

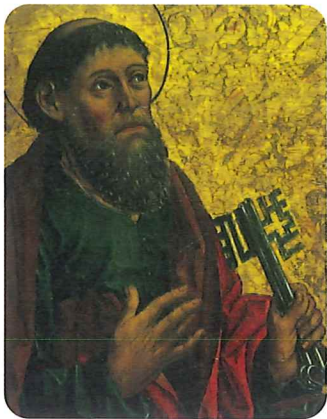
# Dear Padre,

## Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter's leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.

Nevertheless, “numerous elements of sanctification and truth” are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and “the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation” (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith. ●



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From *Catholic and Cornered: Answers to Common Questions About Your Faith* (Liguori Publications, 2011)



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Even today, so many people think Jesus may be a great prophet, knowledgeable teacher, a model of justice....And even today Jesus asks his disciples, that is, all of us: “Who do you say that I am?”...Let us pray that God grants us the grace to respond..., “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

ANGELUS, ROME,  
AUGUST 24, 2014

#### MONDAY

August 28  
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10  
Mt 23:13–22

#### TUESDAY

August 29  
Passion of St. John the Baptist  
1 Thes 2:1–8  
Mk 6:17–29

#### WEDNESDAY

August 30  
Weekday  
1 Thes 2:9–13  
Mt 23:27–32

#### THURSDAY

August 31  
Weekday  
1 Thes 3:7–13  
Mt 24:42–51

#### FRIDAY

September 1  
Weekday  
1 Thes 4:1–8  
Mt 25:1–13

#### SATURDAY

September 2  
Weekday  
1 Thes 4:9–11  
Mt 25:14–30

#### SUNDAY

September 3  
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 20:7–9  
Rom 12:1–2  
Mt 16:21–27

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 27, 2023

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 22:19–23 / Romans 11:33–36 / Matthew 16:13–20



## The Jesus Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Over the years I've asked many people what they believe about Jesus and who he is for them. I've always nudged them away from the expected answer simply because I was interested in who he was for them down deep in their spirits. It's been a whole wheelbarrow full of answers, yes it has, a full and varied garden.

Some said they thought he was a very good human being, though they hedged when I asked if they thought he was also of God. Others thought he was a prophet, though they also backed away from anything that hinted of the divine. For some, Jesus was God dressed in human skin, as if he were simply playing at being human. Some labeled him a reformer and others a teacher. None of them dismissed Jesus as irrelevant or a remnant of the past. And for many, Jesus is the truth professed by Peter, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” He is the Word made flesh, the wisdom of God among us, the one who lives.

In one way or another all of us must answer the question Jesus asks of his disciples in today's Gospel: “Who do you say that I am?” The question is just as relevant today as it was when Jesus asked it. For some, their yes is without doubt. For others, it is a questioning journey of coming to faith. All of us are faced with that question: Who is Jesus for us today in the way we live our life? ●

### Reflect

Who do you say Jesus is and how does your answer make a difference in your life?



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**21th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8/26/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Volunteer, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

**Reader:** Tom Bachman

**E.O.HC:** Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter

**8/27/2023 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Cade & Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

**Reader:** Kyle Berning

**E.O. HC:** Teresa Beltran, Karen Burden

**22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9/2/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Lucy, Jonathan, & Nathan Gannett

**Reader:** Debbie Frederick

**E.O.HC:** Tino Rosales Jr., Karen Burden

**9/3/2023 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

**Reader:** Mike Broeckelman

**E.O. HC:** Alvin Bergkamp, Bob Woodrow

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday, August 26</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sunday, August 27</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Jim Baker Family</b>
<b>Monday, August 28</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>David Hoang</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 29</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Gary Sack</b>
<b>Thursday, August 31</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Special Int. Powers Family</b>
<b>Friday, September 1</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>For the people</b>
<b>Saturday, Sept. 2</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Joshua Skipton</b>
<b>Sunday, September 3</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Lorrain Thome</b>

**Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

**Marriage:** Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

**August 27, 2023**

**21TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138)"*

In the Gospel this Sunday (Matthew 16:13-20) Jesus asks each of us- Who do we say Jesus is? Maybe you think the answer is easy and obvious. And yes, just saying the words is a piece of cake. The words roll off our tongues rather effortlessly. But make no mistake about it. The words we utter, the truths we profess, the faith we say we embrace has real consequences --- for if we say Jesus is . . . . Our Friend . . . . . then he has to know he can count on us. Our Savior . . . . . then we have to sincerely admit that we need one. Our Brother . . . . . then everyone else is our brother or sister too. Our Lawgiver . . . . . then doing anything other than the right thing is not negotiable. Our Lord . . . . . then God's way must be the only way. Our Merciful God . . . . then we must forgive everyone who has wronged us. And so, if we can't embrace or get on board with any of those things --- any of those concrete expectations and demands --- can we really claim that Jesus truly is all of those things for us --- Savior, Lord, Friend, etc . . ? Or is he something less? May our actions match our words. Fr. Peter

**SAINT ANTHONY'S & CHRIST THE KING CCD (PSR) 2023-2023**

**CCD enrollments: September 6 - Come to the Parish Hall between 6pm-7:30pm. For anyone that wants to enroll in person and online will work as well.**

**Enrollment fees are \$10/student or \$25/ for 3 or more students.**

**This year a change for confirmation is 8th grade through 12th grade. Any student needing to make confirmation will need to make sure to have proof of baptism and first communion!**

**All classes this year will be on Wednesday night at 6:30pm sharp.**

**Parents and students meeting will be September 13 at 6:30pm followed by a teachers meeting at 7:30pm. If you don't make it to the hall on the 6th for enrollment don't worry you have until the 13th to get enrolled so we are ready for class September 20 beginning at 6:30pm.**

**COLLECTION** for August 20, 2023: Envelopes: \$754; Loose: \$249; Online Giving: \$302.64; Total \$1305.64; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under - 455.53

**CHURCH PROJECT GOAL** \$52000—Building Fund To Date: \$31618.63*Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.*

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING** Our September meeting will be on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:30 p.m.- Parish Hall. **Notice:** Monthly meetings are typically on the first Wednesday of each month.

**BUDGET SHOP** We will be working at the Budget Shop on Tuesday, August 29. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us. We are open on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Any help will be greatly appreciated. And “Thank You” ahead of time.

**O.C.I.A (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)** Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or finding out more about the teachings of the faith? Consider joining the St. Anthony’s OCIA program. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith. The process invites participants into discernment, prayer, and spiritual formation. If you’d like to join us, please call please call Fr. Peter (620-355-6405) or Mrs. Karen Burden (620- 355-6388)

**ADULT CONFIRMATIONR** If any adult Catholic who hasn’t been confirmed and would like to be confirmed this coming Easter Please call Fr. Peter (620-355-6405) or Mrs. Karen Burden (620- 355-6388) On behalf of the Catholic faith community of the St. Anthony, we look forward to welcoming you.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK** What have I learned about God and God’s will through prayer?

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK** (traditional prayer for the Pope) O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all your faithful people, mercifully look upon your servant Pope Francis, whom you have chosen as the chief shepherd to preside over your Church. We beg you to help him edify, both by word and example, those over whom he has charge, that he may reach everlasting life together with the flock entrusted to him. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Matthew 16:13-20)**

**Persecuted prophets** The disciples tell Jesus that people say he is... • John the Baptist reborn somehow • Elijah, who would precede God’s own arrival according to Malachi 3:23 • Jeremiah, whose experience of mockery and persecution foreshadows what Jesus will undergo • one of the prophets whom God also called to speak in his name None of these comparisons fully captures Jesus’ identity, so Jesus asks his disciples what they themselves think. They should know much better who he is, given the time they’ve spent with him.

**Titles** When he spoke about himself, Jesus mostly used the title Son of Man. In the Old Testament Son of Man usually refers simply to a human being. In one notable passage, however, God gives his authority over heaven and earth to “one like a Son of Man” (Daniel 7:13-14).

**Messiah** means God’s anointed or chosen one. Jesus usually avoided this title because it carried certain expectations, like overthrowing the Romans, that Jesus did not come to fulfill. Jews were strict monotheists. No Jew would have called someone Son of the living God unless inspired by God, the source of life, to do so (v.17).

**The emerging church** Matthew is the only Gospel-writer to use the word church. As his community underwent its painful separation from Judaism, they needed a term to distinguish themselves from other Jews.

**A new name** Simon was a Jewish name. Jesus adapts the word for rock and uses it as a new name for this disciple. In the Old Testament God gives people new names as a sign of his commitment to them and of their obedience to him.

**Authority** The language of keys and binding and loosing is essentially about authority. Jewish leaders once held this authority, but Jesus insists that they’ve misused it (16:12; 23:1f). Because his authority comes from God, Jesus is free to share it with others. Jesus entrusts Peter with the authority to teach and to judge as the church faces new challenges. God upholds Peter’s decisions.

(oursundayreadings.wordpress.com)

**UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING OF THE WEEK - (Isaiah 22:19-23)**

**Cabinet shuffle** We know very little about Shebna and Eliakim. Both are mentioned when King Sennacherib of Assyria invades Jerusalem (2 Kings 18; Isaiah 36). It’s not clear what Shebna’s failing was. This passage may refer to a reorganization of court officials by the king of Judah.

**Master of the palace** Eliakim will be a steward, someone the king trusts to act on his behalf. His family will share in his prestige (v.23). • He’ll receive garments associated with his new position (v.21) • The key placed on his shoulder may refer to the ceremony by which he’s installed in his new office (v.22) • He’ll be a peg that holds things together (v.23) • He’ll be as reliable and protective as a father for the king, the king’s family, and all the people of the kingdom (v.21) House of Judah refers to the tribe of Judah that descended from Abraham. This large tribe settled in southern Israel. King David and his descendants (his house) came from this tribe.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION AUGUST 27,2023**

*“ Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?”-Romans 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else’s prayer.

*“¿Quién le ha dado primero a Dios, para que luego Dios le pague?”- Romanos 11:35*

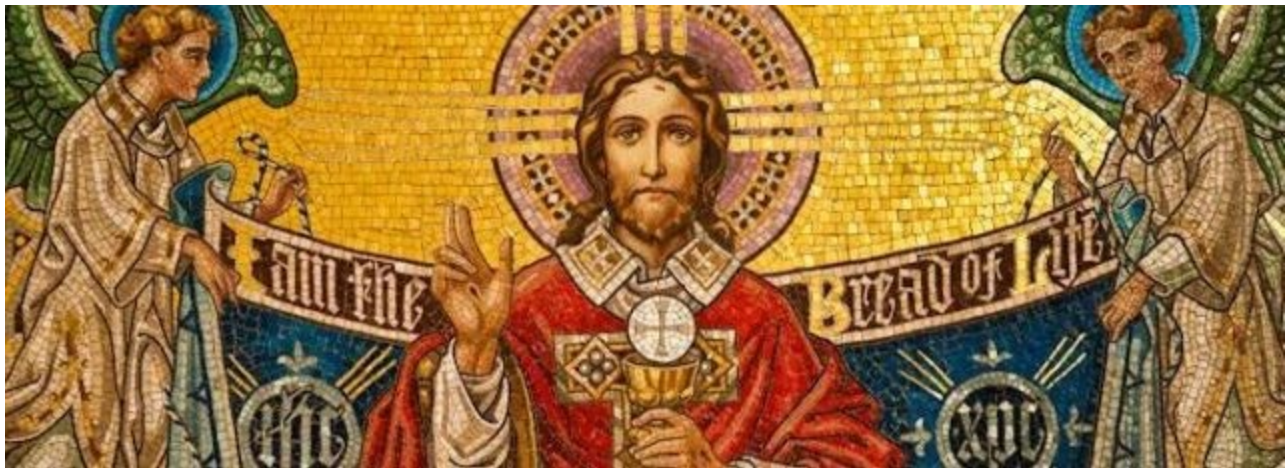
San Pablo nos recuerda un hecho central de la corresponsabilidad.No podemos darle a Dios nada - Él es realmente el dueño de todo.Dios lo hizo todo, inclusive a nosotros.Ya que fuimos hechos a Su imagen y semejanza, nosotros también somos llamados a ser generosos.La manera en la que usamos los dones que Dios nos ha dado se transforma en nuestra manera de retribuirle a Dios.¡La gratitud por todo lo que hemos recibido abre nuestros corazones a una alegre generosidad!Y, a través de nuestra generosidad, somos la respuesta a las oraciones de alguien más.

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS, MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA BEGINS SEPT. 2, ST. STANISLAUS-INGALLS**

Beginning Saturday Sept. 2, the faithful are welcome to attend a First Saturday Mass and the praying of the Miraculous Medal Novena at St. Stanislaus Church in Ingalls. The Mass will be at 9 am, followed immediately by the offering of the Novena Prayers. Father Tim S. Hickey, pastor, will be available for confessions from 8 to 8:45 am. The First Saturday devotions will run nine months from September thru May. The complete list of First Saturday dates follows: Sept. 2, Oct. 7 (feast of Our Lady of the Rosary), Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 2, April 6 and May 4. Blessed Miraculous Medals and holy cards will be available. A sign-up sheet will be posted in church for participants to provide contact information in case the Mass and Novena Prayers need to be cancelled due to weather/road conditions during the winter months. For more information, please contact Father Hickey at [tshickey@icloud.com](mailto:tshickey@icloud.com).



DAILY MASS SURVEY



While the Church does not require Daily Mass, in the lives of the Saints of the Church, many of them went to Mass as often as they could, and all of them had an ever-increasing love for Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist, desiring to spend as much time as possible with Him at Holy Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration.

With this in mind, we are doing a brief survey to find out how we as a parish might make it easier for you to attend Daily Mass, whether just occasionally, or every day, in order to allow you also to spend time with Our Lord, and receive Him in Holy Communion.

Understanding that everyone has particular circumstances, we hope you will take the time to prayerfully consider attending Daily Mass, at least one time more a week than you are currently. We also hope we can help, and would appreciate you filling out this survey to help us understand how we can do so. The first weekend of September we will invite you to do so after Mass.

**Would you mind filling out this survey to let us know your thoughts?** (If you are already attending Daily Mass, we encourage you to respond in the survey as well!)  
*Please note that there is no plan at this moment, or possibly at all to change any of the Mass times. Mass times are simply one of many important factors we are trying to get a better understanding of, in terms of the needs of our parishioners. Thanks!*

**For information purposes, our current Daily Mass schedule is as follows:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 8:30 a.m.  
Some parishioners have mentioned that the current times for Daily Mass make it difficult for them to attend. What times would make it possible to you to attend?

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7 a.m.
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7:30 a.m..
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8 a.m.
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 6: 30 p.m.
- One Midday (12:10 p.m.) Mass a week
- One Evening Mass a week.
- Current Schedule works well for me.
- None of the above.

What would make it easier for you to attend Daily Mass?

TWENTY– FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The value in variety

A founder of the NAACP, W.E.B. Du Bois knew the cure for racism wasn't simply telling the truth. It was inducing people to act on it. The first African American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1895, Du Bois dreamed broadly of a world of "valuable variety ... in height and weight, color and skin, hair and nose and lip.... Each effort to stop this freedom of being," he argued, "is a blow at democracy—that real democracy which is reservoir and opportunity.... There can be no perfect democracy curtailed by color, race, or poverty." Let us act on this truth. (Preparetheword)

VIGÉSIMO PRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

El valor de la diversidad

El espíritu de división consiste en tener razón. El espíritu de unidad consiste en abrazar a Cristo. ¿En qué dirección vamos? El ecumenismo parece una idea casi pintoresca en la Iglesia del siglo XXI. Otras cuestiones parecen haberse vuelto más críticas para muchos que poner a los Cristianos en la misma página. Sin embargo, una Iglesia dividida es un escándalo para un mundo que cuestiona nuestra sinceridad si ni siquiera podemos ponernos de acuerdo sobre Jesús. Dialoga con los demás sin necesidad de criticar creencias o cambiar mentes. Crea oportunidades para orar, estudiar, trabajar y misionar juntos con los Cristianos locales. Sabrán que somos cristianos por nuestro amor.