



And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, August 27

9:15 AM R.E. classes

Monday, August 28

1:00 PM Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John
7:00 PM Grupo de Oración en la Casa St. John

Tuesday, August 29

8:00 AM Daily Mass
6:30 PM R.E. classes

Wednesday, August 30

8:00 AM Daily Mass
6:30 PM R.E. classes
6:45 PM Hora Santa

Thursday, August 31

8:00 AM Daily Mass

Friday, September 1

8:00 AM Daily Mass
8:30 AM Holy Hour



MASSES For The Week

Saturday, August 26

4:00 PM Rose Giordano by Sherry Goelden

Sunday, August 27

8:00 AM In Honor of Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 AM †Juan Carlos Valle by Parents

12:15 PM Pro Populo

Tuesday, August 29

8:00 AM †Odilia Vargas by Frank & Elaine Kasper

Wednesday, August 30

8:00 AM Fr. Orosco – Health and/or Intentions by an Anonymous

Thursday, August 31

8:00 AM †Marie Fairchild by Elaine & Frank Kasper

Friday, September 1

8:00 AM In Honor of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, September 2

4:00 PM †Baby Vincent Ambrose Holmes by Teresa & Edward Holmes

Sunday, September 3

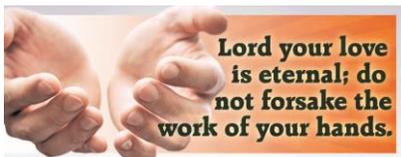
8:00 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM †Tony & †Loretta Wimmer by Dan & Jackie Johnston
12:15 PM †Rosario Rodriguez by Frank & Elaine Kasper

Sound Catholic practice encourages us to offer the Mass for the departed and for those in any need. To request a Mass to be offered, please visit the parish office or return to the office a completed Mass intention card. Available cards are located in the foyer of the church.



Sacrament of Anointing

Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use in order to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Orosco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.



Prayer Requests



Richard Collier
 Richard Lozano Sr.
 Mike Gonzales
 Nancy Bardsley
 Curtis Rushing
 Deacon Leo Renner
 Jennifer Whitehouse
 Paul Gumler
 Olivia Nicole Yates
 Stanley Quist
 Sonia Rodriguez Cadena
 Brenda Larsen
 Carol Dossey
 Cindy Kinkaid
 Rosann Kinkaid
 Juan Cleto Castillo
 Patti Sikors Garrett
 Angel Gabriel Godinez
 Tomas Samuel Garcia
 Barbara Sikors Hendricks
 María Mercedes Gaytán
 Ma. del Refugio Mendoza
 Marianne Marsden
 Connie Schroeder
 Daniel Gonzales
 Luisa Regina Ramírez Pérez
 Jovita De la Garza
 Leslie Erickson
 Judy Aloï
 Bob Harris
 Juanita Ruiz
 JoAnn Martinez

Nick Morales, Sr.
 Lee Wilde
 James Dean
 Brenda Newburn
 Henry Taft
 Jesus Arteaga
 Jose Ivan Ramirez
 Mason Gumler
 Felipa Garcia
 Joe Wages
 Erica Vargas
 Margaret Wages
 Sheila Wages
 Kevin Huggins
 Johnnie B. Malouf
 Pascual Meza
 Robert Repka, Sr.
 Michelle Elliott
 Crystal Sanchez
 Enrique Gutiérrez
 Warren Terry
 Elmer Marsden
 Odin Kizer
 Claire Taft
 Jackie Petricka
 Ann Glynn
 Efrain Valenzuela
 Colleen Eldred
 Shirley Taft
 Jose Aramil
 Cameron Sutton

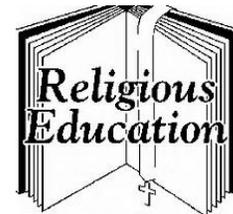


Last Week's Collection:	\$5,606.58
The Assumption of the BVM:	834.15
E-Giving (Blue Pay):	225.00
FY'16-17 Budgeted Average:	6,500.00
FY'16-17 Average Sunday Coll. thru 07/31/17:	6,628.93
Attendance:	1,005

Crochet Ministry



The Crochet Ministry meet every Monday at 1:00pm @ Casa St. John.



Welcome back, students and members of the Religious Education Team!



The Religious Education program for children and youth begins this Sunday! We look forward to welcoming all of our students and members of the Religious Education Team on the first day of class!

Sunday classes:	August 27	@ 9:15 – 10:15am
Tuesday classes:	August 29	@ 6:30 – 7:30pm
Wednesday classes:	August 30th	@ 6:30 – 7:30pm

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of September 2/3

Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm Melody Zimmer/Cathy Burton
 Sun. 8:00am Melinda Sanchez
 Sun. 10:30am Shelilah Dean/Karie Hammond

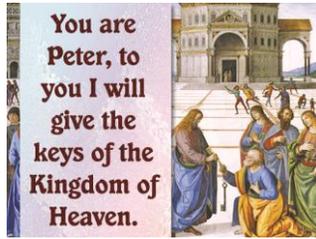
Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 4:00pm Joyce Salisbury/Rick Salisbury/Karen Mathers
 Sun. 8:00am Chris Probst/Dan Probst
 Robin Truett/Mary Pat Samuels
 Sun. 10:30am Bill Bedrick/Argie Benavidez
 Shelilah Dean/Tammy Guerra

Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Debbie Patterson*/Paul M./Sherry G./Michael G.
 Sun. 8:00am Wayne Meshell*/David B./Robert B./Rachel H.
 Sun. 10:30am Richard Lozano Jr.*/Dennis C./Steven H./Erik A.

Twenty-first Week of Ordinary Time



Keys are central to readings for the **Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The first reading from **Isaiah** offers the story of the faithful servant Eliakim, who will be given the keys for his master's palace. Paul's brief reading from the **Letter to the Romans** is a moving prayer filled with awe at the depth and unknowing ways of our Lord. In **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus asks his followers what people are saying about him. Then he asks the real question, "Who do *you* say I am?" Peter's direct answer, "You are the Christ" prompts Jesus' reply that Peter would be given the keys to the kingdom of heaven and would be the rock upon which his church would be built.

This week we have the **Memorial of St. Augustine** and the **Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist**.

The first readings this week are from Paul's **First Letter to the Thessalonians**, the oldest book in the New Testament. The letters are affectionate and frank reminders of the humiliation and challenges that Paul met in preaching to this community he loved so much. These readings are a wonderful reminder that the letters of Paul were just that - letters to teach, encourage and support early communities of Christians.

Matthew's Gospel this week includes stories of Jesus strongly challenging the Pharisees. He saw how they made people's lives so difficult by their insistence on the rules and appearances while neglecting mercy and good faith. He chides them for paying attention to the extraneous and not the message: "Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!" His criticism grows stronger: "On the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing." Jesus teaches about preparation: Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." In the parable of the ten maidens who go out to meet the bridegroom, many of the women did not prepare for the meeting and do not have enough oil for their lamps and Jesus says again, "Stay awake." Saturday's gospel is the dramatic story of the three servants who are given resources by their master and rewarded or punished for what they did with the resources they had.

Daily Prayer This Week

The old Baltimore Catechism defined Prayer as "raising the mind and heart to God." It reminds us that prayer is not simply saying words to God, or even thinking over religious things in our heads. Real prayer becomes a matter of the heart. We understand prayer best when we think of it as a relationship. Growing in prayer is to grow in love, in intimacy, in a type of communication that is "heart to heart." So, on the human level, if we have a difficult time receiving love or in surrendering our self-absorption and giving love or if we just haven't had much experience of being intimate and vulnerable with another human being, then it will be difficult for us to do that with God. Conversely, anything we can do to develop our relationship skills, to de-selfish ourselves and practice accepting love and loving generously will help us grow in our relationship with God. Praying can often become easier, more personal and intimate.

This week, we can go from hearing these wonderful readings to listening to Jesus with our hearts. It is great to begin this week asking for the grace to reflect throughout the day on how we will enter "the narrow gate", by how we go about our day, interact with people, or return home from work. Then we can reflect on how we can humble ourselves and what that means for our day to day choices.

We could ask for the grace to go deeper than the externals and rules and get to the heart of our faith - loving others with the same compassion and love that Jesus shows us. For some of us, it might be extremely helpful this week to take the word "awake" and to carry it all day long. "Help me stay awake, Lord: to be alert and attentive, focused and reflective today. It will be busy, but I ask that you help me be consciously aware that you will be with me all day." We may want to ask, "Lord, let me be conscious of the many gifts and blessings you have given me. Let me reflect upon how I use each gift gratefully and for others. Let me really see today if there are gifts that I am neglecting, squandering, or simply are afraid to use. Then, give me the courage to give you thanks and to be a good steward of your gifts."

As we prepare for Sunday, we can begin to reflect upon giving up the honors in our lives. We can begin each day praying, "Lord, help me humble myself today, put myself last in caring for my family, in doing my job with a more selfless sense of service. Help me forgive people who aren't performing well or behaving well. Help me see the way you give me life in this surrender, in this freedom to spend brief moments today in talking with you, friend-to-friend, in heart-felt connection with you, for others."

“Y USTEDES, ¿QUIEN DICEN QUE SOY YO?”



Cristo podría hacernos hoy las mismas preguntas que hizo a sus discípulos: “¿Quién dice la gente que es el Hijo del hombre?” “Y ustedes, ¿Quién dicen que soy yo?”

- Hay muchas opiniones – hoy más que nunca – acerca de quién es Jesús.
- Corremos el riesgo de hacernos una imagen de Jesús de acuerdo con el parecer o el gusto de cada uno.
- Pero nada de eso va a cambiar quién es Jesús en realidad.
- Cuando Pedro dijo que Jesús era “el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios vivo”, el Señor lo llamo dichoso, porque eso se lo había revelado el Padre celestial.
- El *Catecismo de la Iglesia católica*, n. 100, dice: “El oficio de interpretar auténticamente la Palabra de Dios ha sido encomendado únicamente al Magisterio vivo de la Iglesia, al Papa y a los obispos en comunión con él”.

Y yo te digo a ti que tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia. Los poderes del infierno no prevalecerán sobre ella.

Clases de Pre-Bautismales

El Padre Orosco ofrece las Pláticas Pre-Bautismales cada primer sábado del mes a las 6:00 pm. Favor de llamar a la oficina (972-563-3643) para obtener la hoja de registración.



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LA DOCTRINA...

Grupo de Oración

El Grupo de Oración se reúnen cada lunes a las 7pm en la Casa St. John.



¡Bienvenidos a todos los estudiantes, y miembros del equipo de la Doctrina!

Unción de los Enfermos

Si usted o alguien que usted conozca está necesitado en recibir comunión o el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos favor de llamar al Padre Orosco en la oficina de la Iglesia al número 972-563-3643.



Hora Santa

Todos están invitados a la Hora Santa cada miércoles a las 6:45pm. Nos reunimos en la Iglesia para darle honra a Jesús Sacramentado.



Hoy domingo comienza el programa de la Doctrina para los niños y los jóvenes. Le damos la bienvenida a todos los estudiantes y a cada persona que nos va ayudar con este programa en este primer día de clase.

Clases de domingo:	27 de agosto	9:15 – 10:15am
Clases de los martes:	29 de agosto	6:30 – 7:30pm
Clases de los miércoles:	30 de agosto	6:30 – 7:30pm