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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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#### Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

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### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PROPHETS



We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday's readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God's purposes. A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world?

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Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Assumption. Mary stands with the "great cloud of witnesses" described in Hebrews: those who kept their eyes firmly fixed on Jesus. We may not be thinking of Mary when we hear Jesus' harsh words in today's Gospel, but when she said "yes" to Gabriel, it carried the risk of the rejection and division that Jesus describes. As the early Christians surely knew, to hold Jesus as the sole leader and perfecter of faith meant that you would likely find yourself divided from those in your household who held other beliefs. This occurrence is not unknown in our own time and place, and many of us surely know a household divided on the issue of religion, even if the divisions are occurring solely through indifference. A life of faith lived to the full will likely eventually call on us to separate ourselves somehow, keeping our gaze firmly on Jesus, so we will also one day join the great cloud of witnesses.

#### FIRE IN THE MUD

Prophets have been described as being on fire with God's message. Today, that fire in Jeremiah has to keep burning in the bottom of a muddy cistern. The rulers of his own people (including Judah's king, Zedekiah) have placed him there for speaking an unpopular, if truthful, message to them. His own leave him there, mired in the mud, to starve and die. It takes a foreigner, an outsider, to convince Judah's king that Jeremiah ought to be rescued, his life spared to continue as God's prophet. As so often happens in the lives of the prophets, the help and saving power of God are shown through unexpected people in unexpected ways. We can often find ourselves mired in mud of one sort or another. Do we truly have the fire of God's message in us, so that we can look for our rescue from places we might not expect?

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

**Gospel** — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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### SPIRIT FIRE IN THE SUMMER

A generation or two ago, these Summer Sundays in Ordinary Time would have been known as Sundays "of Pentecost." That naming convention helped recall that the Spirit's Pentecost fire was carrying us through all the Sundays until the end of the liturgical year. Though we may no longer use that name for these Sundays, the underlying reality is the same. The fire that Jesus speaks about today is the blaze of the Spirit. The fire he spoke about when he told his followers they were light for the world was the flame of the Spirit lighting the lamp of discipleship. It takes courageous disciples to allow the blazing fire of which Jesus speaks into their lives, to allow its light, warmth, and even cleansing to work in them and through them. Though we may not want to think about the heat of the Spirit's fire on a summer Sunday, that Spirit is always with us, burning within.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday**  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday**  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Tuesday**  
St. Stephen of Hungary  
**Friday**  
St. John Eudes  
**Saturday**  
St. Bernard

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## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 15, 2022

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14  
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40  
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12  
Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 15, 2022

**Monday**

8:30am

Felix Antonio Hernandez, Maria Olinda Ramirez, Keren Hernandez (D); Felix Antonio Tejada (D); Cornelia Antigua (D)

12:00pm

**Tuesday**

8:30am

Las benditas almas del purgatorio Ana Mung (D)

12:00pm

**Wednesday**

8:30am

Joseph Ofosu Miller & Felicia Seale Miller - 30th wedding anniversary

12:00pm

**Thursday**

8:30am

Ricardo Reyes Caro (D)

12:00pm

**Friday**

8:30am

Maria Bravo, Gabriel Guadamud (D); Maria Avila (D)

12:00pm

**Saturday**

7:45am

Giuse Duong (D)  
Rafael Flores Olivera, Maximino Flores, Eloisa Olivera (D); Angel Dariel Rodriguez Hernandez (D); Gabriela Cruz, Hermenegilda Lorenzo Santos (D); Gabriela Cruz Frias (D)

7:00pm

**Sunday**

8:00am

People of SNT, Marcela Cevile (L) - birthday Enrique Pascal (D); Jose Toribio, Geraldo Lora, Jon Polanco (D), Agradecimiento a la Virgen de la Altagracia por favores recibidos Peter Trang (D)

9:30am

11:30am

Daminh va Maria (D)

1:30pm

**We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.**

**We pray for the sick:**  
**We pray for the dead:**



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