



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY AUGUST 14, 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever thought about “Peace” before you go to bed at night? I mean the true peace of God! Having the peace of God in you does not mean that you will not have any struggles, difficulty or challenges in life. Having the peace of God does not mean that you will not suffer.

We have to make a lot of effort in life to “possess” the peace of God. How?

We have to fulfill what God commanded; we have to choose the **right and good** thing and have courage to do it; we have to say **no** to any kind of temptation, particularly the temptation of the flesh that will separate us from the love of God; we have to put God above all things (Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and being;) we have to ... and we have to

In general, we have to **submit** our life to God: having faith in His plan of salvation for the world and ourselves; making alive your hope in God's promises; being sincere in showing your love to God (do not try to “calculate” what we will get by loving God).

We must pray and ask God to help us in making the cardinal virtues present and grow in us. I believe that God always helps us and guides us in making the cardinal virtues grow, but we often do not want to do what He “suggested;” we do not want to follow His guidance; we often “twist” a little bit of His teaching/commands to fit our desires; we often compare God's wisdom with the world’s wisdom, and likely go with the world’s wisdom.

God always comes to our aid, but do we want to accept the way He aids us?

Dear friends - near and far in Christ - who are struggling, having conflict with the world and even with family members, or being persecuted for the faith in Jesus Christ and His Church. All these are “fires” we might go through, but I am sure that if we do it for the sake of the greater glory of God (does God deserve to be glorified? He does.) Then we will have a close relationship with Him day and night, and the true peace of God will reside in our heart, mind and soul.

May God continue to come to our aid, and may we remain in His Peace. Amen.

Peace of Christ,
Fr. Tien

P.S. Make sure that you reconcile with God and His Church before you receive the Eucharist if you “do not have peace” in your heart, mind and soul.



The Sanctuary Lamp this week
is in honor of
Deacon David and Allene Ramsey
by Eileen Scott.



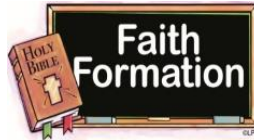


The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday, August 15th, for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated. There will still be daily Mass that day at 9:00 a.m.

Our Pantry needs sweet peas, tomato soup, diced tomatoes, mac-n-cheese, pancake syrup and monetary donations for our next distribution. We have enough empty egg cartons at this time. Thank you to those who brought them in!!!



Faith Formation registration will begin on Sunday, August 21 after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses for children in Pre/K (4 years old) through High School. This registration will be for all St. Francis youth as we are combining the English and Spanish programs into one Faith Formation parish program. Registration will also be held on Sundays, August 28 and September 4 following both Masses. Classes will begin Sunday, September 11, immediately after 9:00 a.m. Mass. All students must be registered with all paperwork completed before they can attend class. Information will also be available for First Communion classes; we will not be taking any new Confirmation students this year. We will finish the 2nd year students with the current Confirmation class.



A specially commissioned statue of Mary, Mother of God is visiting more than 100 locations across the Diocese of Charlotte during the anniversary year - making a spiritual pilgrimage to visit the faithful across our diocese just as she did in her "Visitation" to St. Elizabeth. Through participation in this memorable Marian Pilgrimage, our diocesan family comes together by uniting parishes, missions, schools and other Catholic institutions in prayer to God through the intercession of our patroness. The statue will be at our Parish from August 25th to the 28th.



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Rita Bader, Joan Barnum, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Pam Brady, Parker Burkhart, John Wayne Crunkleton, Mary Cude, Lillianne Duong Davis, Brendan Fox, Carol Fox, Tony Frede, Morgan Hagen & baby, Shannon Halpin, Brandon Hatch, Dariel Hellerer, Donna Hogsed, Jim Holloran, Barry and Guyla Ivers, Aarron Ivey, Ty Kimsey, Chris Marinari, Matthew Marinari, Millard Michaels, Bill, Dee and Germaine Mollitt, Dolores Molter, Monica Moya, Jean Pool, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Bill Shaw, Linda Smith, Catherine Holten Snider, Irene Tisdale, John Turner, Charlene Yudell, Alice Yuzzi



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:
Stephen Fox, Kyle McCormick, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Elizabeth Scoon



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, August 13

Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

- 5:00 P.M. † Betty Bossen
† Darlene Bossen
† Jim Burns by Stella Burns

Sunday, August 14

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 A.M. † Justino Soriano by his family
† Marlene Taber by the Goodwin girls
Children and people of Ukraine
to be blessed by Jerry Ames
11:30 A.M. † Adan Martinez
† Alexis Ruiz by Lucy Ruiz

Monday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00 A.M. † Tony Fiorillo by Grace Fiorillo
† Dolores Groft by Tom & Nancy Cornelius

Tuesday, August 16

Saint Stephen of Hungary
NO DAILY MASS

Wednesday, August 17

- 5:30 P.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia
† Gilbert Brody by Sarah Fricks

Thursday, August 18

- 9:00 A.M. Brandon Hatch
John T. Mielnik by Stanislava Michalik

Friday, August 19

Saint John Eudes, Priest

- 9:00 A.M. John B. Lasher

Saturday, August 20

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

- 5:00 P.M. † Clyde, Kerry & Michael Blue by Helen Blue
Ralph Laux

Sunday, August 21

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 A.M. † Justino Soriano by his family
11:30 A.M. † Simon Ruiz by Lucy Ruiz

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 6:15 p.m.

The Rosary

The Rosary is recited one-half hour before Mass.