




**Eastern Shore
Medical Weight Loss**

251-625-4030

Physician Supervised
FDA Approved Prescription Weight Loss

**Lectors for August
29th and 30th**

**Saturday 4pm
Christiane Peloux**

**Sunday 8:30am
John Arnett**

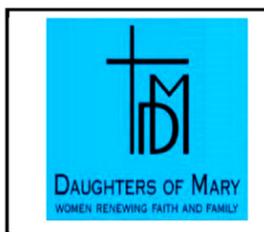
**Sunday 11:00am
Ruby Thompson**

In the beginning
was the word...



Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy Committee

**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
-AND-
LADIES
AUXILIARY
#8740**

Our Lady
of Lourdes
Parish Hall

Tuesday
at 6PM

DAUGHTERS OF MARY
WOMEN RENEWING FAITH AND FAMILY

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 22**

4:00 PM
SIMON & DIANA SCHUM
60TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY

**SUNDAY
AUGUST 23**

8:30 AM
FR'S DAY INTENTIONS
+ JAMES B. ROLLINS, JR

11:00 AM
FOR PARISHIONERS

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 25**

8:00AM
FR'S DAY INTENTIONS
+ CHARLES A. DUMAS, III

**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 26**

8:00AM
FR'S DAY INTENTIONS
DECEASED FATHER OF THE
SCHUM & DRAKE FAMILIES

**THURSDAY
AUGUST 27**

8:00AM
FR'S DAY INTENTIONS
+ DON E. STOKELY, SR
+ ELMER DESCHNER
+ MIKEY STOKELY

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 28**

8:00AM
FR'S DAY INTENTIONS
+ THOMAS THIGPEN

2020 Collections

Regular & Holy Days Collection

08/14/2020		\$3,050.00
2020 Total Regular Collection		
\$123,131.87		
Parish Projects Collection		
08/14/2020		\$795.00
	Refrigerator	\$500.00
	Lawn Equipment	\$295.00
2020 Total Parish Project Collection		
\$29,542.00		
Arch Diocesan Second Collections		
	Latin America	\$185.00
	Home Missions	\$278.00



**ENDOWING
OUR FUTURE
WITH HOPE**

Campaign Prayer

O Loving and Gracious God,
by our holy baptism, faith is Your precious gift to us.
For this gift to thrive, faith must be lived and shared
with each generation.

Through our support of this campaign,
we will say "thank you" to our beloved retired priests
who, over the years, have drawn us closer to You;
we will help our seminarians as they prepare to be
our future priests;
we will support our young people
as they discover the beauty of the Catholic faith;
and we will strengthen our parishes
as beacons of mercy and love.

In this way, we will indeed
endow our future with hope.

We ask Our Lady's intercession for a
successful campaign
to the honor and glory of You,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen



**OUR LADY OF
LOURDES**
Catholic Parish

**AUGUST 23
2020**
21ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
CYCLE II



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Generations of Faith Campaign
Goal \$340,000.00



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**MASS
SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY
VIGIL MASS
4:00PM**

**SUNDAY
MASS
8:30AM & 11:00AM**

**TUESDAY
MASS
8:00AM**

**WEDNESDAY
MASS
8:00AM**

**THURSDAY
MASS
8:00AM**

**FRIDAY
MASS
8:00AM**

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY
3:15PM-3:45PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT**

**CHURCH & PASTORS
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TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
9AM - 3:30PM**

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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
August 23, 2020

Upon this Rock

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Saint Peter's Basilica is built on the tomb of Peter, which literally serves as the rock on which the Church is built. Peter states his faith, acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God, in the name of the other apostles. In reply, the Lord reveals his intended mission for Peter: to become the visible foundation of the Church.

This account also tells us that Peter's act of faith did not come through "flesh and blood," that is, through his human abilities, but through a particular revelation from God. By contrast, right afterward, as Jesus foretells his passion, death, and resurrection, Peter "began to rebuke him," denying that this would

ever happen (Matthew 16:22). Jesus scolds him in return.

Peter shows his human weakness and what he is: a stone along the path on which men can stumble. In this scene, the drama of each soul and the history of the papacy and Church itself are anticipated. There is the joint presence of divine assistance, by which the papacy constitutes the Church's foundation throughout history, and human weakness, which is also evident through the centuries and can be transformed only through abandonment to God's action.

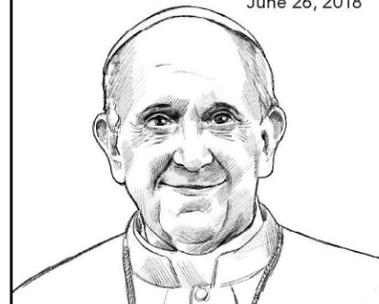
In today's Gospel, Jesus clearly promises the forces of evil will not prevail. Prophets such as Jeremiah (1:18-19) were threatened only by human enemies, whereas Peter will have to be defended from a supernatural evil. Jeremiah receives a promise that affects him as a person and his prophetic ministry; Peter receives assurances concerning the future of the Church and the new community founded by Christ "upon this rock." +

The Lord reveals his intended mission for Peter: to become the visible foundation of the Church.

A Word from Pope Francis

The acceptance of our body as a gift from God is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father...Thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy an absolute power over creation.

Address to Pontifical Academy for Life, June 26, 2018



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How willing are you to let the pope, Peter's successor, confirm your faith today?
- What are you doing to ensure your faith is built on a solid foundation?

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 22:19-23

What he opens, no one will shut, what he shuts, no one will open.

Romans 11:33-36

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever.

Matthew 16:13-20

[Jesus said,] "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

Want to Be in that Number?

By Kathleen M. Basi

When I was a child, I had a book about saints that I loved. It was filled with color pictures and heroic, larger-than-life stories. I spent hours trying to decide whether I liked Catherine of Siena or Catherine of Alexandria better. I felt as if I ought to like Siena better for cutting her hair off and being a nun and all, but Alexandria's picture was prettier.

It was years before I realized most of these people weren't the golden-haired northern Europeans portrayed in my book.

It was later still before I realized that by focusing on legends and miracles, I had turned sainthood into something reserved for a select few—something far beyond the reach of an ordinary mortal like me.

These days, I prefer to think of the saints as real people, flawed and fragile, representing every country and culture on earth. Yet for all their diversity, each of them sought exactly what I seek: discernment and courage to walk in the footsteps of Christ in a way that is authentic both to his example and to the time and place in which I live.

Now, my favorite stories speak not of miracles, but of extraordinary courage in ordinary situations—like Elizabeth Ann Seton, who, as an impoverished widow, founded the first parochial school in this country, along with a new order of religious—all while raising her own children.



They speak of deeply practical courage in extraordinary circumstances—like Maximilian Kolbe, who willingly starved to death in place of a fellow concentration-camp prisoner in Auschwitz. In my opinion, that would be even harder than volunteering for a firing squad, where at least the end would come quickly.

And then there are figures with checkered pasts, like Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton—those who don't have feast days in the Church calendar but whose words and actions have reverberated like earthquakes, reshaping the foundation of my faith.

Real people. Real lives. People stumbling through their world in all its messiness, trying to find the path to holiness amid chaos and to identify their

individual purpose for why God placed them on this earth. Those people give me hope. If they managed to find their purpose, maybe I can, too.

It's no longer enough for me to read a paragraph or two about the legendary exploits of those with "Saint" in front of their names. I want to know how the real people behind those legends lived. How they learned to mirror God while surrounded by cranky kids and clueless coworkers and spouses who insist on using dish towels to wipe dirty mouths. Because that is the path I need illuminated. +

Real people. Real lives. The saints stumbled through their world trying to find holiness amid chaos, just like we do.



Lord, you entrusted the keys of the kingdom of heaven to your people. Help me be your wise and responsible servant.

—From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 24-29

Monday, St. Bartholomew:
Rv 21:9b-14 / Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday, Weekday:
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/ Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, Weekday:
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 / Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, St. Monica:
1 Cor 1:1-9 / Mt 24:42-51

Friday, St. Augustine:
1 Cor 1:17-25 / Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, St. John the Baptist:
1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mk 6:17-29

Bringing Home the Word 
August 23, 2020

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Our Lady of Lourdes

SHARE OF THE FUNDS (\$68,000)

Repair parish flooring.

Renovate parish hall.

Install new lighting and sound system.

Establish a rainy-day fund.

Develop Youth Ministry efforts.

Case Elements	Description
Seminarian Endowment \$9,000,000	To teach Jesus Christ, fully present in the Eucharist, we need priests. Seminarians today are the priests of tomorrow – priests who will help grow our parishes and missions. Priests who will teach, provide the Eucharist, hear confessions, baptize our children and grandchildren, and anoint us at our time of need. This endowment fund will invest in the formation of our future priests and ensure the sacramental life of future generations.
Priest Retirement Endowment \$9,000,000	The men who are ordained to the priesthood for our Archdiocese give their lives in service to our community. Even when their years of active ministry end, they never retire from their vocation to the priesthood but continue to serve us through prayer. This endowment fund will help address the escalating future retirement needs of our priests.
Strengthening Parishes \$6,000,000	Investing in strong parishes is a central component of the campaign. Our parish and missions are the heart of our Archdiocese. Each parish is rooted in the Church, but has its own identity and unique needs. This campaign will have a significant impact on parishes, with 20% of funds raised up to goal remaining in parishes and parish missions to address local needs.
Youth Ministry Endowment \$3,900,000	A strong Church tomorrow requires today's youth to remain active and engaged members of the Church in their adulthood. The Youth Ministry Endowment will serve as an aid to initiate or enhance youth ministry in parishes and parish missions throughout the Archdiocese of Mobile.

FAQs

- ❑ **What is *Generations of Faith*?**
Generations of Faith is an endowment campaign to raise \$30 million in gifts and pledges for seminarian formation, priest retirement, youth ministries, and local parish needs.
- ❑ **Will my parish benefit from the campaign?**
All parishes benefit from the endowments created through the campaign. Also, parishes receive 20% of their parishioners' gifts up to the parish goal, and 80% of gifts over goal.
- ❑ **Who will participate in *Generations of Faith*?**
All 75 parishes, and 10 missions, will participate in the campaign during specific "blocs" of activity from 2019-2021. The Pilot Bloc ran from August 2019-January 2020 and was followed with Blocs 1 and 2 in subsequent six-month periods thereafter.
- ❑ **Why does my request letter ask for a specific gift amount?**
A gift amount is suggested for each household to reach the \$30M goal. Each household's financial situation is different. Please pray about a gift proportionate to your capability.
- ❑ **Why encourage pledges?**
Generations of Faith encourages pledges to allow donors to give more than they could with one-time gifts. Donors who pledge usually make gifts four-to-five times larger than those who make one-time gifts.
- ❑ **What if I am unable to fulfill my original pledge amount?**
Unanticipated events or situations can occur. If financial circumstances change, a donor may contact the campaign office at 251-434-1556 to adjust, pause or cancel their pledge.
- ❑ **Are gifts to *Generations of Faith* tax-deductible?**
All gifts made to the campaign are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Donors should consult a tax professional if they have any questions about the tax treatment of their contributions.
- ❑ **When will parishes begin to receive their allotted funds raised in *Generations of Faith*?**
Parishes will begin to receive their allotted funds the quarter after their campaign begins. The amount that each parish receives will vary, based off of cash received and pledge redemption to-date. The first disbursement checks for your parish have been processed, and the next should arrive in mid-November!

Entrance: Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear, now to His altar draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.



Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
Receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father, Amen.
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

First Reading: Isaiah 22: 19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:
"I will thrust you from your office
and pull you down from your station.
On that day I will summon my servant
Eliakim, son of Hilkiyah;
I will clothe him with your robe,
and gird him with your sash,
and give over to him your authority.
He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
and to the house of Judah.
I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's
shoulder;
when he opens, no one shall shut
when he shuts, no one shall open.
I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot,
to be a place of honor for his family."



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart,
For you have heard the words of my mouth;
In the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple.

R: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth:
When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The Lord is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows
from afar. Your kindness, O Lord, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11: 33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!
For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?
Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?
For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

Alleluiah Matthew 16:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples,
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply,
"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
Jesus said to him in reply,
"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.
And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.
I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."
Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
The Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The Only Begotten Son of God,
Born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
True God from True God,
Begotten, not made,
Consubstantial with the Father,
Through Him all things were made,
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
And by the Holy Spirit
Was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
And became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered death and was buried,
And rose again on the third day
In accordance with the scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
At the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead
And His kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
The giver life, who proceeds from
The Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son
Is adored and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
And apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism
For the forgiveness of sins
And I look forward to the resurrection
Of the dead
And the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Presentation Hymn: We Walk By Faith

We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear
Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod;
Yet in His promise we rejoice and cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound;
To call on You when You are near, and seek where You are found:

That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light,
We may behold You as You are, in full and endless sight.

Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

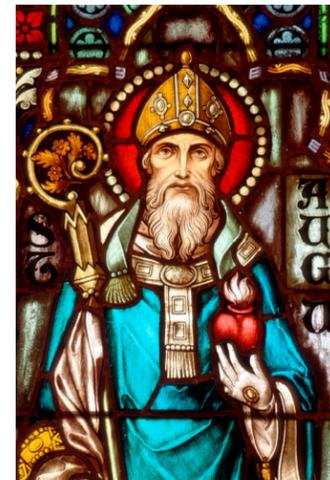
Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.
Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one,
for all.
Refrain

Sending Forth: All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.



**ST AUGUSTINE
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Memorial
Friday August 28, 2020
8AM Mass



**OUR LADY OF
LOURDES**
CATHOLIC PARISH

**Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Prayer List

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Eddie Booth Sr., Logan Bowers, Clement Boney, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, John Dumas, Dodie Dumas, Johnny Finch, Shelby Fletcher, Louise Frontz, Tim Frontz, Janet Gafford, Tony Golemon, Ginny Johnston, Billy Kenny, MaryAnn Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Glenda Pose, Glenda Pouyadou, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Dorothy Sanchez, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Tootie Spikes, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Max Edward Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Ida Vrazel, Albert Washington, Darlene Watson, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Agnes Worley, Dee Dee Unger, Bobby Zarate.