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John

This Weekend's Hymns

All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

Opening Hymn: #246

Communion Hymn: #203

Closing Hymn: #352

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2018

Sunday, August 26 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

DE 8:30 Ron Koettters from the Family

BW 10:30 Michael Ryan from Brian and Rose Ann

BW 12:00 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

Monday, August 27

Saint Monica

12:10 Joyce Dacey from Kay and Bill Russ

Tuesday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:10 William Earls from Paul Christensen and Lucy Davis

Wednesday August 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

12:10 Charles Carroll from Mark and Sue Ryan

Thursday, August 30

12:10 Mike Ryan from Nancy and Bob Mitchell

Friday, August 31

12:10 Linda Hensley from Judy and George Thelen

Saturday, September 1

12:10 Joyce Dacey from The Ries and Britt Families

BW 7:00 Rosa Serhion from Terry Serhion

Sunday, September 2 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

DE 8:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

BW 10:30 Margaret Riedinger from Roy

BW 12:00 Jacqueline Sand from Carol and Larry

From the Pastor's Desk

Charles Andrew Kuritzky was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism Aug. 18th here at St. Rose Church.

Claudia Estelle Friedman was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism Aug. 19th.

Sean Harney Keating and **Katherine Ann Hoban** were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony August 18th here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Martha Jane Frey** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **James (Jim) Lang** whose funeral was August 25th here at St. Rose Church.

Debbie Wesselman is in need of a CCD teacher this coming Fall. If you can help please contact Debbie Wesselman @513-703-8229 or wesselmandmma@aol.com

RCIA starts September 29th. If you know someone who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church please call Fr. Barry @513-871-1162.

Archbishop Schnurr thanks the faithful here at St. Rose Church for our generous participation in the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). Our parish pledged \$49,866.00 to the Appeal. This response is a testament to the generosity of our parish community. A special thank you to the families that participated in this year's Appeal.

CCD classes for grades kdg. thru 8th grades will resume Sunday, September 16th. Registration will be that morning at 9:00 a.m. This is the year for Confirmation, so if you have a child in the 7th grade or above that needs to be confirmed come join us!!. Any questions please contact Debbie Wesselman @513-703-8229 or wesselmandmma@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATE September 16th

St. Rose is reviving the St. Rose Golf Outing, September 16th. \$50.00 a person, golf only, \$70.00 golf and dinner. For those not golfing you can join us on the 19th hole in the undercroft for dinner at \$20.00 a person. You can also sign up by calling the office M-Thurs from 8:00-3:30. 513-871-1162.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for Sept. 1st and Sept. 2nd

7:00 Joe Christmann, R.Crawford, M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta, Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Roland Becker, Rich Creighton, Bob Sheil, Joseph Sonnefeld, Jerry McCabe

12:00 Pat Burke, Patrick Homan, Matt Schwietering, Shawn Gillete, Ron Frey



Opening Prayer

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Today is the fifth and final Sunday of our reading from John 6, the second longest chapter in the New Testament. Even so, we do not read the entire sixth chapter of John. We skipped Jesus' walking on water (John 6:16-21)! The church gives us five Sundays with this chapter precisely because of its profound eucharistic theology. What began with the multiplication of the loaves ends the following day with nearly all of his disciples abandoning him and returning to their former way of life precisely because of this "hard" saying, the consumption of Jesus' very flesh and blood.

Jesus then asks the Twelve if they too will leave. We have the impression that if they had chosen to leave, Jesus would simply have started anew. He was not going to change his teaching to attract the crowds. Instead, he would teach what he knew to be true, for his words were Spirit and life. Jesus knows that nobody can come to him, can believe in him, unless it is granted by the Father. All the arguments, discussions, proofs, demonstrations, blog posts, and talks cannot guarantee faith. It is a gift given not by us, but by God the Father. After witnessing such deeds and speech Simon Peter speaks for all disciples, "to whom shall we go?" Jesus' words are everlasting life. To leave Jesus is in many senses to leave life itself. For Simon Peter, then, there is no other place or person to whom he might go. He is not returning to his former way of life. He has been introduced to something more, eternal life from the Word of God come down from heaven. For the one who has faith, in the face of such a revelation there is no other choice.

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, hear our prayers. Instill in us your Spirit so that we may carry on in the certainty of your Son's words of spirit and life. In his name, we pray. Amen.



For Reflection:

• What "sayings" of Jesus do I find especially hard to accept?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect");
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection";
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer"

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Gospel

John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?"

It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Readings for the week:

21st Sunday in Ord. Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	22nd Sunday in Ord. Time
Josh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 John 6:90-99	2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 98:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 Matt 23:13-22	2 Thess 2:1-2a, 14-17 Ps 98:10, 11-12, 13 Matt 23:23-26	2 Thess 3:5-10, 16-18 Ps 138:1-2, 4-5 Matt 6:17-29	1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Matt 24:42-51	1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Matt 25:1-13	1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Matt 25:14-30	Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:3-3, 9-4, 4-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23