



## 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 23, 2020

### Gospel Reflection

*“You are ‘Rock,’ and on this rock, I will build my church, and the jaws of death shall not prevail against it.”* The Catholic Church has always looked up to today’s Gospel as the cornerstone of the Petrine ministry, the special role played by the successor of Peter. Catholics believe that the Bishop of Rome exercises a special authority over the church.

Authority within the context of the People of God is a special kind of authority. The reading from Isaiah is about removal from office for abuse of authority and replacement by someone who shall be a father.

The purpose of authority in the church, authority at any level, is not to control the lives of others but rather to help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world.

Those with any authority in the church should reflect on their exercise of that authority, and those under authority should reflect on their attitude to the leaders of the church. All of us should join in praying that the Lord grant peace and unity to the Church.

~ Gerald Darring



### Prayer for People Who Are Infected with COVID-19 or Facing Quarantine

*Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth*

*You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments.*

*Be present now to people who need Your loving touch  
because of COVID-19.*

*May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.*

*Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation  
from people receiving treatment or under quarantine.*

*Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease.*

*Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.*

*Amen.*

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## **Archbishop: "Storm Heaven with Prayers"**

In his most recent update to priests on the status of church reopenings, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone asked them to help their parishioners engage in focused prayer and penance as we endure all of the difficult conditions that Corona Virus has caused: "...it is my conviction that, with all that is going on in our society at this time, we need to redouble our efforts on the spiritual level. In particular, in addition to adoration, we have to reclaim an authentic and serious spirit of fasting. Fasting has traditionally been understood to mean no more than one meal in the course of a day. I am asking you to join me in observing Friday as a day of fast (unless your health condition cannot allow for it): **please abstain from at least one meal on Fridays, and more than one if possible.** Let us storm heaven with prayer and fasting for a restoration of public worship unhindered, for a swift end to this pandemic, for health care workers and researchers, and for government officials who must make very complicated decisions for the overall well-being of our communities." Visit [sfarch.org/prayers](http://sfarch.org/prayers) for prayers and resources.

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## **Crisis Help Line**

*All are invited to e-mail prayer petitions to Deacon R. Christoph Sandoval at [Rcs7777@comcast.net](mailto:Rcs7777@comcast.net). We will remember those who are suffering illness of spirit, mind, or body, those who are grieving, and those who are infected or affected by the Corona Virus. Crisis Helpline Prayer Phone Support is also available. Please email your request for an appointment by phone. We are available particularly for those who are sick, homebound, or in hospital, and those are infected and affected by the Corona Virus.*

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## **Buddy Phone Chain**

Do you live alone or are in a circumstance which tends to isolate you? Think... Corona Virus isolation. If so, you may want to consider joining our "Buddy Phone Chain," a lively group of parishioners who regularly receive a reassuring phone call, and then make a call to a buddy in the phone chain. This a quick, non-intrusive way to feel safer and to check-in with someone you know. Your peace of mind costs nothing and only takes a few minutes each week. If interested, please call our "Buddy Phone Chain" coordinator, Diane Wienkauf at (650) 416-4741 or Fr. Paul at (415) 664-8481 to sign up or for more information.

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## Spiritual Resources

As a member of our Parish, you can avail yourself of [www.formed.com](http://www.formed.com) (parish access code: RZDPQZ). This resource will provide you with access to thousands of movies, programs, and other materials that we believe will be of spiritual comfort and guidance during this time.

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- A huge congratulations to 7th grader, Hannah Lucey, who won first place for the InvestWrite essay contest for the state of California. Way to go Hannah!
- Monday, September 7: No School Tuesday, September 8: *tentative first day for in-person learning\**
- Join the Men's Club by going to: <https://scssf.ejoinme.org/mosc>
- Join the Mother's Club by going to: <https://scssf.ejoinme.org/fees>

Both Clubs help support the school. Our Flocknotes/Bulletin will inform you of upcoming events such as the BBQ pick up, festival, and Zoom events.

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We pray for the repose of the soul of **Sr. Catherine Nessi, SNJM** and offer our sympathy to her family and friends. Sr. Catherine was a beloved staff member on St. Cecilia School from 1994-2012. She passed away peacefully at the The Villas in Saratoga.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, August 24

Angelo John Angcay  
Bernard Schneider  
James O'Neill

### Tuesday, August 25

Diane Vogl  
Art Curtis  
Conor Hurley

### Wednesday, August 26

Jennifer Vogl, Living  
Fil Alano  
Scott Vermillion

**Thursday, August 27**

William & Thelma Grange

Michael CoBarrubia

John, Winnie & Patrick McHugh

**Friday, August 28**

June McDermott, Living

Roy Lippi

Mary Bagaman

**Saturday, August 29**

Harry Vogl, Living

Michael CoBarrubia

Maura & Ed Tunney

**Sunday, August 30**

Peter McEntee

Agustin Galiza

*Watch, dear Lord,  
with those who wake or watch or weep tonight,  
and give Your angels charge over those who sleep.  
Tend Your sick ones, O Lord Jesus Christ,  
rest Your weary ones, bless Your dying ones,  
soothe Your suffering ones,  
shield Your joyous ones, and all for Your love's sake.*

*-St. Augustine*

