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Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Simon Peter
said to Jesus,
**“You are the Christ,
the Son of the
living God.”**

Matthew 16:16

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When Jesus says to Peter “whatever you bind” or “whatever you loose” in today’s Gospel, he describes a distinct power that emerges from Peter’s faith in Jesus. The capacity to bind or to loose suggests a new ability, both to restrain or block forces that harm the community of faith, and also to release or liberate energies that strengthen the community.

It might be helpful to observe, within your own parish or faith community, where God might be working now. Perhaps you can see persons and groups working to restrain toxic forces of resentment or fear. You might see those who are releasing new energies, and empowering the faithful to care for their neighbors. When we are grounded in a prayerful trust relationship with Jesus, we can receive this power to participate in God’s work, to bind and to loose.

AWE AND PRAISE

In today’s passage from Romans, Paul concludes his complex reflections on the Jewish people, the emerging Gentile churches, and God’s work among them. Paul has struggled to

understand the responses of both the Jewish and Gentile communities, with their mix of acceptance and rejection of Jesus. He warns the Roman church to avoid any sense of superiority over Jews or non-Christian Gentiles, for everyone is in need of God’s mercy. Paul acknowledges the limits of his understanding, and gives way to prayers of awe and praise. He concludes by marveling at the limitless mercy of God, whose designs are ultimately mysterious.

Sometimes our own prayer can be like that of Paul. In conversation with God, we try to make sense of life, especially its difficulties. The full truth of what’s going on in our lives or in our world eludes us, and so we work humbly with the truth that we can understand. If we believe our mysterious God is indeed trustworthy, we can open our hearts in praise, and allow God to shape our lives.

Today’s Readings: Is 22:19–23; Ps 138:1–2, 2–3, 6, 8;
Rom 11:33–36; Mt 16:13–20

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LIVING pandemic

reflections from those within our parish about managing life during difficult times

The Gabriel Project mission continued during quarantine; however, protocols were put in place to protect clients and volunteers. The group's mission to serve--to protect and honor life--remained. Clients were able to make contact by phone, provide a list of needed items, and schedule a time to pick up their items.

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Gabriel
Project:
Serving
During
Quarantine*

One such client, going by the name *Elaine*, is typical. She called and told the volunteer what items she needed and scheduled a time to pick up the order. She did this once a month throughout the 2 ½-month quarantine period. *Elaine* has four children, so she is always in need of basics – diapers, wipes, hygiene products, formula, baby food, and clothing. The mission also has provided her with new cribs and mattresses and new car seats, along with gently used baby equipment. *Elaine* has been a regular client since

before the pandemic, through the quarantine, and now since we have re-opened without appointments. She visits once a month according to guidelines. She also has referred others, most recently a relative.

Clients have been patient with the new protocols and have willingly abided by the face mask mandate and use of hand sanitizer. Facemasks are given to any who forget, but that has only happened once. Clients are permitted only as far as the entry way of Xavier Hall where they complete a form listing their needs. Clients must observe social distancing and stay in the entry way while a volunteer fills their order and brings it to them. This is a change from original protocols. Before pandemic, clients were able to “shop” for themselves in the “GP Boutique.” The clients are cooperative about changes and just grateful to receive the help they need.

A volunteer sanitizes the chair, clipboard, and pen once a client leaves. The process then starts over with the next client.

Volunteers are always welcome at St. Francis Xavier's Gabriel Project, which is part of an ecumenical network throughout the state helping babies get a healthful start. Our mission works out of Xavier Hall on Thursdays, and volunteer hours are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

If you or someone you know needs help, client hours are 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please call Cathy at 304-845-3892 for more information.

Masses for the Week

- AUG. 22** **SATURDAY**
4:00 P.M. **Theresa Myer†**
(Phil & Loretta Remke)
- AUG. 23** **SUNDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Tom & Louise Wise†**
(Family)
10:00 A.M. **Sylvia Fish†**
(Veronica DiCola)
- AUG. 24** **MONDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Nick Magnone**
(Libby G. Magnone)
- AUG. 25** **TUESDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Florence Sawinski†**
(Tina Minor)
Joseph Patrello†
(Cathy & Roger Frame)
- AUG. 26** **WEDNESDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Bob & Bernadine Miller†**
(Miller/Porter Family)
- AUG. 27** **THURSDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Family of Nguyen Danny Trong**
(Tuyet Dinh)
- AUG. 28** **FRIDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Deceased members of Tuyet Dinh Family**
(Tuyet Dinh)
- AUG. 29** **SATURDAY**
4:00 P.M. **Paul Baum†**
(Family)
- AUG. 30** **SUNDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Mike and Jean Yurisko†**
(Bill & Kim Yurisko)
10:00 A.M. **Scott Wiethe†**
(Mom & Dad)
Mass will be in the church.

With sympathy

*to the family and loved ones
of
Zelma Imhof,
our heartfelt condolences.*

REV. THAT SON NGOC NGUYEN, PASTOR

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):
Sat. 3:30 p.m. or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):
Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:
Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office.

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Rev. That Son Cell: 408-858-7467

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MASS SCHEDULE:
Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS



Prayer Request: Jim Campbell, Joseph Grampa, Ronnie Hill, Eleanor Smith, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Wanda DeTemple, Mary Ann Barnes, Jane Klug, Sami Wilson, Bill Fowkes, Shirley Moczek.
Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro.

SPECIAL NOTES

- * For those unable to contribute during Easter, the diocese is holding a special collection Aug. 30th for Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land.
- * This appeal should have occurred April 10th but was affected by quarantine. The giving supports Holy Places as well as pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the church supports in the Holy Land.

LECTORS

Aug. 29 4:00 p.m. **D. Evans**
Aug. 30 8:00 a.m. **L. Whitelatch**
 10:00 a.m. **C. Kesselring**

WEEKLY OFFERING AUG. 10, 2020

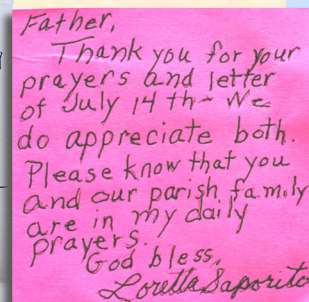
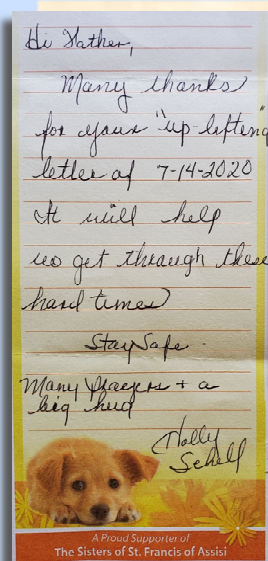
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Attendance:	130

Thank you for sending us your donations.

PLEASE KEEP OUR nursing home residents in your prayers.

- Hazel Markey
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 Ron Jaworski
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Father will have Mass with them again as soon as we are permitted.



Notes from parishioners at home.



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A MASS FOR CONVERSION of Lost Souls will be celebrated at St. Joseph Cathedral in Wheeling Thursday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m. Bishop Mark Brennan will be the celebrant and homilist.

The Cathedral is celebrating the Mass on St. Monica's feast day to pray in a special way for all those who have wandered from the faith.

St. Monica's virtues and prayers converted her morally bereft son to Christianity. For this she is honored as patron saint of faith conversion, especially children who have left the church.

Everyone during Mass will have an opportunity to write the names of their loved ones and entrust them to the intercession of St. Monica.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Mass will be celebrated Sunday, Aug. 30, in the church at 10 a.m. This Mass will be in place of the Mass in Xavier Hall.

We can only accommodate seating for 45 socially distant parishioners, so those who would like to attend the church Mass for First Communion must reserve a seat by calling the parish office at 304-845-1593. The same guidelines that are being observed in Xavier Hall will be in place, and Fr. That Son will serve as usher to ensure all measures are observed. Those who do not want to attend First Communion Mass are asked to attend services either Saturday at 4 p.m. in Xavier Hall or 8 a.m. Sunday morning in the church. Thank you for your flexibility.

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