

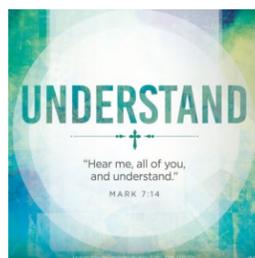
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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed! Here enters the need for imagination and the



distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

Prayer for Beginning this School Year

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year, in this time of uncertainty and anxiety, we implore your mercy. Bless and protect our students, teachers, staffs and their families. Give wisdom to the decision makers, be they in our schools or in our homes. Expand the horizons of our minds, and deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways. Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need, particularly those isolated and lonely. In these days when so much has changed, help us to trust in the love of your Son Jesus, our Divine Teacher, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.

Prayer Intention Month of September: *An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle:* We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Sunday, September 5th, 2021



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “Ephphatha!”—that is, “Be opened!” - Mk 7:32-34

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Mon. Sept 6	9:30am	MASS CANCELLED
Tues. Sept 7	9:30am	✠ Josephine Csukerda (Margaret Marfics)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Sept 8	9:30am	Happy 80th Birthday Blessings For Gloria Egert (Girlfriends)
Thurs. Sept 9	9:30am	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
Fri. Sept 10	9:30am	✠ Kelly Morellato (Racz Family) Special Intention for Sarah Collier (Racz Family)
		✠ Anthony, Sybil & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
Sat. Sept 11	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Margaret Young (Mike & Anne Young) Vince Addario (Lena Addario)
Sun. Sept 12	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Frances Bratina (Teresa Blazic)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Protocols for cleaning pews, washrooms and confessional rooms have been relaxed so as to require only regular cleaning in accordance with pre-Covid-19 routines. Contact tracing remains required and if someone with suspected or known Covid-19 has attended, affected areas will be disinfected.

Distribution of bulletins and pamphlets will resume. The votive candle stand can be used but a two meter distance is required when more than one person is waiting.

The collection procedure and Communion protocols will remain the same for now. We ask that those who receive Communion on the hand come up first and those who receive on the tongue proceed after. The ushers will ask your preference and guide you.

All other protocols remain unchanged. Full details are available on the parish website.

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.



Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn’t take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be

familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life’s unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it’s really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life’s incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God’s story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: In 2015, Pope Francis declared September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Coinciding with a celebration instituted by the Orthodox Church, it is also a day of ecumenical prayer and unity. The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (which is in the process of merging with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development) has some proposed celebrations on their website. The faithful should be encouraged to take practical initiatives to combat earth’s environmental crisis.

Offence Declarations: If you are a parish volunteer involved with high risk ministries, you are required to submit an Offence Declaration form to the diocese each year. An email was sent to you on August 20th. The forms have now been mailed to you. A stamped, addressed envelope is included for your convenience. Please submit them to the chancery office as soon as possible. Your co-operation is appreciated. **Also, for all parishioners who volunteer in high or low risk ministries, please notify the office of any change in your status in order to keep our records up to date. phone the office.**

Sunday, August 29th, 2021



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:14-15

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Sat. Aug 28	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Irena Baran (Jan & Lana)
Sun. Aug 29	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Deceased Members of the Rebeiro & Guest Families (Rebeiro Family)
Mon. Aug 30	9:30am	MASS CANCELLED
Tues. Aug 31	9:30am	✠ Frank Grennan (Liliansa Haynes) Happy 80th Birthday Blessings For Gloria Egert (Girlfriends)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Sept 1	9:30am	✠ Patrick Gilday (Smucz Family)
Thurs. Sept 2	9:30am	✠ Dorothy Racz (Racz Family)
Fri. Sept 3	9:30am	Happy 80th Birthday Blessings For Gloria Egert (Girlfriends)
Sat. Sept 4	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Sept 5	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Antonio Addario (Vince Addario) ✠ Anthony & Muriel Guest & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Offertory August 14 & 15th, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 1, 010.00

Offertory August 21st & 22nd, 2021

Envelopes: \$1, 320.00

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