

August 31, 2008

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday



Jeremiah is losing his mind.

He talks to God in strong language. You *duped* me! And *I let it happen*. Fine, you win. I will speak. No, I will *not* speak. But I'm weary trying to contain your Word.

Jeremiah wrestles with God. He is first enticed, then overpowered. He feels like an idiot—everyone is laughing at him. He is moved, pushed, pulled. If he refuses to speak the Word of God, it will burn its way out of him anyway. Is he out of control? Is this a good thing? What can he do? Is he lost?

What does this Scripture reading, this prophet, offer us? Is Jeremiah our role model? Is Scripture tempting us to madness? What does it usually teach? Usually we are challenged to be thoughtful, to be sober, to be balanced. We know we must learn wisdom.

Then why is Jeremiah so over the top?

At some time Jesus asks each of us if we are ready to throw our whole life into a decision for him. And answering this request could make us look like idiots. If this confuses or frightens us, we have no less a companion than Peter. Peter has just broken through with the insight that Jesus is the Messiah. And immediately he tries to explain to Jesus what that means. Jesus tells Peter to get behind him.

Is Peter lost? No. From there, he is again able to follow Jesus.

We may lose control of our life if we follow Christ, but we will not be throwing our life away. Romans tells us—putting yourself in the hands of the living God is a sacrifice. In Christ we do not deny this world, but we are not held by it either. We are made new. Saint Paul's imagery is that of our putting a sacrifice on an altar. Wine and bread become something else in Christ's hands.

So do we.

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Is Scripture tempting us to madness?



Today's Readings

Jer 20:7–9

Rom 12:1–2

Mt 16:21–27

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MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are held at the Church on Bethel Road unless otherwise noted

Saturday 6:00 PM ♦ Confessions Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM (English) ♦ 12:30 PM (Spanish)

Holy Days 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Daily Mass 8:45 AM

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES AND VISITORS

Please complete a registration card at the Welcome Table in the church foyer and return it at your earliest convenience. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 30	6:00 PM	Guillermo Johnson, RIP	<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sunday	August 31	8:00 AM	Barbara Bierschenk	<i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	Casey Stephens, RIP	<i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>22° Domingo Ordinario</i>
Monday	September 1	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Memorial of St. Louis of France</i>
				<i>Memorial of St. Joseph Calasanz, priest</i>
Tuesday	September 2	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Weekday</i>
Wednesday	September 3	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Memorial of St. Monica</i>
Thursday	September 4	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Memorial of St. Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church</i>
Friday	September 5	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Memorial of the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist</i>
Saturday	September 6	6:00 PM	Our Community	<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sunday	September 7	8:00 AM	Kevin McKenna, RIP	<i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	Our Youth	<i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>23° Domingo Ordinario</i>

Marriage – six months notice required – please see Fr. Casey. **Aviso para el Matrimonio** – seis meses es necesaria

Baptism Instruction—English (1st Thursday of each month); Spanish (1st Monday of each month)

Quinceañera – three month notice required – girl must be attending CCD and Mass *regularly* – please see Fr. Casey

Prayer Chain Coordinators—Ann Allen (817-594-8637) Bette Binzer (817-599-0454) LaVerne Cardwell (817-594-3805)

Weekly Visitation of the Sick & Shut-Ins. Contact the church office to be on the schedule.

Census Information—Please notify the church office if you are new to our Parish, have a change of address or phone number, or move to another Parish.

Bulletin Notices are to be written or typed and in the office at least one week prior to event – notices may be e-mailed – deadline for bulletin is Noon on Tuesday – your cooperation is greatly appreciated – Thank You!

**REGULAR
COLLECTION
August 23 & 24
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*Flowers for the Altar this Weekend
Are a Gift from
Libby Afflerbach
In Honor of
Sr. Maria of Divine Mercy, O.Carm*



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you are willing to offer your life for Jesus' sake, you will find it. By walking the path we come to know Jesus' promise is real. Pray for courage and the willingness to "let go and let God."
(Mathew 16:21-27)

22° Domingo Ordinario

Si deseas seguir a Jesús niegate a ti mismo, toma tu cruz y síguelo. ¿Ees lo suficiente valiente para seguir a Jesús como sacerdote, hermano o hermana religiosa?

**The Church Office and Parish Pantry
will be closed
Monday, September 1
for Labor Day Holiday.**

GOING-AWAY PARTY. We are hosting a going away party for Richard and Deborah Shepherd on **Sunday, Aug. 31 from 2-4 PM** in the Family Center. Richard has accepted a position in Indianapolis, IN, and they will be leaving early in September. Everyone is invited to come wish them well and say good-bye. They will be dearly missed. Please call Carole Malugani at 817-594-4252 if you have any questions.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) will not meet **Monday, September 1.** We will resume on **Monday, September 8 at 7 PM.** Enjoy your Labor Day Holiday.

"CALLED TO PROTECT." The diocese mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools must undergo child abuse prevention training through the *Called to Protect* program developed by Praesidium, Inc. **"Called to Protect" special training sessions on Tuesday, September 2 at 6:30 PM and Saturday, September 6, at 1:30 PM in Spanish** for new volunteers, and those who need the 3-year renewal. Parents are encouraged to participate in these sessions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. Classes in English will start on **Sunday, September 7 at 9:15 AM.** Registration forms are available in the Religious Education office during regular business hours. Registration will also be available the morning of our first class. Look for registration tables in the Church Hall. All students, new and returning, **MUST** be registered **BEFORE** being admitted to class. Any questions, please contact Jeanette Houle at doschicas@att.net or 817-613-8008.

LAS CLASES DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA EN ESPAÑOL comenzaran el **Domingo, Septiembre 14.** Cualquier pregunta, por favor contacte a Jeanette Houle a doschicas@att.net o llame al 817 613-8008.

MONTSERRAT LADIES RETREAT SEPTEMBER 11-14: Come away and pray on the shores of beautiful Lake Lewisville in a women's retreat. Call Helen Taaffe at 817-594-6697 or Carole Malugani at 817-594-4252 to register, or call Montserrat directly at 940-321-6020 to register by phone. It is also possible to register online at www.montserratretreat.org anytime day or night.

The Annual Memorial Mass For Children Who Have Died Before Baptism. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for Children who Died Before Baptism will be celebrated at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 509 West Magnolia, East of Hemphill, in Fort Worth on **Saturday, October 11, 2008.** Mass will begin at 12:00 Noon and will be followed by a reception in the church hall. A light lunch will be served. The Mass and reception are being sponsored by Mother & Unborn Baby Care of North Texas, and Catholics United for Life of North Texas. The intention of the Mass is to help the healing process for parents who have lost children through miscarriage, still birth or abortion. Close relatives and friends of these parents are also invited to attend. Individual flowers will be provided for parents to place at the Virgin Mary's altar during Prayers of the Faithful memory of their children, should they wish to do so. Reservations are requested, but not required, to allow us to provide for the flowers and lunches. For more information and reservations call 817-738-1086, mail to 3704 Myrtle Springs Road, Fort Worth, TX 76116 or e-mail mubcare@charter.net. Reservations should be received no later than Wednesday, October 8, 2008.

Therefore take the whole
armor of God,
that you may be able
to withstand in the evil
day, and having done
all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:13

EMPEZANDO UNA VIDA NUEVA Grupo de Apoyo para Separados, Divorciados y Viudos. "Empezando Una Vida Nueva" es un grupo de apoyo para personas que están pasando por el dolor de una separación, un divorcio, o muerte de su cónyuge. El grupo se reúne una vez por semana por diez semanas y su propósito es de compartir destrezas de superación que otras personas han aprendido, encontrar nuevos amigos/as que caminarán con usted hacia el future, perdonar, adquirir aceptación y más. Empezando Una Vida Nueva" comenzará el **lunes, 1º de septiembre, 2008 de las 7 p.m. a las 9 p.m.** en el Nuevo salon parroquial de la Iglesia Todos los Santos, 214 N.W. 20th St., Fort Worth. Si desea inscribirse o desea más información favor de hablar con Carmen Zacarias al (682) 472-8517.

Clases del Método Natural para la Planificación Familiar. La fertilidad es un regalo de Dios que nos permite ser co-creadores de nuevas vidas con nuestro Padre Celestial. Tanto si usted desea aplazar o lograr el embarazo, la Planificación Familiar Natural puede ser un método muy útil para vivir su vida en armonía con las leyes naturales de Dios, a la vez le permite fortalecer los lazos de union con su familia y profundizar su relación con su pareja. Las clases en Español empezaran el **domingo 7 de septiembre a las 4:00 p.m.** en el Centro Católico, 800 W. Loop 820 S., Fort Worth, TX 76108. Es muy importante que se registre lo más pronto posible. Si desea más información favor de hablar con Suzanna Ordoñez al 817-560-3300 ext. 256.

TEEN CORNER

Youth Group: Mark your calendars. Youth Group will begin Wednesday, September 3 at our usual time of 6 PM with our 2nd annual PIZZA PAPERWORK PARTY!!!

St. Stephen Youth will be holding a **T-shirt Fundraiser** the weekends of **October 5th and 12th after all Masses.** Proceeds will benefit our Youth 2000 trip in April. Any questions, please contact Jeanette Houle 817-613-8008 or doschicas@att.net.

All youth ages 13 and above are invited to participate in the **Youth Music Ministry.** Any questions contact Anthony Lucia at 940-859-1449 or Jeanette Houle at doschicas@att.net.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will continue. *Watch the bulletin for new date and time.* Any questions, please contact Jeanette Houle at doschicas@att.net.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (All activities held at Bethel Road)

Sunday, August 31

2:00 PM Going-Away Party for The Shepherds

Monday, September 1

Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 2

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Rm. 1 & 2)

6:00 PM "Called to Protect" (Keeping Children Safe)

Wednesday, September 3

6:00 PM Youth Group

6:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, September 4

10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 AM Quilting Group (Pro Shop)

7:00 PM English Baptism Instruction

(Copy of Birth Certificate Required)

7:00 PM Hora Española Santa

Friday, September 5

7:30 PM Adoration of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, September 6

9:00 AM "Called to Protect" (Keeping Children Safe)

7:00 PM Cursillistas Ultreya (Bilingual)

Dear Padre

Was Vatican II a good thing?

Q I have some friends who are devout Catholics. They say the Second Vatican Council was a mistake. I don't know what to think.

Bob

Dear Bob,

Vatican II was the twenty-first ecumenical council. According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, ecumenical councils "are the mind of the Church in action, ... taking form and shape in the mold of dogmatic definition and authoritative decrees." In the past, those who questioned the councils or criticized decrees were promoters of *schism*, divisiveness within the Church, and they often started new churches. Some who have criticized Vatican II have been excommunicated as a result. Therefore, Catholics who question Vatican II are on shaky ground.

Vatican II gave us dogmatic definitions and authoritative decrees and, as loyal and devout Catholics, we are called to agree with this teaching body in our Church. The nineteenth ecumenical council, the council of Trent, was held from 1545 to 1563, and the Church implemented those decrees over the next 400 years.



Vatican II took place from 1962 to 1965, only about 45 years ago, so we are still in an early period of implementation.

Pope Benedict and our bishops will guide us in how to implement Vatican II. The Spirit speaks through the Holy Father, our bishops, our priests, and our traditions. If we remain in union with the Church, we will be blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Patrick Keyes, C.Ss.R.

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September 1	September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5	September 6	September 7
Weekday	Weekday	Saint Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Cor 2:1-5 Lk 4:16-30	1 Cor 2:10b-16 Lk 4:31-37	1 Cor 3:1-9 Lk 4:38-44	1 Cor 3:18-23 Lk 5:1-11	1 Cor 4:1-5 Lk 5:33-39	1 Cor 4:6b-15 Lk 6:1-5	Ez 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20