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Mass Intentions

Aug 21st: Ethel Huffman +
by Mark & Kay Bartel

Aug 22nd: Parishioners of St Andrew
and St Regina

Aug 26th: Luis Mundaca +
by Sandro & Marcela Ferrarone

Aug 27th: Yolanda Quiroga +
by Sandro & Marcela Ferrarone

Aug 28th: James Blowers +
by Mark & Kay Bartel

Aug 29th: Parishioners of St Andrew
and St Regina

Liturgical Ministers

Aug 29th:

Lector: Lois Freeland

Server: Jose Rodriguez

Sacristans— Carmen McDaniel

Altar Linens — Laurie Green, Mary Theresa Foster

Ushers—Men of the Parish

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2021

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.
— *Joshua 24:15b*

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!

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FEAST OF FAITH

Come, Spirit!

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an *epiclesis*, a Greek word that means “invocation upon” or “calling over here.” At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: “Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son” (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first *epiclesis* the *epiclesis* of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another *epiclesis*, the *epiclesis* of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. “Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ” (Eucharistic Prayer III).

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WEEKLY OFFERING

August 15th

Budget	\$1750
Actual	\$1908
Bldg.	\$0
Over	\$158

TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR B

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).

Psalm — 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).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Lucien Cravens, MaryAnn Maness,
Peggy Moss, Joey Wall,

Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Sunny Maness, Fr Robert Ponticello,
For all who have Covid 19

Volunteers Needed

We still need 2 volunteers to be
sacristans on Sundays.

Thank you to the parishioners that have
stepped up to help.

R. C. I. A.

Father Anthony will have RCIA
classes on Thursdays, starting on
August 26th, from 6:00-7:00 pm.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Monday: St. Rose of Lima

Tuesday: St. Bartholomew

Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

Friday: St. Monica

Saturday: St. Augustine

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

Mass Schedule

Monday: 11:30 am

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 11:30 am

Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am



Please keep the former parishioners, Gene and Ginny Ragghianti, in your prayers. Gene is in the hospital with Covid and not expected to live. Ginny also has Covid but is home.

Coming Events.

August 25th through September 7th,
Mary Alyce will be out of town and the
office will be closed.

Friday, September 10th, at 10:30, the
Sunday Scripture Class will meet to
discuss the Sunday readings. Everyone is
invited to attend.

BLESSED

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

—Anonymous