

# Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2024

All things are of your will,  
my God!



## Masses For The Week

### Sun 25 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

08:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)  
+Margie Marie Zamora (Dotty Guffey)  
+Margarito & Virginia Nieto (Patricia Adami)

### Thr 29 The Passion of St John the Baptist

12:05 pm +For All Souls in Purgatory

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Many murmur, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" If we think of the Christian life without faith, and only from the perspective of our weaknesses and limitations, then we fail to see that Christ offers us "everlasting life." His grace makes it possible for us to love one another and to be "holy and without blemish." "Decide today whom you will serve"—the "Holy One of God" who gives us "Spirit and life." It is in serving the Lord that we "taste and see the goodness of the Lord."*

## The Sanctuary Candle



**This Week will be Burning for**  
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

# Good News!

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b /

Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 / John 6:60-69

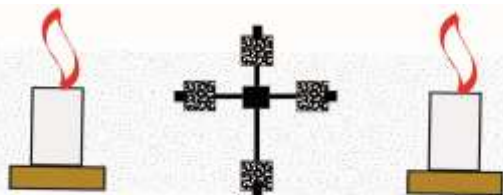
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One day I happened to be sitting and chatting with some teenagers. When the discussion turned to parents, expectations, and how they respond, I asked them, "What's really important to you? What do you value and try not to compromise on?" "Why do you want to know?" one asked. "Just wondering," I said. Silence. Then one said that being honest was really important to her, that she always tried to tell the truth. Another said "family." Another, respecting his body, said, "No drugs, no alcohol." More silence, and then one spoke of her faith and how it really mattered and made a difference in her life. Their conversation then moved on to other things, friends, movies, and what to do later that day.

In reality, I had another reason for asking my question, one beyond a simple inquiry. There is something good about saying aloud what is truly important to us, what we won't compromise on. Saying it out loud makes it more real, something we can stand for. Some of those teens didn't say anything, maybe because they had never thought about what their values were. Perhaps hearing others speak up inspired them to think about it, maybe for the first time in their lives. Saying aloud where we stand in life makes a difference.

Jesus reminds us that it is the spirit that gives life, that the flesh is of no avail. Some of those teens have already begun to realize this truth. ●

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## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Olga Gonzalez, Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Mario Garcia, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, and Armando Colchado.

## LAST DAY FOR CCD REGISTRATION

Last day for registration is today, August 25, after the 8 a.m. Mass. **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

To Register Your Child(ren) in our Parish's CCD Program  
(First Communion & Confirmation):

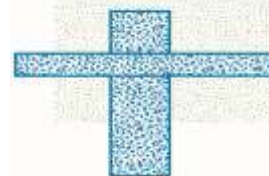
1. Parents must be active [**already have been coming to Mass with child(ren)**] and registered members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. If not registered, parents must register at Parish Office in person. Then the family must remain active for one year to qualify to register for the following year in our CCD Program.
2. Parents **must** bring a copy of the child's **Baptismal Certificate** and **First Communion Certificate** to Registration.

**NO CERTIFICATES,  
NO REGISTRATION!  
NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**All CCD Classes will be held on Sundays  
From 9:15 am to 11:00 am  
beginning on September 8**

### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Any adolescent [**already have been coming to Mass with parent(s)**] who has reached the age of 14 by September 1 of this year and has not been confirmed is encouraged to register.



**Decide today  
to follow  
the LORD**

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The words I spoke to you

are spirit and life

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**Last Sunday's Collection**

**Envelopes: \$ 1,211.00**

**Loose: \$46.00**

**Children's Envelopes: \$ 1.00**

**Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,258.00**

**Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 228.12**

# Dear Padre

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**A friend claims that various saints have appeared to her. Is this something that really happens?**

Your friend might be experiencing what are called "private" revelations. Many recognized saints experienced visions in which Jesus, Mary, or the disciples spoke to them. These revelations were sometimes the sparks that caused future saints to leave whatever they were doing and follow Jesus in a dynamic way.

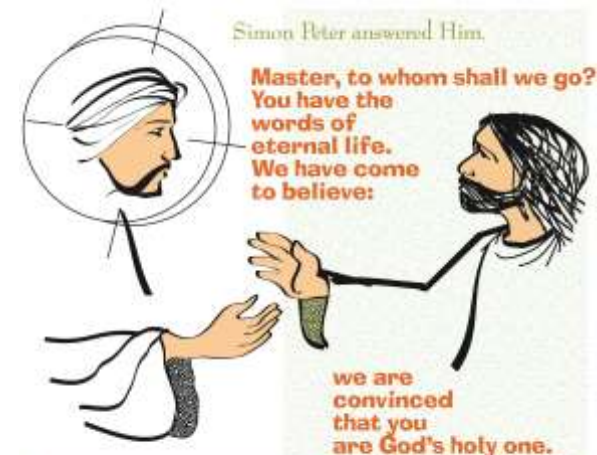
Saint Francis of Assisi was a rich young man who had a vision of Christ that radically changed his life. After this private revelation, Francis embraced poverty and devoted himself to the care of the sick. He founded the Franciscans to carry on his mission. An example of recent private revelations are the apparitions at Medjugorje. Even though the Church has not formally recognized these revelations, many have discovered a deeper faith because of them.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about private revelations: "Throughout the ages, there have been so-called "private" revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history" (CCC 67).

It is important to note whether the private revelation is contrary to the faith or the morals of the Church, and whether a particular revelation brings one closer to God. ●

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