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## Mass Intentions

August 20th: Elizabeth Mary Holmes +

By Mark & Kay Bartel

August 21st: Parishioners of St Andrew

and St Regina

August 28th: Parishioners of St Andrew

and St Regina

### Reflection question:

How can I know what God commands?

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## Liturgical Ministers

**August 28th**

**Lector:** Lois Freeland

**Altar Servers:** Ella Grace Muetze

**Gifts:** Sheri Parkinson, Eleanor Michie

**Eucharistic Minister:**

**Sacristans:**

**Ushers**—Men of the Parish

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 21, 2022

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.  
Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be  
disjointed but healed.  
— *Hebrews 12:12-13*

### GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Our readings today remind us of the larger story of the Bible, of God’s purposes and promises for the world. Because of humanity’s rejection of God, as told in Genesis, human communities were first dispersed. Isaiah proclaims that one day God will gather these communities to be healed and reconciled with God. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus echoes Isaiah and teaches that all peoples in God’s promised future “will recline at table in the kingdom of God.” Notice that in Isaiah, the nations coming to God do not lose their ethnicity or unique identity. They bring their own distinct cultural gifts to God’s table. Each people has its unique history with God, has received distinct blessings from God, and each is accountable to God. Today, we live in a global and multi-cultural Church. When God’s diverse peoples gather in worship today, may we honor and celebrate each other’s gifts and blessings.

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### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose,  
grant your people to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

**August 14th**  
**Budget \$1750**  
**Actual**  
**Not available**

### Special Collection

Catholic Universities  
September 4th

### TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR C

**First Reading** — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

**Psalm** — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

**Second Reading** — Be strong and endure your trials as the “discipline” of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

**Gospel** — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Grant Adams, Chuck Amrhein, Cathy Amrhein,  
Lucien Cravens, MaryAnn Maness,

#### Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship,  
Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew  
Grower, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore,  
Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

#### Friends

Emma Cupples, Sunny Maness,  
Bobbie Keeton, John Henry Maness,  
Fr Robert Ponticello, Park Mi Kung, Na Song Ae

### Coming Events

**August 22nd:** Office will be closed.

**Scripture Study Group:** The group will resume the classes at **10:00 am** on **Friday**, August 19th and August 26th. The September dates are September 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. Please note the new time for the classes.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Rose of Lima

Wednesday: St. Bartholomew

Thursday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz

Saturday: St. Monica

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

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

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

## Mass Schedule



**Monday:** 11:30 am

**Wednesday:** 11:30 am

**Thursday:** 9:00 am

**Friday:** 11:30 am

**Sunday Vigil:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God’s people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was “full, conscious, and active,” a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

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