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21st Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22

5:00 p.m. All deceased parishioners

Sunday, August 23

8:00 a.m. Evelyn LeBlanc

9:15 a.m. Victoria Amalfetano, Marcella McCulloch
Susan Cabana

11:00 a.m. Richardson Clapperton, Lee Morreale

Wednesday, August 26

9:00 a.m. Donna Cummings

Thursday, August 27

9:00 a.m. Christopher Murphy

Saturday, August 29

5:00 p.m. Tony Varrecchione, Louis Montanaro

Sunday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Louis Codega, Mary Ann Farrell,
Betty Ann Hogan

9:15 a.m. Thomas Drennan, Ruth Guilfoyle
Robert & Dorothy DiSchino,

11:00 a.m. Claire & Emilien Gervais,
Jesse & Anna Leone

If you scheduled a Mass intention for a relative or friend during the weeks when there were no public Masses, you may notice that the name will appear in the intentions over the next few weeks. (Some of the intentions were already offered.) If you would like to reschedule any intention, just let us know.

Please see each week's bulletin for the schedule of weekday Masses, as the schedule will change from time to time.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Due to COVID restrictions, the Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples who are observing their 25th, 40th 50th and over 50th anniversaries will not be held this year. However, if you would like a letter from Bishop Tobin and a certificate to remember your special anniversary, please contact Beth in the office.



Religious Formation News

2019-2020 Sacraments

August First Communions

Emails were sent out this week to all families who scheduled an August Communion date. This email contained important information. If you did not get an email or have any other questions please **email** Georgann at glardaro@ctkri.org.

2020-2021 RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES

Registrations for classes for the coming year will begin in September.

2021 First Communions and Confirmations will be scheduled for the Spring 2021. Watch the Bulletin for information, updates and schedules.

Books and Teacher Supplies

As you start getting ready for Back to School you may come across one of the above.

There is an easy return policy!

A **Book Return Box** is located on steps leading into the parish hall by the garage.

You can also return them to the Parish office - which is open from 9 a.m. – 1p.m. Monday through Thursday, or bring them when you come to mass on the weekends.

LIVE STREAM MASS

Each Sunday, our 11 a.m. Mass is live streamed to our parish YouTube Channel for those who cannot attend in person. The live stream Mass will appear on the link below when it goes live at 11 a.m. Click the red “subscribe” button on our YouTube page to receive notifications whenever a new video posts. Here is the direct link to our CTK YouTube Channel:

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Quotes of the Week

“God who did not go to the seminary or study theology will repay you abundantly.”

Pope Francis, in a letter to Sister Mónica Astorga Cremona, a Discalced Carmelite nun in Argentina who raised funds for an apartment building that will serve as permanent housing for twelve transgender people who are currently in poverty. “Pope tells nun helping transgender women, ‘God will repay you.’” *Cruix*. August 18, 2020.

“According to the latest report from the Multimedia Catholic Center, 81 priests and religious have died in Mexico after contracting the COVID-19 coronavirus since March. The number includes 70 priests, six deacons and five religious, most of whom were from the archdioceses of San Luis Potosi, Morelia and Puebla. Most of the priests who died were actively working in parishes and churches across the country, with ages ranging from 39 to 85.”

“Over 80 clergy and religious in Mexico have died of Covid-19.” *Cruix*. August 18, 2020.

“The Catholic Church teaches that voting requires an informed conscience, the need to evaluate a candidate’s character and the prudence to apply moral principles to a complex world with imperfect choices. Perhaps the most authentically Catholic thing for Catholic voters to do in November is tune out the partisan noise and draw guidance from that rich theological tradition.”

“It’s not just about abortion: What ‘pro-life’ means for Catholics in the 2020 election.” *Washington Post*. August 17, 2020.

“Priests in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe have been warned that they could lose the faculty to preach if they give homilies longer than five minutes. The archdiocese told CNA the restriction is part of the archdiocesan response to the coronavirus pandemic. In the memo, sent July 31, archdiocesan vicar general Fr. Glennon Jones said that the archdiocesan chancery had ‘received reports of some homilies going on for well over the 5-minute limit set by the Archbishop.’

“This not only increases exposure time of the coronavirus to others, but increases the discomfiture of many congregants, to the point of some not attending Mass because of it.”

“Citing COVID, Santa Fe warns of preaching suspensions for homilies over 5 minute limit.” *National Catholic Register*. August 18, 2020.

“As of late last month... almost 20% of Americans with kids at home couldn't afford to give their kids enough food, up from almost 17% in early June.”

“More Americans go hungry amid coronavirus pandemic, census shows.” *Wall Street Journal*. August 16, 2020.

“‘Covid is now the No. 3 cause of death in the US – ahead of accidents, injuries, lung disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's, and many, many other causes,’ said Dr. Thomas Frieden, a former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Heart disease and cancer are the leading causes of death in the US, according to the CDC. The rate of deaths from Covid-19 is also much greater in the US than in many other countries, Frieden said. ‘Last week, Americans were eight times more likely to get killed by Covid than were Europeans,’ he said.”

“Covid-19 is now the No. 3 cause of death in the US. But testing to find and isolate cases has dropped off.” *CNN*. August 17, 2020.

“We will not stand for this type of destruction and violence in our community. Rest assured, the FBI will continue to work with the Providence Police Department and our law enforcement partners to apprehend and charge those who engaged in violent crime under the cover of peaceful protests.”

Joseph Bonavolonta, special agent in charge of the FBI Boston Division, in a statement following the arrest of a man who set fire to a Providence Police cruiser during a coordinated attack on the city of Providence on June 2, when 8-10 police officers were injured and 65 people were arrested. “Man charged with lighting Providence police cruiser on fire during riot: U.S. Attorney.” *Boston Herald*. August 17, 2020.

“Study authors reveal people who eat [moderate amounts of] chocolate at least once a week have an eight-percent lower risk of coronary artery disease compared to participants who eat chocolate less frequently.”

“Sweet! Eating chocolate is good for your heart, blood vessels.” *StudyFinds.org*. August 14, 2020. According to the study, recently published in the *European Journal of Preventive Cardiology*, “Clinical trials have shown that the consumption of chocolate has favorable effects on blood pressure and endothelial function... [Our] analysis suggests that the consumption of chocolates at least once a week is associated with a reduction in the risk of CAD [coronary artery disease].”



REFLECTION

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul.

SCAM ALERT

Some parishioners have received fraudulent e-mails and text messages from an individual or individuals claiming to be Fr. Jared, asking them to call him or email him. The parishioner is then asked for financial assistance in the form of gift cards. Neither the email address nor the phone number belong to Fr. Jared. **DO NOT REPLY** to the TEXT Messages or EMAILS as this may place you at risk for fraud. Like "phishing emails" containing viruses, it is possible for people to inflict the same malicious activity via text messages. As is the case with unknown emails, you are encouraged not to reply to unknown text messages.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

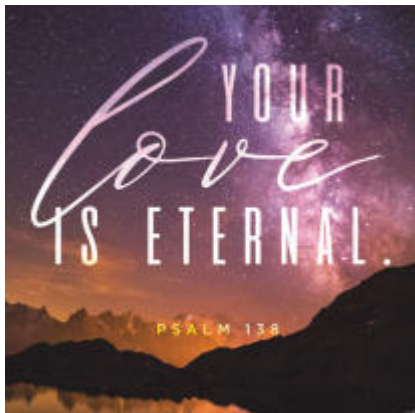
What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose? — Tracy Earl Welliver, LPI

FRIENDLY VISITOR MESSAGE

Every time we turn around, there is another problem coming our way. It is hard enough to cope when you can be out and about with a regular routine, but when you are not able to get out of the house for reasons beyond your control, it is even harder. Having someone to come and visit with you can be very helpful in allowing you to not feel so alone. We have a group of Friendly Visitors here at Christ the King who would very much like to visit and share conversation with you. These visits can be by phone or in person, keeping social distancing and mask wearing regulations in place. While the weather is nice, sitting on your porch or yard can be pleasant. If you'd like to learn more, call Bonnie Feeney at 401-391-9460.

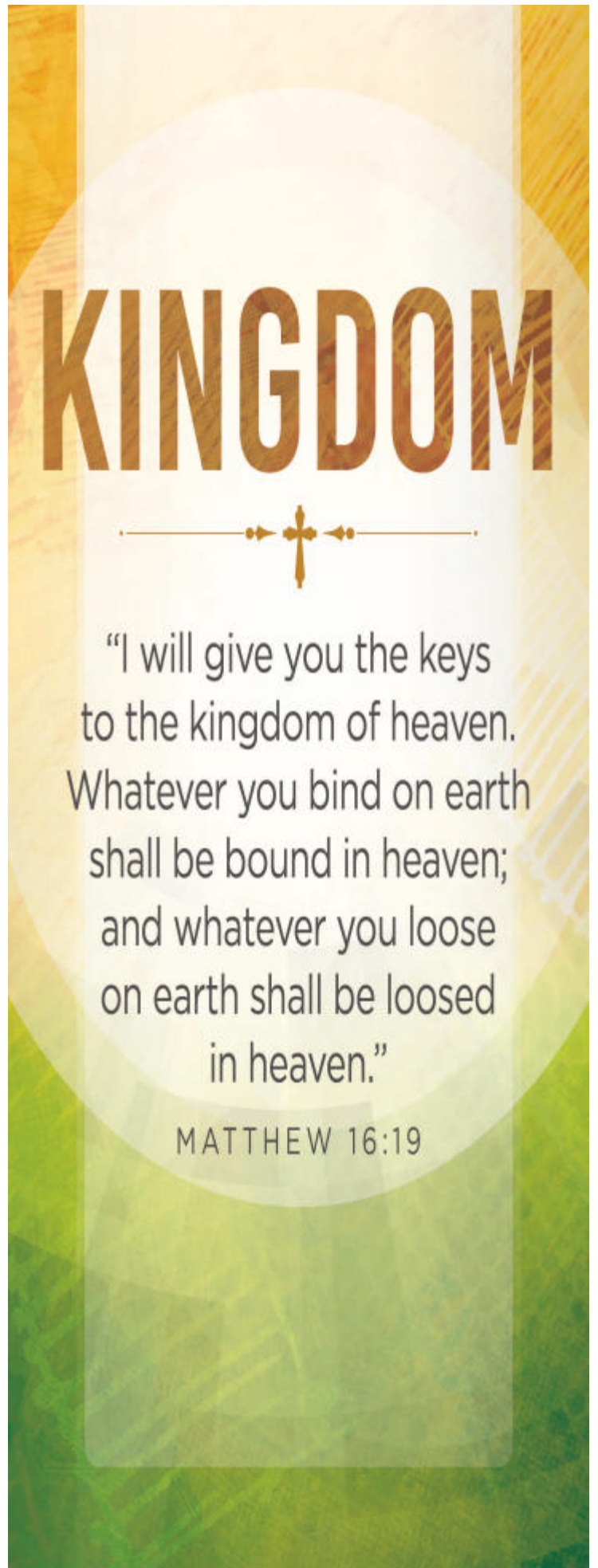


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"I will give you the keys
to the kingdom of heaven.
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shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose
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MATTHEW 16:19





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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8, 9:15 & 11 a.m.

Mass attendance by reservation only.

See website, www.ctkri.org

BAPTISM

The celebration of baptism takes place either during a weekend Mass or a Sunday afternoon liturgy. Parents should speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements.

ADULT INITIATION

Adults wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation should speak to Jennifer Marran.

CONFIRMATION

Eighth graders receive Confirmation in the spring. Please speak to Eva Mancuso for more information.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should speak to Fr. Jared at least nine months prior to the wedding.

RECONCILIATION

To be announced.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion regularly, please speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements. On the third Tuesday of each month, Mass is celebrated at South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at 10:30 a.m., and at Brookdale South Bay Assisted Living at 1:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY: The Book of Ruth (Fr. Jared) 1 & 7pm

To be announced.

BIBLE STUDY (Shared/Group) 7:00 p.m.

To be announced.

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