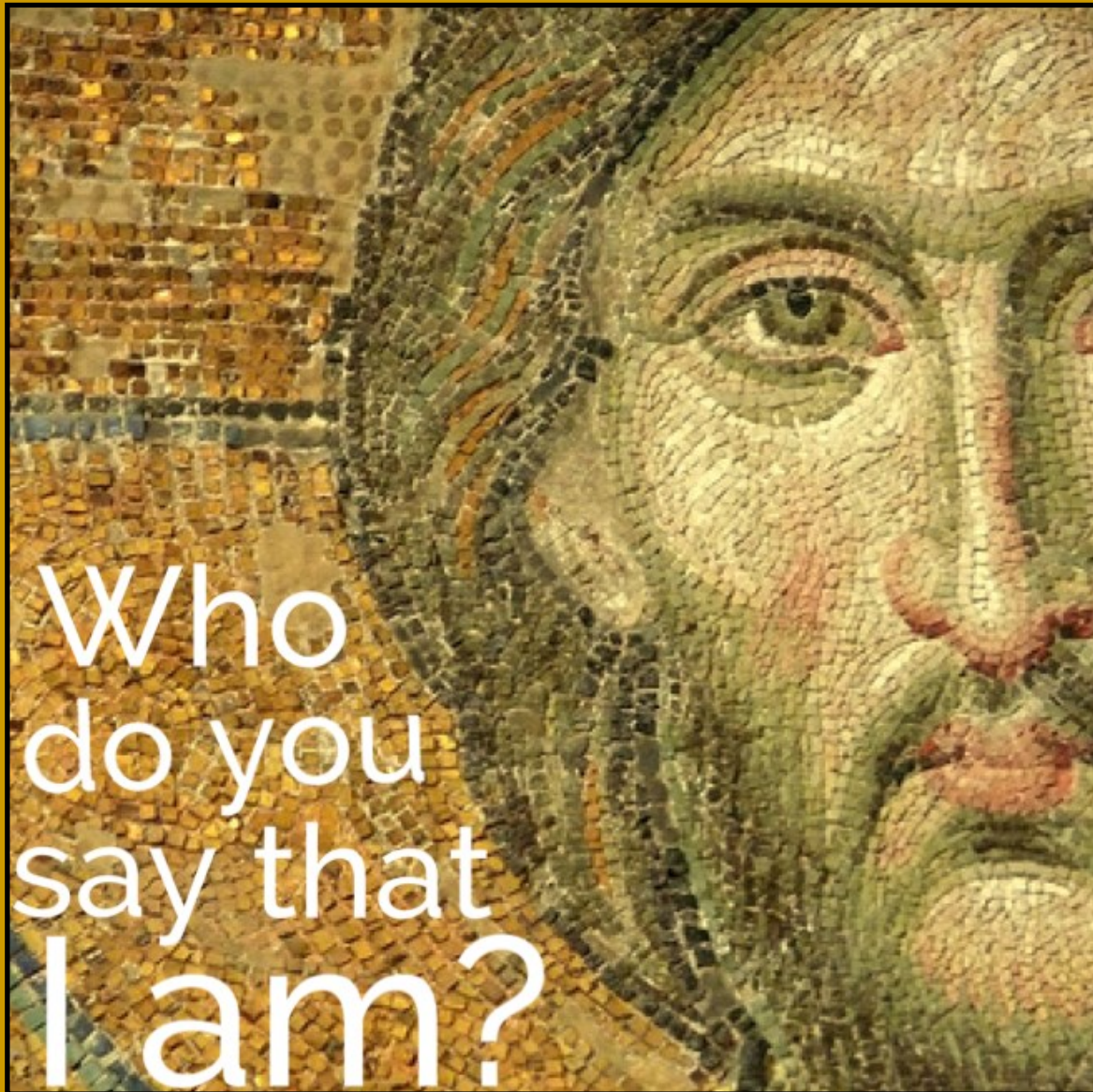


# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## August 23rd, 2020



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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Monday - Friday at 8:00AM  
**Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Sunday at 9:00AM**

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00AM

**\* Daily Eucharistic Liturgy remains temporarily Non-Public**

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(Closed 12:00PM - 1:00PM, Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays)

Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:00AM  
**Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Sunday at 10:30AM**

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil at 5:30PM

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# *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

## *Partners in Faith & Mission*



**August 23, 2020**  
**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

### **WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 [20th Sunday]  
Monday: Rv 21:9-14/Ps 145:10-18/Jn 1:45-51 [St. Bartholomew]  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26 [Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz]  
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51 [St. Monica]  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-11/Mt 25:1-13 [St. Augustine]  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/Mk 6:17-29 [Passion of John the Baptist]  
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 [22nd Sunday]

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

**Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation** programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint John's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

# *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

## *Partners in Faith & Mission*

### **"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY**

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

### **"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY**

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

### **PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)**

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

### **"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY**

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.8476.

### **THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"**

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

### **PROLIFE COMMUNITY**

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

### **ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.  
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome*

# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Aug. 24th - Gerry Tomczak (Dorothy Fearn)  
 Tues., Aug. 25th - Doris Inter (Ina Ring)  
 Wed., Aug. 26th - Linda Love (Helen Zimmerman)  
 Thurs., Aug. 27th - Charles Trochowski (Don Albertson)  
 Fri., Aug. 28th - John & Rita Zuber (Family)  
 Sat., Aug. 29th - For the People of Saint Stanislaus Parish (Pro Populo)  
 Sun., Aug. 30th, 9:00AM - Spec Intention (R. & M. Robaskiewicz & Family)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **VICTORIA & JOSEPH BANISZEWSKI** as gifted by Diane & Richard Valahovic.



## PIEROGI MAKING

Volunteers are needed to make pierogies for our upcoming "Polish Food Extravaganza." If you feel comfortable and are free to lend a

helping hand, we will gather in the Social Hall at 9:00AM on both Thursday, September 17th, and Friday, September 18th. All are welcome, even if you have never made pierogies. We appreciate all of the help in making our "Polish Food Extravaganza" a success.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Sunday, August 30th, at the 9:00AM Mass, JULIAN PEDERSEN will receive Holy Communion for the first time! Please keep her in your prayers this coming week in preparation for her First Holy Communion.

## WORDS OF GRATITUDE...

To all those who donated to the Saint Stanislaus Holy Name Society during Erie's annual Day of Giving held on August 11th. Along with the pro-rated matching gift plan, the Society brought in \$3,620.00, before the pro-rated match! Again many thanks and much appreciation!

## PARISH DAY 2020 CORRECTION ON DATE

Plans are underway to host a modified Parish Day on **OCTOBER 11th**. A brief explanatory letter, with raffle tickets, have been mailed to all parishioners. We will feature a simplified menu for take out, as well as a Grand Raffle. We will also be selling baked goods and much help will be needed in this regard. Please continue following our bulletin as more details will be forthcoming.

## "THANK YOU," From Holy Trinity

The people of Holy Trinity, especially our tuition assistance families and Zabawa committee members, extend a world of gratitude to the parishioners of St. Stanislaus who came out to support our Zabawa-To-Go. Although the Covid circumstances made our annual celebration less than ideal, we are grateful for the community's support! We will work and plan to make Zabawa 2021 one of great memories.

## CSA 2020: UPDATE

Parish Assessment: \$31,019.00  
 Pledges: \$33,7700.00  
 Paid To Date: \$29,490.00

**Thank you** for the 89 families who have committed! Any additional CSA money remains in our parish. So, if you haven't yet pledged, please continue to prayerfully consider doing so.

## The Choice of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that? The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same? The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life.

The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

## WEEKLY OFFERING (AUGUST 16, 2020)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$29,092.00
Amount Received	\$3,255.00	\$17,539.00
Net over/under	(\$901.00)	(\$11,553.00)

Mass Attendance: 57 (Covid Mass)



# Holy Trinity Parish Community



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in thanksgiving of "ZABAWA 2020."

## A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

... to our PCEP Families and others who spent several hours this past Friday and Saturday beautifying our ground and spreading 21 yards of mulch in preparation for Zabawa-To-Go...



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Aug. 24th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families  
 Tues., Aug. 25th - The Souls in Purgatory  
 Wed., Aug. 26th - Living & Deceased Fathers  
 Thurs., Aug. 27th - The Warfel Family  
 Fri., Aug. 28th—Don Benczkowski (Jim Bojarski)  
 Sat., Aug. 29th - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)  
 Sun., Aug. 30th, 10:30AM - Tom Straub (The Carroll Family)

## THINK BEFORE POPPING BUBBLE WRAP!



THE AIR INSIDE CAME FROM CHINA!

I REMEMBER WHEN YOU COULD SMOKE IN A BAR,



NOW YOU CAN'T EVEN DRINK IN ONE.

What's happening?  
 Why are all the humans wearing muzzles?



I'VE ALMOST COMPLETED MY 90-DAY TRIAL OF 2020.



HOW DO I CANCEL?

## Peter's Confession of Christ

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)



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 ELIJAH  
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## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR AUGUST 16, 2020

Regular Offering: \$1,861.00 (25/146)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$21,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$16,555.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,861.00	\$14,371.00
Net (over/under):	(\$504.00)	(\$2,184.00)

## CSA UPDATE

Assessment: \$12,425.00  
 Pledges: \$24,647.00  
 Paid: \$23,017.00  
 Families Contributing: 68

"...on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

- Matthew 16:19

## *News for Our Partnership*

### **SATURDAY EVENING MASSES**

**WILL BE RESUMING SOON.**

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!**

### **MASS ATTENDANCE AND RESERVATIONS**

With our Mass attendance holding at steady numbers these past couple of weekends, there doesn't seem to be a need any longer to make reservations; we are well under our "maximum capacity" at both parishes. If attendance begins to rise, we may have to resort back to making reservations.

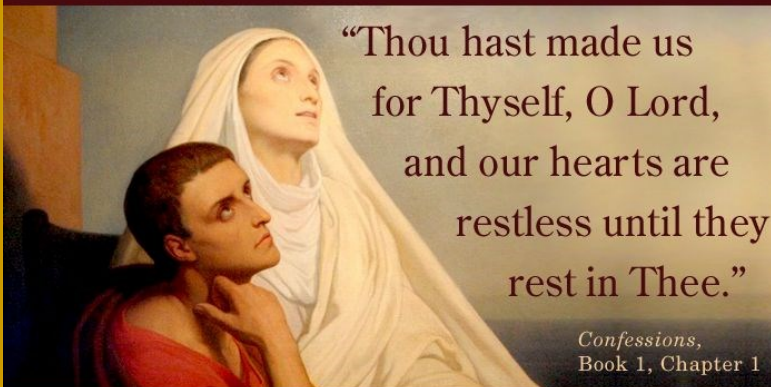
### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Last week, on August 10th, Fr. Jason resumed teaching his in-person classes at Gannon University. Consequently, he will not be available in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-5:00PM.

### **COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND**

Special thanks to all who have been contributing to our Covid-19 Response fund, which is being used for the purchase of sanitizers, dispensers, and PPE for those volunteering to clean our facilities after each Mass. Whenever you are able, please consider contributing to this fund so we can keep our facilities as safe and virus-free as possible.

## **St. Augustine and St. Monica**



### **THE PATRON SAINT OF MOTHERS**

Born in the 4th century, St. Monica is recognized as the patron saint of mothers. Her faith and dedication to motherhood played a pivotal role in the spiritual formation of one of the most brilliant philosophers and well-known saints of all time – Saint Augustine, her son.

After her husband's premature death, St. Monica dedicated her life to raising her children. As a single mother of three, she persevered in the face of many difficulties. Her greatest desire was for her children to follow Christ. Although later in life he was known as a fervent man of God, St. Augustine did not easily come to see God's truth. As a child, he proved to be quite

difficult, causing Monica much grief, and as a young adult he remained uninterested in Christianity. But St. Monica never stopped praying for his eternal soul, in spite of the circumstances. On one particular occasion, when she was discussing the matter with a priest, he urged her to remain steadfast in her prayers, stating that it was "not possible that the son of so many tears should perish."

After many years of prayer, Saint Monica finally saw her son give his life to the service of God. St. Augustine declared that his mother's resilience and dedication to prayer is what led him to become the man of God he was meant to be. He stated that St. Monica was not only his mother, but "the source of his Christianity." According to Pope Benedict XVI: Augustine himself was to say, his mother gave birth to him twice; the second time required a lengthy spiritual travail of prayers and tears, but it was crowned at last with the joy of seeing him not only embrace the faith and receive Baptism, but also dedicate himself without reserve to the service of Christ.

St. Monica passed away in A.D. 387, shortly after St. Augustine was baptized. Her legacy serves as a reminder for all Christians to never stop praying for those who do not yet know Christ.

### **THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS**

8/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski, & Diane Valahovic; 8/25) Jack Kempisty & Helen Zimmerman;  
8/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 8/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski;  
8/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, & Suzanne Sundy; 8/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsi

### **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

8/24) Msgr. Joseph Wardanski; 8/25) Fr. Howard King; 8/26) Fr. Bill O'Brien; 8/27) Fr. George Strohmeier;  
8/28) Bishop Donald Trautman; 8/29) Fr. Nick Rouch; 8/30) Fr. Peter Pierjok, O.S.B

### Sunday, Aug 23, 2020

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### What is to be healed must first be acknowledged

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

*"The LORD sees the lowly, and the proud he knows from afar."*

Today, on the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition, we seek forgiveness for what's been called the "original sin" of our nation: seeing people of color as exploitable resources. Generations of slaveholders were unrepentant about horrific acts they deemed to be entirely moral. The sin of racism that made such attitudes possible has been condemned heartily by the church in more recent generations - though some church leaders in generations past were late coming to that perspective as slaveholders themselves. If racism is to be overcome, we each have confessions to make, repentance to do, and voices to raise.

### Monday, Aug 24, 2020

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

#### Take your place

Revelation 21:9b-14; John 45-51

*"Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him."*

Bartholomew gets only a mere mention as one of the 12 apostles in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and is believed to have been the one called Nathanael in the Gospel of John. But what does a name matter, when Jesus knows you, and knows your character, before you even meet? The "greater things" to come that Jesus promised Bartholomew didn't include the glory of a leading role in salvation history, since little else is known about him, but did include being a firsthand witness to God's glory. There's a front-row seat waiting for you, too.

### Tuesday, Aug 25, 2020

MEMORIAL OF LOUIS

#### A royal example of God's kingdom

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26

*"Cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean."*

No wonder Saint Louis is the patron saint of the Franciscan Secular Order. He used his position in the world—as King Louis the IX of France—to help build the kingdom of God. Like Francis of Assisi, Louis fed lepers and beggars, usually waiting on them himself. He built hospitals and orphanages to take care of his people. He was committed to being a just ruler: "upholding the cause of the poor." Pray such a priority might overshadow partisan politics among policy makers.

### Wednesday, Aug 26, 2020

#### Keep it real

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32

*"Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing. Woe to you, . . . you hypocrites."*

Hypocrisy is the "practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behavior does not conform." Jesus made it clear that he had no patience with such duplicity, as he called out those who spent more time criticizing the religious practices of others rather than living his law of love. Examine your attitudes and words today to see how often critical judgment of others is your prevailing state of mind. The list of small critiques, like little pinpricks, can easily deflate a joyful spirit. Ask for the grace to be centered in Divine love.

### Thursday, Aug 27, 2020

MEMORIAL OF MONICA

#### Stick-to-itiveness pays off

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51

*"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Stay awake!'"*

Saint Monica, one of a relatively small number of African saints, is typically described as Saint Augustine's long-suffering mother, who prayed, cajoled, and urged him to abandon his wayward life and embrace Christianity, which he eventually did. Her own intellectual and leadership abilities are unrecorded except as they influenced her family members, but her story of persistence and strength continues to inspire. Many in the church uphold her as a model of enduring faith. If you feel like quitting when faced by a difficult problem or problematic family member, pray to Saint Monica for wisdom and perseverance.

### Friday, Aug 28, 2020

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### A sin for the ages

1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

In his theological work *The City of God*, Saint Augustine (354-430) proposed that slavery, an accepted practice of his day, was sinful and did more harm to the slaveholder than the enslaved person. Although Augustine's sentiment may have seemed enlightened for its time, slavery, particularly among poor people and people of color, continues to this day in various forms around the world. We can see the evil that racism perpetuates. All of humanity is straining under the weight of this sin. It is time for each of us to "open wide our hearts," as the U.S. bishops advised in their 2018 pastoral letter on racism. We do well to have a first (or fresh) look at it today.

### Saturday, Aug 29, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

#### Bravely lead the way

1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Mark 6:17-29

*"When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb."*

Speaking up—when staying silent would have been easy—cost John the Baptist his earthly life, though it gained him a special place in the heavenly pantheon. He stands as a unique witness to the coming of the Lord, and along with Jesus and Mary, is the only individual honored with multiple feasts in the liturgical calendar. You may not always risk death to speak out against injustice, but it does take courage and a sense of duty to something greater than yourself. Let John the Baptist be the inspiration you need to be a prophetic voice.



## QUEENSHIP OF MARY

August 22nd

