	8 a.m. Nemesia Peralta-Thanksgiving	Nemesia Peralta
Thursday, Aug. 25	8 a.m. Maria Luisa Salinda-Birthday	Ricardo Bautista
Friday, Aug. 26	8 a.m. Bill & Leticia Baldwin †	Eulalia McIntyre
Saturday, Aug. 27	8 a.m. Caleb Jewett-Birthday	Roberta Jewett

**Stewardship**

Envelopes & EFT (99)	\$2,274
Loose Donations	1,656
<b>Total Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$3,930</b>

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*Thank you for your generosity.*

**An Evening of Prayer**

Bishop Michael Barber invites everyone for an interfaith service of prayer and witness for peace at the Event Center of the Christ the Light Cathedral on September 6, Tuesday at 5:45pm. An interfaith prayer service started in Assisi with St. John Paul II thirty years ago.

**Message of Stewardship**

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself-my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God-is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

**Let Us Pray for the Sick:**

Crisostomo & Virginia Alday, Gera Assefa, Jade Austin, Evelyn Baker, Pearl & Patrick Batiste, Paul Baptist, Barbara Brendlinger, Robert Britto, Richard Calapini, Evelyn Canepa, Jeff Chavez, Bernadine Clark, Brenna Clark, Jennette Cleadenger, Betty Cooper, Ernesto P. Cruz, Pablo de la Vega, Tami Duncan, Juanita Estrellas, Philomena Giese, Mike Giovannini, Joseph Golinveau, Teresa Grant, Domingos Gregorio, Andy Gutierrez, Ruben Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan, Donna Heuken, Frances, Joanne, Marvin & Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt, Pat Jeffre, Ann Jones, Robin Laws, Maria Impang Lozada, Marian & Michael Luoma, Nancy McVey, Max Milad, Philip Moore, Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil, Victoria Payless, Fely Sabares, Linda Schneider, Salvador Tejero, James Vaughn, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle, Jan Williamson, Masaru Yokoi.

**St. John Parish & School Festival**

An enjoyable day of fellowship with fine food, games, gifts and games await you at the festival on Oct. 16, from 10:30-4pm. Contact our organizers, Mer Engalla, Ricardo and Susan Gonzalez.

**Disciples of Men**

Registration of 13 - to 17-yr. old boys and girls for the Sacrament of the Rite of Confirmation is from Aug. 21-Sep. 2. Class starts Sep. 14 from 6pm-9pm at the Community Center.

**Come to**

**St. John's Seniors**

At the Community Center: Enjoy a lunch and fellowship this Tuesday at 12:30 am. For more information, please call Jan Dukart, Community Director, at 527-2850 or 237-3808.

...and thus heirs of his blessed life.

2 So that this call should resound throughout the world, Christ sent forth the apostles he had chosen, commissioning them to proclaim the gospel: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." *Mt 28:18-20*. Strengthened by this mission, the apostles "went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it." *Mk 16-20*.

3 Those who with God's help have welcomed Christ's call and freely responded to it are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ's faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer. *Cf Acts 2:42*.

## II. HANDING ON THE FAITH: CATECHESIS

4 Quite early on, the name *catechesis* was given to the totality of the Church's efforts to make disciples, to help men believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in his name, and to educate and instruct them in this life, thus building up the body of Christ. (*Cf. John Paul II, apostolic exhortation, Catechesi tradendae 1;2.*)

5 "Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people, and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life." *CT18*

6 While not being formally identified with them, catechesis is built on a certain number of elements of the Church's pastoral mission which have a catechetical aspect, that prepare for catechesis, or spring from it. They are: the initial proclamation of the Gospel or missionary preaching to arouse faith; examination of the reasons for belief; experience of Christian living; celebration of the sacraments; integration into the ecclesial community; and apostolic and missionary witness. *CT18*

7 "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life. Not only her geographical extension and numerical increase, but even more her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis." *CT13*

8 Periods of renewal in the Church are also intense moments of catechesis. In the great era of the Fathers of the Church, saintly bishops devoted an important part of their ministry to catechesis. St. Cyril of Jerusalem and St. John Chrysostom, St. Ambrose and St. Augustine, and many other Fathers wrote catechetical works that remain models for us."

9 "The ministry of catechesis draws ever fresh energy from the councils. The Council of Trent is a noteworthy example of this. It gave catechesis priority in its constitutions and decrees. It lies at the origin of the *Roman Catechism*, which is also known by the name of that council and which is a work of the first rank as a summary of Christian teaching..." *CT13* The Council of Trent initiated a remarkable organization of the Church's catechesis. Thanks to the work of holy bishops and theologians such as St. Peter Canisius, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, or St. Robert Bellarmine, it occasioned the publication of numerous catechisms.

10 It is therefore no surprise that catechesis in the Church has again attracted attention in the wake of the Second Vatican Coun-

## Excerpt from *Laudato Si'*

(An Encyclical of Pope Francis)

Every ecological approach needs to incorporate a social perspective which takes into account the fundamental rights of the poor and the underprivileged. The principle of the subordination of private property to the universal destination of goods, and thus the right of everyone to their use, is a golden rule of social conduct and the "first principle of the whole ethical and social order". - (§93)

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cil, which Pope Paul VI considered the great catechism of modern times. The General Catechetical Directory (1971), the sessions of the Synod of Bishops devoted to evangelization (1974) and catechesis (1977), the apostolic exhortations *Evangelii nuntiandi* (1975) and *Catechesi tradendae* (1979) attest to this. The Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in 1985 asked "that a catechism or compendium of all Catholic doctrine regarding both faith and morals be composed." (*Extraordinary Synod of Bishops 1985, Final Report, II B a, 4*). The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, made the Synod's wish his own, acknowledging that "this desire wholly corresponds to a real need of the universal Church and of the particular Churches." (*John Paul II, Discourse at the Closing of the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops, December 7, 1985: AAS 78(1986)*). He set in motion everything needed to carry out the Synod Fathers' wish.

## III. THE AIM AND INTENDED READERSHIP OF THIS CATECHISM

11 This catechism aims at presenting an organic synthesis of the essential and fundamental contents of Catholic doctrine, as regard both faith and morals, in the light of the Second Vatican Council and the whole of the Church's Tradition. Its principal sources are the Sacred Scriptures, the Fathers of the Church, the liturgy, and the Church's Magisterium. It is intended to serve "as a point of reference for the catechisms or compendium that are composed in the various countries." (*Extraordinary Synod of Bishops 1985, Final Report II B a, 4*)

12 This work is intended primarily for those responsible for catechesis: first of all the bishops, as teachers of the faith and pastors of the Church. It is offered to them as an instrument in fulfilling their responsibility of teaching the People of God. Through the bishops, it is addressed to redactors of catechisms, to priests, and to catechists. It will also be useful reading for all other Christian faithful.

## IV. STRUCTURE OF THIS CATECHISM

13 The plan of this catechism is inspired by the great tradition of catechisms which build catechesis on four pillars: the baptismal profession of faith (the *Creed*), the sacraments of faith, the life of faith (the *Commandments*), and the prayer of the believer (the *Lord's Prayer*).

## Part One: *The profession of faith*

14 Those who belong to Christ through faith and Baptism must confess their baptismal faith before men. *Cf. Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9.* (*cont next issue*)

### **Learning the Catholic Faith**

Classes for the *Religious Catechetical Instruction for Adults* start every Tuesdays from Sep. 13-May 16, 7:30-9pm at the community center . For more information, contact ministry directors or the church office.

### **ST. John's Charismatic Prayer Service**

For the month of September, Praise and Worship Hour will be on Sep. 3, Saturday, at 7pm. There will also be a healing service and benediction. All are welcome.

### **2016 Bishop's Appeal Update**

Congratulations to Everyone. St. John the Baptist Parish has contributed above the expected Goal as of July 29, 2016.

### **Celebrating Our Lady of Fatima**

Every 13th day of the month to October, a mass, procession and rosary at St. John commemorate the apparition of Our Lady to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco 100 years ago. Next month the thirteenth of September is on a Tuesday and starts at 6:30pm.

## *Be A - Part of The Church Ministry*

#### **Pastoral Ministry**

*Finance Committee*  
Bruce Hartman 232-6280  
*Pastoral Council*  
Diana Reyes (210) 557 1580  
*Stewardship Committee*  
William Saner 237-6473  
Sharon Ewen 412-9761

#### **Church Ministry**

*Church CleanUp*  
Noreen Shaughnessy 235-6640  
*Office Volunteer*  
Art de Leon 232-5659  
*Church Decoration*  
Olivia Wong 233-1088  
*Church Linen*  
Corinne Drymon 417-6999

#### **Liturgical Ministry**

*Altar Servers*  
Frances Renty Williams 384-8203  
*Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist*  
Eric & Sharon Ewen 412-9761  
*Ministry to the Sick*  
Diane Marin 237-3728  
*Lectors*  
Mer Engalla 669-9204  
*Liturgy Committee*  
Richard Keller 234-1754  
*Church Choir*  
Marissa Bautista 502-5076 (5pm Vigil)  
Ligia Britto 525-9066 (12:30pm Mass)  
Andy Gutierrez 703-1076 (8am, 9:30 Youth Choir, 11am)  
*Ushers*  
Geraldine Judt 233-1960

#### **Community Spirit Ministry**

*African American Community*  
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*Brazilian Community*  
Jose Freitas 232-4328  
*Lunar New Year Festival*  
Olivia Wong 233-1088  
*Our Lady of Guadalupe Community*  
Frances & Everardo Martin 234-3152  
*San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila Community*  
Bernie Juat 526-5828  
*Young Ladies Institute*  
Ruth Vietti 235-7552

#### **Religious Education Ministry**

*Adult Catechism*  
Christine Hickey 236-5872  
John Houghton 526-1401  
Richard Keller 234-1754  
*Pre-Baptism Program*  
Christine Hickey 236-5872  
*Catechism for Children*  
Lynn Castro-Evans 501-4894  
*Confirmation & Youth Program*  
Gina de la Torre 815-0050  
*Scripture Study*  
Richard Keller 234-1754  
*Vacation Bible Camp*  
Pam Vincent 507-8694

#### **Spiritual Growth Ministry**

*Morning Prayer*  
Tom Kennedy 501-3956

#### **Social Service Ministry**

*Natural Family Planning*  
Ron & Andrea Gronsky 526-5041

GRIP Soup Center: Margaret Doherty 233-2515, Kathleen Keller 234-1754, Geraldine Judt 233-1960

St. John's Seniors: Jan Dukart 527-3808

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Patrick Moran 323-5962

**Mass for All Silver Jubilee Couples**

Bishop Michael Barber will celebrate mass at the cathedral for couples' 25 years of marriage. Mass is on Oct. 2, 10am. Register at: lwindham@oakdiocese.org or call 267-8395.



*Welcome to the Church*

Ruben Delgado

*Our Newly Baptized*

**School Opens Aug 24, Wednesday**

St. John the Baptist Elementary School starts Pre-School to 8th Grade classes on August 24, Wednesday. Welcome to our teachers and students.

**HELP and HOPE Hotline**

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School Tipline: 800-863-7600

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