

# Dear Padre,

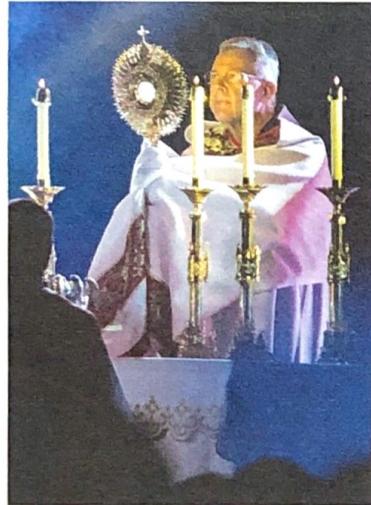
## When I was young, we never had eucharistic devotions. Why are they so popular now?

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, many Catholics found solid food for their spiritual lives in eucharistic devotions, which include visiting the Blessed Sacrament (eucharistic adoration), attending Forty Hours devotion, and assisting at benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

However, as the modern liturgical movement began picking up steam, scholars and theologians began questioning the amount of energy and attention going toward eucharistic devotion. They urged us to focus our spirituality more clearly on the Mass—the action of the sacred liturgy and the Eucharist itself—and to understand that all eucharistic devotions outside of the sacred liturgy are meant to direct us back to the action of the Mass, the eucharistic sacrifice, and its high point of Communion.

The drop-off in eucharistic devotions after Vatican II can be positively understood as an attempt to take the insights of liturgical reform seriously and develop a more liturgical piety. At the same time, the resurgence of eucharistic adoration is a worthy retrieval of a beloved practice that both scholars and the faithful understand as complementing a full, conscious, and active participation in the sacred liturgy that is the “source and summit” of our lives.

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### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*We do well to spend time in adoration before the Eucharist....Let us allow Jesus the Living Bread to heal us of our self-absorption, open our hearts to self-giving, liberate us from our rigidity and self-concern, free us from the paralyzing slavery of defending our image, and inspire us to follow him wherever he would lead us.*

HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

### Calendar

**Monday**  
AUGUST 8  
St. Dominic, Priest  
Ez 1:2–5, 24–28c  
Mt 17:22–27

**Tuesday**  
AUGUST 9  
Weekday  
Ez 2:8—3:4  
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

**Wednesday**  
AUGUST 10  
St. Lawrence,  
Deacon and Martyr  
2 Cor 9:6–10  
Jn 12:24–26

**Thursday**  
AUGUST 11  
St. Clare, Virgin  
Ez 12:1–12  
Mt 18:21—19:1

**Friday**  
AUGUST 12  
Weekday  
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63  
or 16:59–63  
Mt 19:3–12

**Saturday**  
AUGUST 13  
Weekday  
Ez 18:1–10, 13b, 30–32  
Mt 19:13–15

**Sunday**  
AUGUST 14  
Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10  
Heb 12:1–4  
Lk 12:49–53

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 7, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 18:6–9

Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 or 11:1–2, 8–12

Lk 12:32–48 or 12:35–40

## Live By Faith

The story of Abraham is one of extraordinary blessing. However, his story is also one of extraordinary faith. At major points of his life, Abraham had no idea what was in store for him or his family. He was directed to leave his home and become a wandering herder. He was an immigrant in a foreign land, bereft of social support structures. He was promised descendants but waited many years for that promise to be realized. Once he had an heir, he was then told to sacrifice that son of promise without any assurances of a favorable future. Time and again, Abraham was asked to live by faith.

The phrase “seeing is believing” is misleading. It is really an expression of skepticism that means, “I won’t believe it unless I see it.” However, true belief means that we accept something even though we don’t see it, don’t understand it. That is a very difficult way for most of us to live. Yet live like this we must, whether

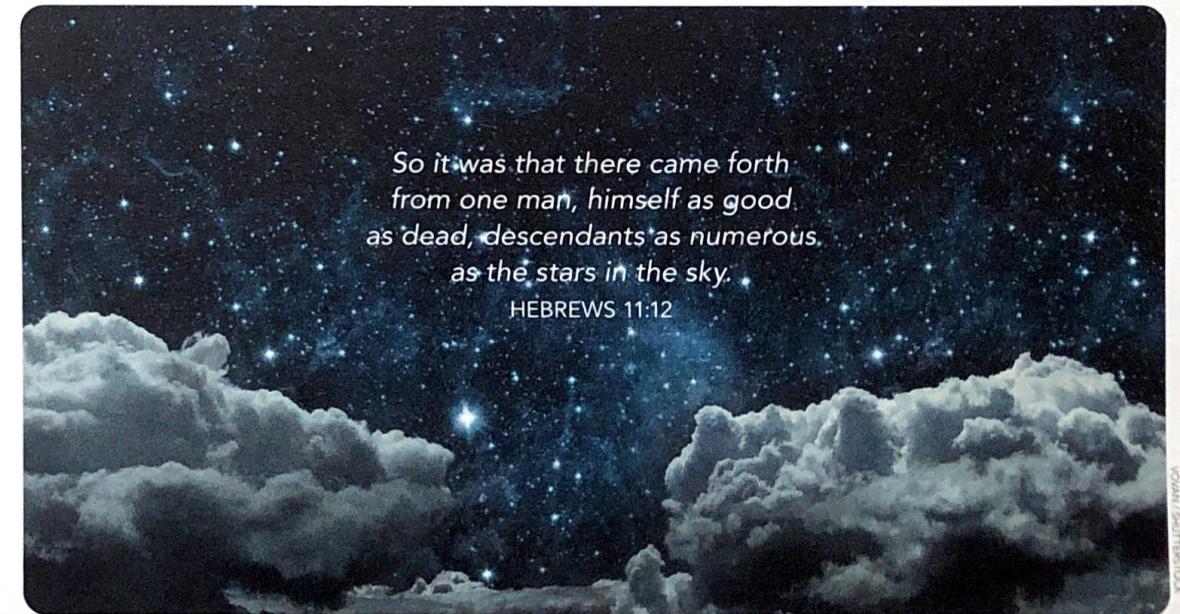
we are believers or unbelievers, because so much of life is beyond our control or understanding.

So how do we learn to live by faith? We have something that Abraham did not have. We have his story to encourage us. In that story we see that again and again he stepped forward in faith, and God brought things together. If God did this in Abraham’s life, surely God can and will do it in ours. We must only live by faith.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ Do you always need certainty before you act? Has that always worked?
- ★ Be grateful for the times when you stepped forward in faith and God brought things together.



So it was that there came forth  
from one man, himself as good,  
as dead, descendants as numerous  
as the stars in the sky.

HEBREWS 11:12



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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday, August 6</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sunday, August 7</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Suellen Bergkamp</b>
<b>Monday, August 8</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Charles &amp; Eileen Hoff</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 9</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Ron Kaise</b>
<b>Thursday, August 11</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Special Int. –Powers F.</b>
<b>Friday, August 12</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Favorable Weather</b>
<b>Saturday, August 13</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sunday, August 14</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Suellen Bergkamp</b>

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
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**8/6/2022- Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Lucy Gannett, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

**Reader:** Karen Burden

**8/7/2022–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Kirbe Koons, Taybree Lohman-Fuller, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

**Reader:** Mike Broeckelman

**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
 (color: Green)**

**8/13/2022- Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Maggie Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

**Reader:** Tom Bachman

**8/14/2022 –Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Kingston Guerrero, Cade Berning, Jace Berning

**Reader:** Kyle Berning

**Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

**Marriage:** Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –AUGUST 7, 2022**

**GOD IS LOVE**

“Gird your loins and light your lamps . . . (and be) ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.” (Luke 12:35)

In the Gospel passage from Luke we hear about the importance of being ready to receive the Son of Man when he comes, not unlike servants preparing for the return of their master from a wedding (or a master preparing to thwart a thief in the night). And Jesus makes it clear that we should be prepared for his arrival at an hour we do not expect.

Often this Gospel passage is interpreted to mean that we don’t know how much time we have left on this earth, so we should live each day as if it were our last, and not put off until tomorrow things we can do today. And there is a certain amount of truth in that. Personal holiness is something we should not drag our feet about. Eventually the phrase, “Well I have plenty of time,” will no longer be true. We just don’t know.

Yet, this story seems to be so much more than that. You see, the Lord Jesus knocking on our door does not simply refer to the day he calls us home. Rather, it includes every time Jesus wants to come to us, dwell within us, and speak to us. It’s really about every offering of grace, every single time Jesus invites us to be more and do more and embrace more in faith. And that takes a preparedness of the highest order, being on a kind of heightened spiritual watch, one in which at a minute’s notice we gladly do whatever it is the Lord is asking of us.

Fr. Peter

**COLLECTION** for July 31, 2022: Envelopes: \$1030; Loose: \$304; Online Giving: \$548.97; Total \$1882.97; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under +121.80

**CHURCH PROJECT GOAL** \$52000—Last weekend contribution: \$220; Building Fund To Date: \$14,054.26

*Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.*

**SINCERE SYMPATHY & PRAYERS** Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family, on the passing of your beloved wife and mother, Deanna Guardiola. May the Almighty God wrap His loving arms around you and the entire family and give you peace. May she rest in peace.

**CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE** We will be having a Church Rummage Sale along with the food sale this year. The date will be August 20th. If you have any item or food you would like to donate please contact one of the following: Tressa Powers at 620-260-6247 ; Jane Sullivan at 620-355-5118 ; Gwen Waechter at 620-272-1030 ; Jana Jenkinson at 620-290-5201; Carolyn Robertson at 620-290-5569 . **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH!**

**DECHANT FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC FOR PRIEST RETIREMENT 2022** Join us at Mariah Hills Golf Course in Dodge City for the Dechant Foundation Golf Classic for Priest Retirement. This 4 person scramble will be Friday September 9, with shotgun start at 10:30 am. Team Deadline is August 23. Not a golfer? There are sponsorship opportunities, learn more at [dcdiocese.org/dechant](http://dcdiocese.org/dechant). Or email [ehaselhorst@dcdiocese.org](mailto:ehaselhorst@dcdiocese.org)

**VOCATION VIEW** Be alert to God's presence even in the least expected times, places and events. You will be ready to respond to God's call. (Luke 12:32-48)

**STEWARDSHIP** Am I waiting for the "right" time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents "later"? Today's Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared – "at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK** (adapted from St. Maria Faustina Kowalska) O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our power we cannot ascend to you, we implore you, increase your grace in us and your mercy upon us, that we may faithfully do your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as your children, await your final coming – that day known to you alone. We expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through his merciful heart as through an open gate we pass through to Heaven. Amen.

**UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Luke 12:32-48)**

**A lasting treasure** (vv.32-34) Jesus is speaking to those who have left behind material comforts and security to travel with him. He assures these followers that they don't have to cling to their money and possessions because God is bringing them into his kingdom. By sharing what they have, the disciples show their commitment to God's kingdom. In this kingdom the disciples will find peace and eternal life, which earthly possessions cannot provide.

**Fearlessly waiting** (vv.35-40) After urging his disciples to dispose of material goods in preparation for God's kingdom, Jesus urges them to stay prepared. This passage points ahead to Jesus' return in glory after his crucifixion. Jesus' return will include the condemnation of evil. Because his followers will have prepared themselves for God's kingdom, they have nothing to fear when the master returns. Servants drew their tunics up around their legs and tucked them into their belts so they could move more freely (v.35a). Jesus thus instructs his followers to be ready no matter how late his return. The second and third watch refer to time spans late at night and into early morning, times when any activity would require a lamp.

**Ever the servant** (vv.35-38) In a startling twist, the master serves his slaves (v.37). Even when Jesus reigns in glory he will continue to serve. His power and authority are based on care for others. The parable also points to the heavenly banquet where people will sit in fellowship to be fed by Jesus, their servant-host.

**As for you leaders...** (vv.41-48) In reply to Peter's question, Jesus indicates that while everyone should await his return in glory, leaders of the community he's establishing have extra responsibilities. Jesus compares these leaders to stewards, slaves who managed their master's household, including the other slaves ([www.oursundayreadings](http://www.oursundayreadings))

**UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING** (Wisdom 18:6-9)

**Updated version** By 200 BC Jews had been thoroughly exposed to various Greek philosophies, which often seemed superior to their own religious heritage. The author of the Book of Wisdom set out to persuade Jews that their faith tradition was both relevant and richly meaningful.

**God's promises** In this passage the author retells part of the Exodus story. That night (v.6) is Passover, the night God killed all the first born in Egypt so that Pharaoh would finally allow the Israelites to leave. The oaths are God's promises to give Abraham's descendants a homeland. Passover was known beforehand to these Israelites in that they believed God would one day deliver them.

**The people's faith** The enslaved Israelites are the holy children of the good (v.9). So perfect was their trust that they celebrated the ritual meal commemorating Passover before that event had taken place (v.9). They did this in secret, that is, without consciously realizing that they were upholding the Sinai Covenant: this covenant wouldn't be made until after God freed them. Such wisdom and foresight easily rivals that of the Greeks.

**Their loss is your gain** Since the Israelites triumphed at the expense of the Egyptians, the author draws a theological conclusion: the punishment of evildoers is simultaneously the glorification of the righteous. The fall of one group elevates the other (v.8). ([www.oursundayreadings](http://www.oursundayreadings))

**DIOCESAN ZOOM CLASS THEO 4881 Loss, Grief, and Belief (1 hour college Course)**

Four nights, Four topics, Three instructors: Oct. 4 Psychology of Death and Dying – Instructor Sr. Joan Wolf; Oct. 11 Making sense out of Violence – Instructor Fr. Frank Coady; Oct. 18 Handling our losses and mourning our griefs – Instructor Sr. Francine Schwarzenberger; Oct. 25 The healing rituals of the church – Instructor Fr. Frank Coady

**Tuesday evenings - 6:00 to 9:30 pm**

**Class Dates - Oct. 6, 11, 18, 25**

**Location -** This course will be offered over Zoom. To be in a Zoom class, one will need a computer with a microphone and camera.

**Cost:** 1 hr. college course for credit - \$50.00\* 1 hr. college course for enrichment - \$25.00\* \*Does not include textbook

**Q: What does the I.N.R.I. on the top of crucifixes mean? — Name withheld**

Answer: "INRI" is an abbreviation for Jesus Nazarenus, Rex Judeorum — Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. In Latin, the I and J are usually interchangeable, and ancient Latin did not use the J. That is why it is INRI, not JNRJ. It was common for the Romans to hang a titulus, or sign, above the crucified to indicate the charges against him. Scripture says that Pilate put the charges in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. Pilate placed this title above Jesus in scorn and mockery rather than faith. He also likely knew it would irritate the Jewish leaders, which it did (see Jn 19:21). Yet even in his ridicule, Pilate spoke truth. Jesus is King, not of the Jews only, but of all things.

**Q: If a rosary is broken but repaired, does it lose its blessing? — Ed Stewart**

Answer: No, it does not lose its blessing. If the majority of the beads were replaced, etc., it would not be wrong to have it blessed again, but blessed objects remained blessed. In rare cases, blessed or consecrated objects can lose their blessing through association with a gravely sinful act. For example, if a murder takes place in a consecrated Church, it is the usual practice to re-consecrate the place. A related question is what to do with blessed objects that are no longer usable. Generally speaking, they should be burned or buried, but not discarded in the regular trash. Old and tattered Bibles, holy cards, scapulars, and the like can be burned and buried. If burning of them is not possible, simple burial will do. Things that cannot be burned such as ruined medals, statues, or rosaries, should be buried. If possible, before blessed or religious objects are buried it is permissible to shred, smash, or in some way render them less recognizable. This helps to avoid the possible scandal of others happening upon them and not realizing that they were buried for pious reasons as no longer usable, and not merely discarded. (Monsignor Pope)

SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH CCD (PSR) 2022-2023—Anyone interested in teaching CCD on Wednesday nights please text Lisa to confirm they will help (even if you have already talked to Lisa...please text her). Anyone else that wants to help with CCD please *also text Lisa*. She will be messaging all teachers to verify the teacher's meeting date. Lisa's cell phone is 620-272-6866

*PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to teach, but have little ones not old enough for CCD and no babysitter for the night. We got you covered, there will be a babysitter at the hall each Wednesday to watch over your little ones so you can help teach!! Please consider giving one hour a week to help teach our children about Jesus and why he is so important in their lives.*

2022

**STEWARDSHIP  
CONFERENCE**

Alternative Agriculture, Walls are Everywhere, Mothers in Need and Pope Francis Teaching on the climate are some of the topics that will inform us on how to care for our common home.

**August 20, 2022  
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe

REGISTRATION:  
**620-227-1537**  
dcdiocese.org/stewardship



**Dan Misleh**

**Br. Cristofer  
Fernandez**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Tap into the power of faith**

"The power of faith is enormous," Church Father Cyril of Jerusalem declared. "It is so great that it not only saves the believer: thanks to one person's faith others are saved also." But what does it mean to have this special power? Faith isn't about believing items listed in a creed. It's not about acceding to doctrines or to church authorities. Faith means trusting in God the way a child takes the hand of a beloved guardian and allows herself to be led in perfect confidence. "All shall be well," Julian of Norwich avowed. Share this faith that "all manner of things shall be well." (Prepare the Word)

**DÉCIMO NOVENO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

**Aprovecha el poder de la fe**

"El poder de la fe es enorme," declaró el padre de la Iglesia Cirilo de Jerusalén. "Es tan grande que no sólo salva al creyente: gracias a la fe de una persona se salvan también otros." Pero, ¿qué significa tener este poder especial? La fe no consiste en creer en los puntos enumerados en un credo. No se trata de acceder a doctrinas o autoridades eclesiológicas. La fe significa confiar en Dios de la misma manera que un niño toma la mano de un cuidador querido y se deja guiar en perfecta confianza. "Todo saldrá bien," afirmaba Juliana de Norwich. Comparte esta fe en que "todas las cosas saldrán bien."