



August 22, 2021 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Master, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

John 6:68

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Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

CAN WE STAY WITH JESUS?

The people who were frenetically following Jesus, crossing the lake twice to pursue him, eating the bread he miraculously provided, are now puzzled by Jesus proclaiming himself as "the

bread of life," and they are incredulous. They can go with him no farther, so they gradually drift away. The Twelve, however, stay with Jesus. What else could they do? Who else offers such a profound vision of human life? Peter expresses it well: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not all of our life's crossroads involve our faith, but some do. Perhaps there is someone in your parish who chose to become Catholic and is now alienated from their family; someone who is unhappy with a new pastor and wondering about looking for a different parish; someone who was especially distressed by the clergy sex abuse and prayed long and hard before deciding that she needed her parish to get through it. There may be many in your parish facing such choices, and they need our support and our prayers. In the meantime, we can hope that someday they will again experience Jesus as the Holy One of God, offering them words of eternal life.

Today's Readings: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

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Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

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Contact the parish office six
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Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. **Please come again!***

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Joe Fazio. Miller Family. Rick Boultinghouse. Rheannon Dahm. Al & Evelyn Murfin. Aimee Mills. Rick & Teri Jackson. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. John Gillespie. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Daniel Corrigan. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Molly Dunn. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazio. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from

our parish community: Dawn Quinn, US Army PVT 2nd Class (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 8/21 Laura Funk+ (M/M Bonicard)

Sun 8/22 Deacon Ignacio Panuo (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Tue 8/24 Deacon Manuel Ramos (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Wed 8/25 Deacon Juventino Torres (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Thurs 8/26 Deacon Alejandro Cisineros (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Fri. 8/27 Deacon Pedro Gonzales (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Sat. 8/28 Deacon Jose Luis Mireles (Daughters of Divine Hope)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the month of June, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,882

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 4,176

Attendance 8/14 Saturday 43 8/15 Sunday 61

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.



Pope's Intention for August:

The Church. Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

THE WAY

It's hard to train a child in a way the parents don't go themselves.

—Anonymous

BLESSED

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed. —Anonymous

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Psalms: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading: Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Gospel: Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

DECISIONS

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide!

Would you be interested in spending an hour with our Lord in adoration?



Please contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.



Patriotic Rosary for Peace in America
Due to conflicting summer schedules there will be no Patriotic Rosary Sept. We will start back on Saturday, October 2nd at 9:00am.



Reminders for Lectors, EM's, Ushers and Altar Servers.

- ◆ Arrive 20 minutes before Mass.
- ◆ If you have a conflict with the schedule, please call another person in that ministry to switch or sub for you.
- ◆ Lectors, EM's and Altar Servers gather in the Sacristy 10 minutes before the start of Mass for prayer.
- ◆ EM's before Mass check with Fr. Mike to see if he needs assistance with the distribution of the Body of Christ.
- ◆ EM's after Mass retrieve the vessels on the credence table to the sacristy and clean thoroughly. Place tabernacle key where it belongs.

We are in desperate need of children & adult altar servers. Please let Fr. Mike know if you're interested.

Thank you for your ministry. *Fr. Mike Snider*

Are you ready for some coffee and donuts after Sun., 9:00am Mass? Looking to start back **Sunday, Sept. 12th**, if we can get volunteers to help with the following:



AS OF 8/19 NO ONE has signed up for the following: Serve coffee; juice; donuts and clean up kitchen for the 1st Sunday of each month (when no K of C breakfast), 2nd Sunday, 3rd, 4th and when there is a 5th Sunday. Also, needed alternates for these weeks. Volunteers needed for picking up donuts at 2869 & 14, then deliver to church. **IF WE HAVE NO VOLUNTEERS COFFEE & DONUTS WILL BE CANCELLED.**

Thank you to the six parishioners that offered to purchase donuts on a monthly basis (estimate cost of donuts on a weekly basis is \$33.00) this was the cost before covid. Sign-up sheet located outside my office.

Questions, call 903-769-3235 or email holy.spirit2@yahoo.com
Thank You, Bridget

August Second Collections:

8/21 & 8/22 "Black & Indian Missions."

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749 or Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953.** The Statue will be delivered to your home on the day of your choice and picked up at the end of one week. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **We are in the need of pasta; canned vegetables and sauce.**

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net



Thank you,
*Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd;
Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin
Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team*

HELP NEEDED

1. **We are in need of an organist, do you know of anyone that would be interested?**
2. **Help needed in maintaining our meditation garden?**
3. **Fr. Mike needs someone that can climb a ladder to change light bulbs.**

Did you know that our **Rosary Group repairs broken rosaries?** Also, if you have **old jewelry** that you don't want any longer, they will be glad to take it off your hands. They use old jewelry to make rosaries. What a precious gift to have from your mother's or grandmother's jewelry made into a rosary. Call Jean Kelly 903-857-9868

CHOIR PRACTICE is held in our church every Thursday at Noon, come and join us.

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR MASKS

East Texas Sanctity of Life Banquet Join the Diocese of Tyler for the Sixth Annual East Texas Sanctity of Life Banquet with featured speaker Ashley Bratcher. The Banquet will take place October 11, at (Holiday Inn Conference Center) in Tyler, Tx from 6 pm to 8 pm. **Fr. Mike would like to put together a Holy Spirit table of eight to attend, cost \$50.00 per person. If interested please call 903-769-3235 or email holy.spirit2@yahoo.com the office to let Bridget know.**

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

The St. Philip Institute is co-hosting the Together in Holiness Marriage Conference with the St. John Paul II Foundation on October 23, 2021. Please see the attached document with bulletin announcement samples. Please run this bulletin announcement between now and Sunday, October 17, 2021. Thank you in advance for your help! If you would like this in a different format please email our Conference Coordinator Sara Dietz at sara@forlifeandfamily.org

Following this page is the updated Holy Spirit Ministries Schedule starting Sept. 18, 2021 through January 2, 2022.

If you are unable to serve on your assigned date, please switch with someone else.

Thank you for your ministries.

Fr. Mike

Holy Spirit Ministries Schedule
Sept.2021- Jan. 2022

DATE	Day	Ems	LECTORS	USHERS	SERVERS	ACOLYTES
09/18/21	Sat	Ruth Barber	Marie Hanson	Cathy Keefe	Open	Charlie Clymer
		David Barber	Bridget Rich	Bob Quinn		
09/19/21	Sun	Ken Pregeant	Randy Munoz	Jeff Leingang	Zachary Ellis	Jeff Ellis
		Patsy Pregeant	Lou Masferrer	Cherie Leingang		
09/25/21	Sat	Rebecca Niebrugge	Melinda Hlavenka	David Barber	Open	Charlie Clymer
		Jeanette Sterner	Ruth Barber	Al Murfin		
09/26/21	Sun	Jean Kelly	Pat Bonneville	Ken Pregeant	Open	Jerry Hauck
		James Cormier	Lindy Moseley	Ruddie Anderson		
10/02/21	Sat	Jean Kelly	Rebecca Niebrugge	Jess Corrigan	Open	Charlie Clymer
		Diane Laudt	Jeanette Sterner	Michael Jernigan		
10/03/21	Sun	Randy Munoz	Steve York	Lex Forster	Zachary Ellis	Jeff Ellis
		Shirley Munoz	Jane Bidlack	Bob Mailliard		
10/09/21	Sat	Terri Evans	Eva Corrigan	Cathy Keefe	Open	Charlie Clymer
		Bob Quinn	Lillian Speights	Bob Quinn		
10/10/21	Sun	Jane Bidlack	Vicki Hauck	Jeff Leingang	Open	Jerry Hauck
		Ruddie Anderson	Eloise Sanchez	Cherie Leingang		
10/16/21	Sat	Marie Hanson	Cathy Keefe	David Barber	Open	Charlie Clymer
		Bridget Rich	Melinda Hlavenka	Al Murfin		
10/17/21	Sun	Jean Kelly	Lou Masferrer	Ken Pregeant	Zachary Ellis	Jeff Ellis
		James Cormier	Randy Munoz	Ruddie Anderson		
10/23/21	Sat	Ruth Barber	Bridget Rich	Jess Corrigan	Open	Charlie Clymer
		David Barber	Marie Hanson	Michael Jernigan		
10/24/21	Sun	Ken Pregeant	Lindy Moseley	Lex Forster	Open	Jerry Hauck
		Patsy Pregeant	Pat Bonneville	Bob Mailliard		
10/30/21	Sat	Rebecca Niebrugge	Ruth Barber	Cathy Keefe	Open	Charlie Clymer
		Jeanette Sterner	Melinda Hlavenka	Bob Quinn		
10/31/21	Sun	Randy Munoz	Jane Bidlack	Ken Pregeant	Zachary Ellis	Jeff Ellis
		Shirley Munoz	Steve York	Ruddie Anderson		
11/06/21	Sat	Terri Evans	Jeanette Sterner	David Barber	Open	Charlie Clymer
		Bob Quinn	Rebecca Niebrugge	Al Murfin		
11/07/21	Sun	Jane Bidlack	Eloise Sanchez	Jeff Leingang	Open	Jerry Hauck
		Ruddie Anderson	Vicki Hauck	Cherie Leingang		
11/13/21	Sat	Jean Kelly	Lillian Speights	Jess Corrigan	Open	Charlie Clymer
		Diane Laudt	Bridget Rich	Michael Jernigan		
11/14/21	Sun	Ken Pregeant	Randy Munoz	Lex Forster	Zachary Ellis	Jeff Ellis
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11/27/21	Sat	Ruth Barber David Barber	Marie Hanson Bridget Rich	Cathy Keefe Bob Quinn	Open	Charlie Clymer
11/28/21	Sun	Randy Munoz Shirley Munoz	Steve York Jane Bidlack	Ken Pregeant Ruddie Anderson	Zachary Ellis	Jeff Ellis
12/04/21	Sat	Rebecca Niebrugge Jeanette Sterner	Melinda Hlavenka Ruth Barber	Jess Corrigan Michael Jernigan	Open	Charlie Clymer
12/05/21	Sun	Jane Bidlack Ruddie Anderson	Vicki Hauck Eloise Sanchez	Lex Forster Bob Mailliard	Open	Jerry Hauck
12/11/21	Sat	Jean Kelly Diane Laudt	Jeanette Sterner Rebecca Niebrugge	Cathy Keefe Bob Quinn	Open	Charlie Clymer
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12/26/21	Sun	Ken Pregeant Patsy Pregeant	Jane Bidlack Steve York	Jeff Leingang Cherie Leingang	Open	Jerry Hauck
12/31/21	Fri NY Eve	Terri Evans Bob Quinn	Bridget Rich Marie Hanson	David Barber Al Murfin	Open	Charlie Clymer
01/01/22	Sat NY Day	Jean Kelly James Cormier	Lou Masferrer Randy Munoz	Ken Pregeant Ruddie Anderson	Open	Jerry Hauck
01/01/22	Sat	David Barber Ruth Barber	Jeanette Sterner Rebecca Niebrugge	Jess Corrigan Michael Jernigan	Open	Charlie Clymer
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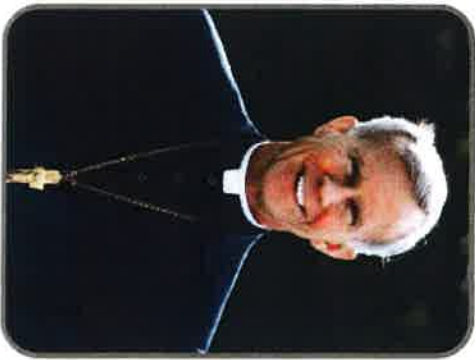


East Texas

Sanctity of Life

Banquet

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6 PM - 8 PM**



Most Reverend Bishop
Joseph Edward Strickland

"In America today, it no longer seems self-evident that we are endowed by our Creator with an unalienable right to life. Let's come together and witness to this great truth. The time is right for all of us, regard-less our faith background, to give a united witness to the sanctity of life by proclaiming that every life is a gift uniquely given by God and so has a sacred dignity."
— Bishop Joseph Strickland

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