

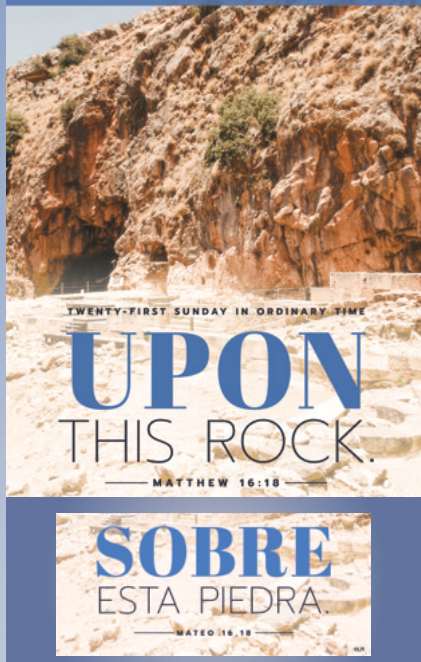
Mary Immaculate - Roman Catholic Church

*We are dedicated to love and serve the Lord.
Mary Immaculate warmly welcomes you to our Parish family!*

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23rd, 2026

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026



The symbolism associated with Caesarea Philippi is central to today's Gospel. Located north of Jesus' home base in Capernaum, it was a predominantly pagan city known for its shrines to false gods. One of the most prominent was Pan, after whom the region was named Panias (later Baniyas). Pan, a Greek god, was honored at a shrine near a large cave and spring considered the entrance to Hades. Pan was the god of nature, shepherds, flocks, wild places, fertility, and rustic music, and was often depicted as half man, half goat, with horns and hooves. He played the pan flute and was associated with lust, chaos, and sudden fear—from which we get the word panic.

Additionally, the city was the site of a temple dedicated to the late emperor, Caesar Augustus, who was worshiped as a god throughout the Roman Empire. It was into this spiritually dark pagan setting that Jesus led His disciples—on what may have been a two-day journey—for what culminated in a single, monumental question.

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. 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. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:17–19).

With these sacred words, Jesus founded His Church upon Peter, making him the first pope. In biblical tradition, a change of name signifies a new mission and identity. Simon, son of Jonah, was now to be called Peter—Petros in Greek and Cephas in Aramaic—meaning "rock." Peter became the solid foundation upon which Christ's Church would be built. No pagan power, false god, or earthly ruler would ever overcome what Christ established with divine authority.

Reflect today on the significance of the papacy. Even now, in the successor of Saint Peter, the words of Simon continue to echo throughout the world: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This is the pope's first and most important duty—to bear witness to Christ, the Son of God. Despite the personal weaknesses of some popes and the saintliness of others, it is Jesus who established Peter and his successors as the visible foundation of the Church. Pray for the Holy Father, and trust in the timeless witness of every pope since that first moment in Caesarea Philippi—a witness upheld not by human strength, but by Christ's own promise. To profess faith in the papacy is to profess faith in the One who instituted it and endowed it with His divine authority.

MyCatholicLife

August 23, 2026

Groups & Ministries

To reach any of the contacts below, please call the Parish Office

AA - Palm Beach Intergroup
Altar Servers - Enza DeVito
Bingo - Pel Cacatian
Church Cleaners - Nicole Adams
DSA Chairperson - Ellen Morris
Eucharistic Minister - Volunteers needed
Fellowship (Coffee Hour) - Julie Kueller
Gift Shop - Sofía López
Hispanic Ministry - José Feliciano Pérez



Knights of Columbus - Randy Kirkby
Lectors - Raine Bucci
Music Director - Ed Kołcz
Prayer Chain -
Religious Education - Maribel Belleza
Rosary Group - Peg Rozzi
Screens - Ed Kołcz
Youth Group - Carlo Sabusap
Ushers

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am, &
5:30 pm (Spanish)

WEEKDAY

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 12:15 pm
Wednesday 12:15 pm
Thursday 12:15 pm
Friday 12:15 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:15 pm

DEVOTIONS

Adoration

PARISH OFFICE & CHAPEL HOURS

Monday - Office Closed
Tuesday through Friday
from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday - Office Closed
Sunday - Open 1st & 3rd Sunday
of every month from 9:30 am to
1:00 pm

**Our Legion of Mary Rosary
Devotion Group** meets on Tuesdays
right after 12:15 pm Mass.

Orando por Nuestros Hijos:

Acompañemos cada segundo
Domingo del mes, a las 4:00 pm en
la parroquia, para unirnos en oración
rezando el Santo Rosario.

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP

Come visit our gift shop in our parish hall.

SKAFF HALL

Our Parish Hall is available for events. Please
call the Parish Office for more information

LOST AND FOUND

For lost items please contact the Parish
Office Tuesday through Friday at
561-686-8128.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We warmly welcome all visitors and new
parishioners and invite you to register with
our parish by completing a registration form in
the Sacristy or call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM

Baptisms will take place on the first Sunday of
each month at 11:00 am Mass - excluding
Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
Please call the office to set an appointment.
Both parents must be present for the meeting.
Please do not arrange any dates for baptism,
before meeting with Fr. Marc. No Baptism will
be performed unless prior arrangements are
made.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made, at least 6
months prior to the marriage. For more
information please contact the Parish Office

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.
561-686-8128

BULLETIN POSTING

If you would like to submit an article or
announcement for our bulletin please make
your submission within three weeks' notice.

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR

Rev. Marc Gustinelli
561-686-8128 ext. 105
Fr.Marc@miwpb.org

OFFICE MANAGER

Ruth Lilliana van Oordt
561-686-8128 ext. 106

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Maribel Belleza
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MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ed Kołcz

FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

René Schmidt

FINANCE COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL

Fr. Marc Gustinelli
561-686-8128 ext. 105
fr.Marc@miwpb.org

Sacramental Emergency

561.686-8128 Ext 100
A minimum of two days' notice is
required. Also not available from
Sunday through Tuesday
morning,
Please note that no appointments
are scheduled after 6:00 pm.



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Email: miwpb@miwpb.org

All Weekday Masses will take place in the Chapel,
Weekend & Holy Day Masses will take place in the Church.

Saturday, August 22

4:00 pm: + Angelo Mongiello

Sunday, August 23

8:30 am People of the Parish

11:00 am Margarette Easton
Health & Speedy Recovery

Monday, August 24

No Mass

Tuesday, August 25

12:15 pm + Rev. Andrej Pietraszko

Wednesday, August 26

12:15 pm Rosi Rubioli - Birthday Blessings

Thursday, August 27

12:15 pm Special Blessing to all Volunteers

Friday, August 28

12:15 pm Birthday Blessings
Sebastian van Oordt

Saturday, August 29

4:00 pm: People of the Parish

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention for a special occasion or for the repose of a loved one, please contact the Parish office Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

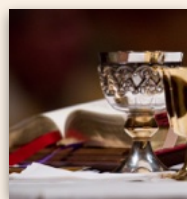
Dedication of Gifts

Consider a dedication to honor a loved one, living or deceased through the donation of the Gifts to be used during the Celebration of the Holy Mass.

Hosts	\$100.00 per month
Wine	\$75.00 per month
Flowers	\$50.00 per week
	\$200.00 per month
Altar Candles	\$50.00 per month



The Hosts for the
Month of August in
Loving Memory of:
Angelo Mongiello



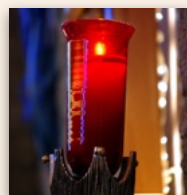
The Altar Wine for the
Month of August in Loving
Memory of:
Estela Diaz de Leon



The Altar Flowers
Month of August
in Loving Memory of:
Elva Soqueña



The Altar Candles for the
Month of August
in Loving Memory of:
Annette Hemmie Coletti



Sanctuary Lamp

*For those who have
no one to pray for them*

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!” Malachi 3, 10

Church Financials

Weekly Collections	Sunday offertory, mail & electronic giving
Weekend of August 15-16	\$6,611.00

2026 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)

Goal	Pledge Balance	Pledge/Gifted	Over/Under Goal
\$41,000.00	\$7,394.00	\$39,956.00	(\$1,044.00)

Church Expenses

Monthly Expenses	Florida Power & Light	City of West Palm Beach Utilities	Prop. & Liability Ins. (Per month)
July 2026	\$2,000.23	\$1,410.26	To be confirmed

Organ Funds

Collected

\$73,000

Goal

\$220,000

Under

\$147,000



Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow.

Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. To get started please visit our website at www.miwpb.org

In lieu of the current situation we ask our parishioners to please consider continuing your weekly contributions through online giving if you are unable to attend Mass or if you prefer not to handle cash. Thank you and God Bless!

Dar electrónicamente es una manera conveniente y consistente de ayudar a nuestra iglesia a crecer.

Considere programar una contribución electrónica recurrente hoy. ¡Es fácil! Ya no tendrá que escribir cheques ni preparar sobres cada semana. Incluso cuando los viajes, enfermedades u otras circunstancias le impiden asistir a los servicios, sus contribuciones electrónicas continuarán recibéndose de manera ininterrumpida. Para comenzar, visite nuestra pagina web www.miwpb.org

Parish Ministry Event Highlights

Rosary Group: Please contact Peg Rozzi at (631) 921-1276 to RSVP.

August 23, 2026

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;
when he opens, no one shall shut,
when he shuts, no one shall open. (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel:

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Observances for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Thursday: St. Monica
Friday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means "strength," we associate it with the gift of fortitude. It conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

Prayer for the Pope

Dear God,
Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. Amen.

Back-to-School Blessing

Dear God, We ask that You bless the students in our congregation, giving them inspirational teachers, studious habits, solid friendships, and Your grace in every moment of this school year. Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too. Fill them with Your love and care so that, as they teach and minister to our young people, Your wisdom and light may be known, encountered, and shared. Amen.

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Fundraiser For Our New Organ

Do You Miss the Heavenly Sound of the Organ?

The beautiful sound of the organ once soared from the rafters of our church, filling the sanctuary with praise and adoration to our Lord—accompanied by the angelic voices of the Mary Immaculate Choir. How many of you miss this sacred harmony?

We have launched a campaign to **bring back the organ** to our church services.

Our goal is to raise **\$250,000** to cover the cost of the organ, its installation, and necessary renovations to the organ pit.

With your support, we hope to have the organ installed and ready in time for **Easter Sunday, March 28, 2027**—or even sooner. Let us come together to restore this beautiful tradition to our liturgy.

We are asking each and every one of YOU to actively support this important campaign. Pledge cards can be found on the church website and in the church pews. Be sure to pick one up today and make your pledge!

Donations of **\$5,000 or more** will be recognized on a commemorative plaque placed near the organ pit, in **honor or memory of a loved one**. In lieu of a monetary donation, skilled labor and materials for electrical work, flooring and acoustic fabric are needed and gladly accepted.

In the words of Mother Teresa, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”
THANK YOU for your Time and active participation in this important fundraiser. Working together as a church community we CAN make this happen!



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

**The Time has come to rebuild our choir. Additional cantors are also needed.
See Ed Kolcz, our music director after Mass for more information.**

Tuesday Night Bingo

Join us in Skaff Hall as we get together for a great cause, and create fellowship in our Church community!

Doors open at 5:30 pm and the first game of Bingo begins @ 6:30pm.

Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts

Join us for fellowship, coffee, and donuts each Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass in Skaff Hall

Please contact Julie Kueller if you would like to host a fellowship on Sunday fellowship on Sunday



August 23, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
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, 18-19, 20-21/
Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "**Who do you say that I am?**" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "**You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.**"

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir

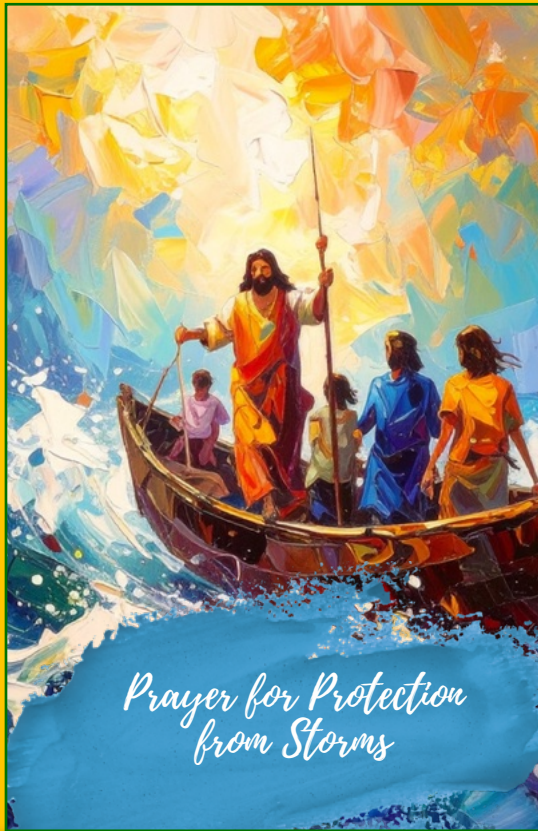
Questions of the Week

1st Reading: For disobeying the Lord, Shebna, the master of King Hezekiah's palace, is stripped of his authority and honor, and it is given to Eliakim. Are there people in your life or family that you honor and revere?

2nd Reading: Reflecting on the unimaginable depth of God's wisdom and knowledge, Paul asks, "Who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" What question do you have for the Lord?

Gospel Reading: Jesus establishes Peter as the rock upon whom he will build his church. In what ways do you help build your church community?

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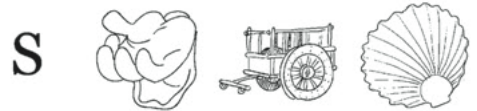
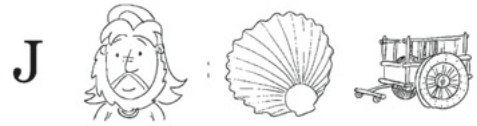
God our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes and illness which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind, and the rain.

You alone bring peace, calm, and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge.

We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, Pray for us.

Which picture name **begins** with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.



Color The Picture 

Prayer

Jesus, now I can tell everyone that you are Christ, our Savior.

Mission of the Week

I will share my favorite Bible verse about Jesus with a friend.

Sharing the Gospel

In this Gospel, Jesus asked his disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior. It is hard to keep a secret. When you are told a secret, the first thing you want to do is tell everyone you meet. If you were blind and Jesus made you see, it would be difficult to keep it a secret. You would probably run here and there telling everyone.

August 23, 2026

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Only Peter Has the Answer

"What do you think of the Pope?"

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority which stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don't know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, "What do you think of him?" I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn't really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: "What do you think of him, and why?"

In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn't try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest.

He asks a very simple question: "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

In Sunday school, the students are studying the Ten Commandments. I know that kids are important in the eyes of God, so I'm just wondering why there isn't a commandment about honoring children.

Answer:

Commandments provide EOO-Equal Opportunity for Observance! They are meant for everyone, children as well as adults. There are several assumptions that would make such a commandment a bit redundant. One, children are entrusted to the care of their parents. So, respect, love, and care — as well as teaching them — are assumed to be part of the responsibility of parents. They are the first teachers in the ways of faith and, as such, participate in God's work of loving and creating. The child has the obligation and responsibility towards their parents. Only when they are adults will they make decisions on their own.

In Biblical times, and in many societies today, children are responsible for caring for elderly parents, providing for their needs. In our culture today, too often kids have more rights than responsibilities, and oftentimes long before they are able to handle them. If we follow the Commandment of Jesus to love others and treat them as we would want to be treated, everyone is included, children too.

**We need
Volunteers!!**

VOLUNTEERS DON'T
NECESSARILY HAVE TIME ...
THEY JUST HAVE
heart.

**Necesitamos.
Voluntarios!!**

EMHC WORKSHOPS

FALL 2026

ALL WORKSHOPS: 9AM - 11:45AM

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE

- Training for both new and veteran EMHCs with formation in:
 - Background theology and spiritual preparation
 - Principles of good liturgy
 - Ministry to the sick and general procedures
- Hands-on practice for new ministers

***PLEASE NOTE:** Veteran EMHCs have a three-year term and must attend a workshop to be recertified.



Parishioners must be sent to this session by their Pastors or ministry coordinators. They should not contact the Office of Liturgy with individual reservations.

SAT · SEP 12

8:45am Registration

St. Juliana Parish
4500 South Dixie Hwy.
WPB, FL 33405

English/
Spanish

SAT · SEP 26

8:45am Registration

St. Mark Parish
643 St. Mark Place
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

English/
Spanish

SAT · OCT 3

8:45am Registration

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
930 SW Tunis Ave.
Port St. Lucie, FL 33414

English
Only

SAT · OCT 17

8:45am Registration

Sacred Heart Parish
425 N. "M" Street
Lake Worth, FL 33460

English/
Spanish

SAT · NOV 7

9:00am Registration

Cathedral of St. Ignatius
9999 N. Military Tr.
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

English
Only



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To host a liturgy workshop at your parish, contact:

Martina DaSilva: mdasilva@cathedralpb.com

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parish website.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Classes will resume on Sunday,
September 13, at **12:30PM**,
immediately following the 11:00AM
Mass, in Skaff Hall – 2nd Floor.

If you have any questions please call
the Parish Office, Tuesday through
Friday, between 9:00 AM and 3:00
PM

Primera Comunión y Confirmación

Las clases se reanudarán el domingo
13 de Septiembre a las **12:30PM**,
inmediatamente después de la Misa
de las 11:00AM, en Skaff Hall – 2º
piso.

Si tiene alguna consulta, favor llamar
a la Oficina Parroquial, de Martes a
Viernes, entre las 9:00AM y las
3:00PM.

August 23, 2026

23 de Agosto de 2026

Primera lectura:

Por desobedecer al Señor, Sebná el mayordomo del palacio del rey Ezequías, es despojado de su autoridad y honor, y se entrega a Eleacín. ¿Hay personas en tu vida o familia a las que honras y veneras?

Segunda Lectura:

Reflexionando sobre la inimaginable profundidad de la sabiduría y el conocimiento de Dios, Pablo pregunta: "¿Quién ha conocido la mente del Señor o quién ha sido su consejero?" ¿Qué pregunta tienes para el Señor?

Evangelio:

Jesús establece a Pedro como la roca sobre la que edificará su iglesia. ¿De qué manera ayudas a construir tu comunidad eclesial?

Lecturas de la semana

Lunes: Ap 21, 9-14/Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 17-18/Jn 1, 45-51
Martes: 2 Tes 2, 1-3. 14-17/Sal 95, 10. 11-12. 13/Mt 23, 23-26
Miércoles: 2 Tes 3, 6-10. 16-18/Sal 127, 1-2. 4-5/Mt 23, 27-32
Jueves: 1 Co 1, 1-9/Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mt 24,42-51
Viernes: 1 Co 1, 17-25/Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 10-11/Mt 25, 1-13
Sábado: 1 Co 1, 26-31/Sal 32, 12-13. 18-19. 20-21/Mc 6, 17-29

Las conmemoraciones de la semana

Domingo: 21º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: San Bartolomé, apóstol
Martes: San Luis; San José Calasanz, sacerdote
Jueves: Santa Mónica
Viernes: San Agustín, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
Sábado: La pasión de San Juan Bautista

Oración por el Papa

Señor Dios, Pastor Eterno de Tu pueblo, te damos gracias por el nuevo PAPA Leon XIV que has puesto al frente de Tu Iglesia. Concédete sabiduría para guiar con humildad, fortaleza para proclamar tu Palabra con valentía, y amor para abrazar a todos como verdadero padre espiritual. Ilumina su mente con Tu Espíritu Santo, para que sea signo de unidad, defensor de la verdad y sembrador de esperanza en medio del mundo. Acompáñalo en cada decisión, protégelo en cada paso, y haz de su pontificado un tiempo de gracia para toda la Iglesia. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Amen.

21º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La pregunta que Jesús hizo a sus discípulos fue: "Según el parecer de la gente, ¿quién es este Hijo del Hombre?". La respuesta no se hizo esperar; presurosos respondieron: "unos dicen que Juan el Bautista, otros que Elías, o Jeremías, o alguno de los profetas". Enseguida vino otra pregunta: "Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo?" (Mateo 16:13-17). Esta segunda pregunta ya es directa para los discípulos: quién es Jesús para cada uno de ellos. Pedro lo identifica con claridad: "Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios vivo" (Mateo 16:16). Jesús le dice que esta revelación viene del Padre que está en los cielos y no de su propia capacidad humana.

Se necesita revelación y una fe profunda para identificar a Jesucristo como nuestro Mesías y Salvador. ¿Cómo anda tu relación personal con Jesús? ¿Qué dicen tu familia, tus amigos y tu comunidad acerca de Él? El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, en el número 424, nos dice: "Movidos por la gracia del Espíritu Santo y atraídos por el Padre, nosotros creemos y confesamos a propósito de Jesús: 'Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios vivo' (Mt 16:16). Sobre la roca de esta fe, confesada por san Pedro, Cristo ha construido su Iglesia". Mateo, en su Evangelio, nos muestra un vínculo especial con la Iglesia, y debemos prestar atención a ello. La identidad de Jesús con la comunidad eclesial es única. Entonces, ahora vale la pregunta: ¿qué es la Iglesia para mí? ¿Veo una relación viva entre Jesús y la Iglesia? Pidamos por la Iglesia y oremos por el Papa León XIV, especialmente hoy.

TRIVIA CATOLICA

Pregunta: ¿Cuál es el nombre del primer concilio ecuménico de la Iglesia Católica, celebrado en el año 325 d.C.?

Respuesta: El Primer Concilio de Nicea.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

"¿Quién dices que soy?" Jesús pregunta a sus apóstoles. Pedro es el primero en responder. Él sabe quién es Jesús. ¿Nosotros lo sabemos? En todo lo que hacemos y en todo lo que somos, digamos junto a Pedro: "Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios Vivo."

El Sacramento del Bautizo se celebra el último Domingo del Mes, aunque la fecha podría variar. Los padres deben ser miembros activos y deben estar registrados en el sistema de la parroquia. Por favor, coordinen con José Feliciano la inscripción de su niño y de los padrinos para las Charlas Prebautismales, que se realizan, con previa confirmación.

Orando por Nuestros Hijos: Acompañemos cada segundo Domingo del mes, a las 4:00 pm en la parroquia, para unirnos en oración rezando el Santo Rosario por nuestros hijos **!Todos son bienvenidos!**

Grupo de Oración se reúne los Viernes en la Iglesia de 7:30 pm a 9:30 pm.

Vigilia de Oración cada ultimo Sábado del mes de 8:00 pm a 1:00 am en la Iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.