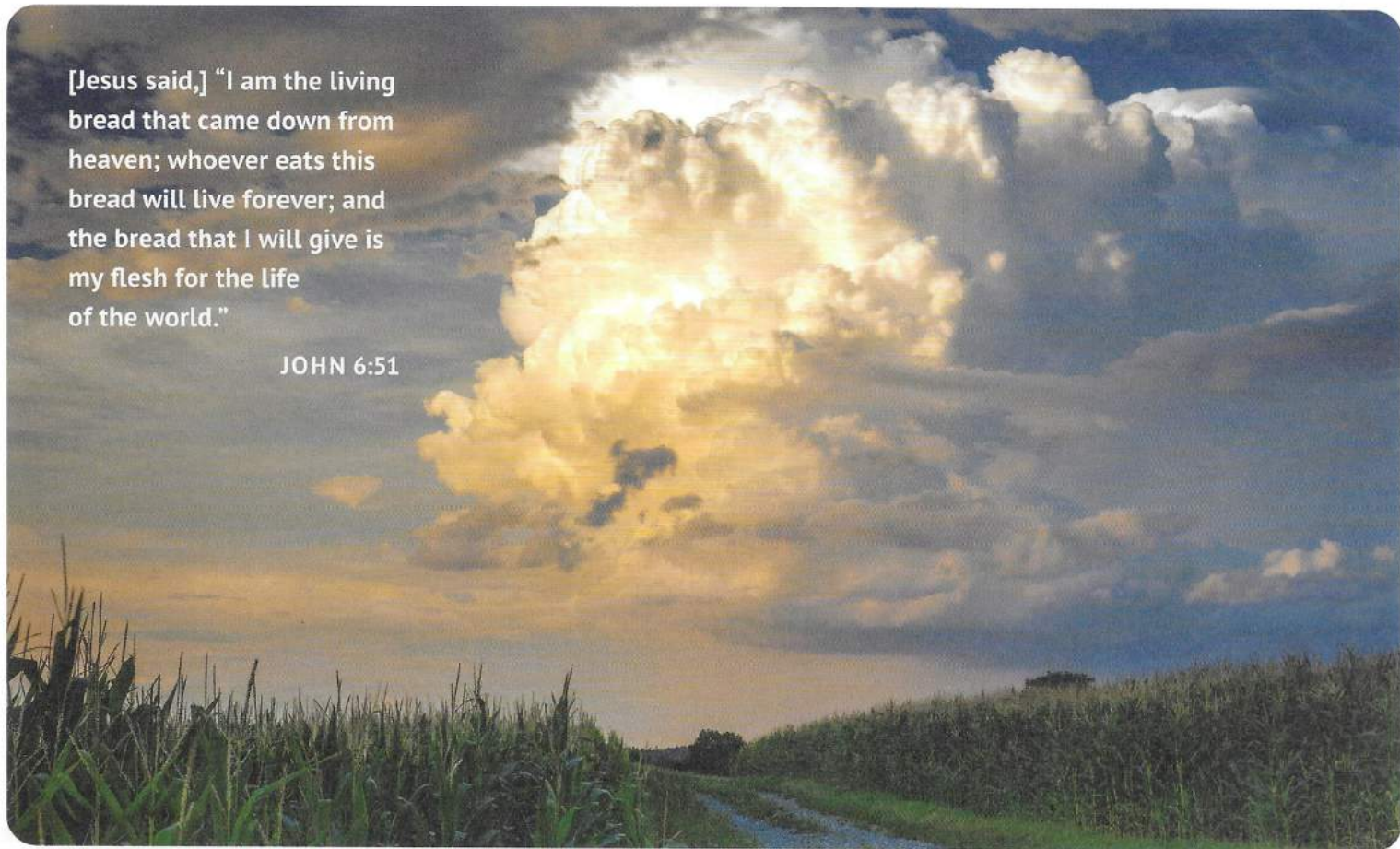




[Jesus said,] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

JOHN 6:51



The Wisdom Journey

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

On the journey of life, how does one know when to keep struggling to make the dream come true, to continue pushing and refusing to surrender, or when to pull back, to recognize it was not meant to be and accept that? One thinks, perhaps one more effort will bring success. But our insistence may be our ego striving for something which, in the end, would be to our detriment. How does one know?

Though one can never be sure, there may be a moment when life calls us to surrender. When Elijah found himself rushing to escape the fearsome revenge of Queen Jezebel, whose 450 prophets of Baal he had bested and consigned to the netherworld, he fled into the desert, sat down beneath a broom tree, and prayed for death (1 Kings 18:22–19:4). Life as a

prophet of God had become too much to bear. He had surrendered, yet it was at this point that he was fed by God to continue the journey.

The Gospel’s message is that we shall all be taught by God. There comes a time to recognize that God’s wisdom is greater than our own and we must be open to a different path of life than what we had anticipated. It is one of God’s ways of teaching us, of feeding us with wisdom to seek another course. ●

Reflect

Do you find it difficult to change your mind, to accept that someone else may be correct, to believe and apply the challenging message of the Gospel?

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

AUGUST 10 & 11, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 10- 6:00 PM

✠ Lisa Oakley by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Sunday, August 11- 9:00 AM

✠ Angelo Monaco by Danny & Ann Robinson

Tuesday, August 13 - Noon

Mary Malamisura by The Centering Prayer Group

Wednesday, August 14- 9:00 AM

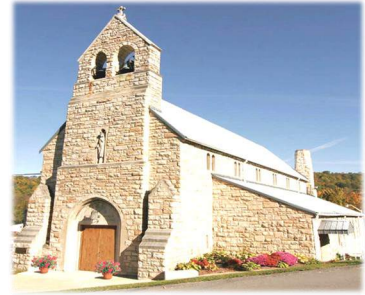
✠ People of the Parish

Saturday, August 17- 6:00 PM

✠ Daniel Schmitt by The Crigger Family

Sunday, August 18- 9:00 AM

✠ Chris Malamisura by Mike & Mary Malamisura



Office Hours: 304-327-5623

Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Confession:

Before Weekend Masses

During Eucharistic Adoration

By Appointment

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 11: Piano Concert by Jack Holt 6pm

August 12: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6 pm

August 17-18: 2nd Collection-DWC Seminarians

August 19: Staff Retreat

August 21: LitNic at Stephan & Laura Ward's 6 pm

August 22: PPC Meeting 6 pm

August 26: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Friday's from 6:00-7:00 PM

August 16: Bluefield August 30: Bluefield

August 23: Princeton September 13: Princeton

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To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.

MASTERS OF THE ROMANTIC ERA



Piano Performance by Jack Holt

Sunday

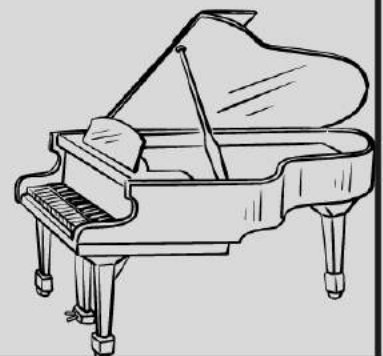
August 11, 2024

6:00 pm - 7:15 pm



Jack Holt is a fifteen-year-old Sacred Heart Catholic Church parishioner in Bluefield, West Virginia, and a skilled pianist and composer. The Butler Philharmonic Orchestra and the West Virginia State Symphony Orchestra have performed his original compositions. Please join us for an evening of classical piano at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. There will be light refreshments following the concert.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
1017 Wyoming Street
Bluefield, West Virginia 24701





FAITH FORMATION
A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

Gatechetical Sunday ~ September 15, 2024

Theme – “Lord, When Did We See You Hungry”

Matthew 25:37b

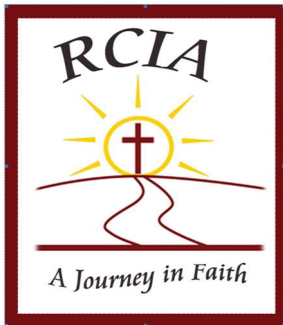
More Information to Follow. If you are willing to help with Faith Formation this year, please call Julia at the parish office.

A Month of Daily Prayer

We invite you for **the month of August** to come and reflect in silent prayer. A time for silent prayer can help one collect their thoughts and connect with God and give you the opportunity to spend sacred time with our Lord present in the Tabernacle.

The church will be open for prayer and contemplation in August from 12pm to 1pm, Monday thru Friday except Tuesdays when we have Mass.

On Wednesdays, we recommend parking in the 2nd parking lot due to our Food Pantry car line.



RCIA will meet again on Wednesday, August 21 at 5pm in the school
For next week, we encourage everyone to attend

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass Thursday, August 15 at 6pm



Calling All Singers

We would like to form a Sacred Heart Centennial Choir to sing for the Mass. If you are interested in participating, please contact the parish office and let us know.



Our Deepest Condolences

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY WE ANNOUNCE THAT JEAN BATTLO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 3, 2024

WE SEND OUR SINCEREST CONDELENCES TO JEAN'S NIECES AND NEPHEWS KENNETH AND THERESA BALES AND WILLIAM AND TONI ALBERT.

MAY OUR LORD COMFORT AND SEND YOU ALL OF THE ANGELS AND SAINTS, PEACE TO ALL WHO MOURN, AND MAY JEAN REST ETERNALLY IN THE ARMS OF JESUS AND IN THE COMPANY OF ALL THE ANGELS AND SAINTS.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

With our Deepest Condolences to George, Wendi, Alex, Ethan, Grace, and Rhys Aiello on the loss of their Father and Grandfather George Aiello Sr. who passed away last weekend in Connecticut. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass will be Thursday, August 15th at 6:00 pm

Why do Catholics believe in Mary's assumption into heaven?

Mary's assumption to heaven is a belief shared by Eastern Christians and Roman Catholics, although the explanations of this dogma have different emphases in the two traditions. While there is no biblical or historical record of this event, the first explanation of this doctrine is found in a document from the late 300s.

Mary's assumption was considered a pious opinion until 1950, when Pius XII defined it as dogma (an official Church teaching). The Pope made the declaration after bishops and he found overwhelming consensus throughout the Church.

The definition of Mary's assumption—body and soul—to heaven reaffirmed that God had not only created humans, but also redeemed and claimed them. Mary's assumption reminded the world of the goodness of God's creation and that Christ redeems us from the evil around us (and in us) and made us a new creation.

Perhaps the best explanation can be found in St. John Paul II's 2004 homily at Lourdes. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be," he said, quoting John 14:3. He explained that Mary's assumption is the pledge that Christ's promise will be fulfilled. The Pope's words echo the teaching of bishops at the Second Vatican Council, which described this dogma as "a sign of sure hope and solace" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 68).

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY, PAVIA CATHEDRAL
 ADAM JAN FIGEL / SHUTTERSTOCK

EXTRA HELP NEEDED!!

Looking for a few extra people to help take pictures of parish events



You don't need a fancy camera, your cell phone will do

If you are willing to help out; call the church office or email shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com

Sacred Heart Church Building
Centennial History
Part 11: Faithful Entry

As the faithful enter Sacred Heart Church, they pass through a large arched entry which echoes the arched designs of the bell tower overhead. Above the beautiful hand carved double doors, etched in heavy gothic style, are the words Sacred Heart Church and the year of the construction of the church 1924, written in roman numerals. Over the entry way there is a carved stone statue of the Sacred Heart in keeping with the Spanish Gothic cathedral style of the Church.



Though small in size, Sacred Heart church beautifully reflects the workmanship and dedication of those who were instrumental in the construction of this wonderful monument to honor Jesus Christ and the Holy Trinity. Sacred Heart Church reflects through it's name, the selfless act of Christ giving himself over to the Father. It was his heart that was pierced, yielding water and blood—Baptism and Eucharist. It is under this symbol we reflect upon the life and love of Christ.

Church Directory



To go along with our Centennial Celebration this year we will be compiling a new church directory.

We need a family picture submitted digitally, if you already have one. It can be a picture taken with you cell phone.

We will not have picture packages or sales team involved.

Email
shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com
 to submit a digital picture

If you need a picture taken, please call the church office or email the above address. We need a list so we can plan picture times.

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Liturgy + Picnic = LitNic

Wednesday, August 21st, 2024 – 6:00pm

At the home of



Stephen & Laura Ward

(Jackson, Grant & Henry)



2205 Orchard Way - Bluefield, WV 24701

*The Lit is the Mass beginning at 6:00pm followed by the
Nic a covered dish meal to be shared by all*



**Please RSVP by Monday, August 19th, 2024
if you plan to attend, by calling - 304-680-0256**

Join us for an evening of fun, food & fellowship.

All are welcome! Directions on the back of flyer!

Stephen & Laura Ward
2205 Orchard Way – Bluefield, WV
304-680-0256

DIRECTIONS:

From Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV

- 1. Directly across from KFC – Turn onto Cliffmont Ave*
- 2. Follow Cliffmont Ave to the bottom of the hill. – 0.5 mile*
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto Heatherwood Road, then immediately turn LEFT onto Orchard Way. - 0.1 mile*
- 4. Turn Right into driveway*

DIRECTIONS:

From Bland Road, Bluefield, WV

- 1. Directly across from First Christian Church – Turn onto Oakhurst Avenue - 0.6 mile*
- 2. At intersection bear to LEFT onto Edgewood Rd - 0.3 mile*
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto Orchard Way*
- 4. Turn LEFT into driveway*

August Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 8/10 6:00 pm	T. Lowery	T. Lowery	TBA	TBA	1.T. Hager 2.T. Behrmann 3.P. Peretti	The Pascasio's	David Duritza Rocky Malamisura
Sun. 8/11 9:00 am	TBA	T. Lampert	R. West K. Oakes	TBA B. Musolin	1.K.Kirk 2.A. Robinson 3.T. Lampert	R. Malamisura	
Sat. 8/17 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	D. Garton	P. Buenafe	F. Moran	1.P. Peretti 2.C. Saunders 3.D. Garton	J. Monaco	Delores Shumate Marilyn McCoy
Sun. 8/218 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	M. Malamisura	A. Froy T. Brown	TBA R. Albert	1.C. Havens 2.K. Kidd 3.S. Copolo	B. Buzzo	
Sat. 8/24 6:00 pm	T. Lowery	T. Lowery	A. Zinsmeister D. Kelley	M. Zalduondo	1.T. Hager 2.J. McCloud 3.T. Behrmann	The Pascasio's	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
Sun. 8/25 9:00 am	TBA	B. Musolin	R. Aiello C. Tran	C. Ott T. Bales	1.T. Lampert 2.G. Aiello 3.W. Aiello	R. Ciccolini	
Sat. 8/31 6:00 pm	P. Buenafe	P. Buenafe	A. Peretti E. Peretti	F. Moran	1.D. Garton 2.L. Mariotti	J. Monaco	TBA
Sun. 9/1 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	C. Mulkey	A. Froy T. Brown	B. Buzzo R. Ciccolini	1.M. Malamisura 2.A. Robinson 3.K. Kirk	R. Malamisura	

Food Pantry Report for July 2024

Date	Adults over 18	Children under 18	Total Clients	New Families	Clothing	Hygiene Products	Total # of Distributions
3-Jul	97	39	136	3	89	80	58
10-Jul	111	42	153	6	213	253	71
17-Jul	167	66	233	7	134	216	99
24-Jul	124	36	160	2	85	205	70
31-Jul	146	50	196	6	114	431	75
Monthly Totals	645	233	878	24	635	1185	373
Y-T-D Distribution	4147	1731	5928	136	4443	5980	2457



We have raised \$31, 886 for the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Which has surpassed our goal of \$24,620! Thank you everyone for your generous donations. Please continue to donate if you can!

Sacred Heart Prayer List


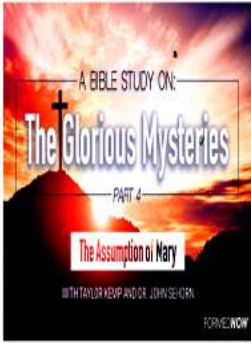
Parishioners: Hobe Bauer, Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Loretta Carrigan, Ron Ciccolini, Benny Disibbio, Angie Genovesi, Valerie Hager, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha Moran & Family, Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen, Carolina Ferrare

Homebound Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Richard Canterbury, Alex Ercoline, Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch, Joan Zingale

Friends & Family: Donald Bowles, Shelby Bowles, Teddy Bradshaw, Patrick Clark, Chuck Comer, Carolyn Crigger, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Jason Fortney, Steve Hamm, Larry Hicks, Yael Issacs, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Stan Lawson, Bill Lester, Bob Mahood, Connor McKenzie, Laura Lee Null, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Leanna Smith, Larry Sarever, Abby Taylor, Judy Tolbert, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Steve Vaught, Alma Wheeler

If there is anyone you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office at 304-327-5623 or you may email Lucy at lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org

Weekly Collection	weekend Aug 3-4	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	6,311.00	164,783.10	139,500.00
Loose Offertory	402.00	13,847.00	14,500.00
Total Contributions	\$ 6,713.00	\$ 178,630.10	\$ 154,000.00
Votive Candles (Gross)	28.00	213.00	250.00
Food Pantry	350.00	18,262.00	0.00
DWC: Authorized Missions, Divine Word	2,620.00	2,620.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 63	9am: 103	

Learn about the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind his dogma of the faith.


*Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Building - Beneficial*

History Book Church Building Pictures

We are looking for pictures of:
Weddings
First Communion
Baptism
Any event that was in the Church

Email
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to submit a digital picture or any memories you would like to share

If you are unsure how to turn your hard copy pictures digital, you can either email the above address or call the church office



IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:

Parish Office (304) 327-5623

Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying: {Please consider, with Fr. Sebastian out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes & Hospitals: are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

Dear Padre,

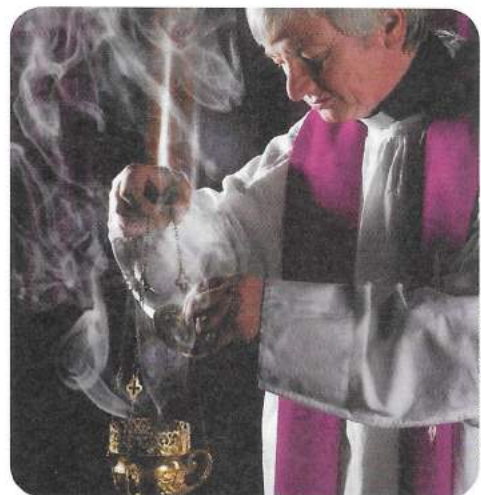
I miss the use of incense. Is it forbidden or out of style?

Incense is not out of style, nor is it forbidden. It is still burned to signify that Christ's sacrifice ascends to God as an odor of sweetness and as a sign of people's prayers rising to the throne of God. In the Book of Revelation, we read: "Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a gold censer. He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne. The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Revelation 8:3-4).

Incense is a resinous substance obtained by cutting into the bark of a fir or pine tree. The original meaning of the Hebrew word for incense was "fragrant smoke." Ancient Jews burned incense as an act of worship in the tabernacle and temple. Scripture mentions incense often (Ephesians 5:2 and Philippians 4:18, for instance).

Today, incense is often used at the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at funerals, and during other special liturgical celebrations to highlight the festivity of a particular occasion. Celebrants may also use incense in any liturgy to bless the congregation, the altar, the book of the Gospels, and the gifts of bread and wine. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org



ANNEKA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18
Weekday	Weekday	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Weekday	Weekday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c	Ez 2:8-3:4	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32	Prv 9:1-6
Mt 17:22-27	Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	Mt 18:15-20	1 Cor 15:20-27	Mt 19:3-12	Mt 19:13-15	Eph 5:15-20
			Lk 1:39-56			Jn 6:51-58



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Without [Jesus], rather than living, we get by: because he alone nourishes the soul; he alone forgives us from that evil that we cannot overcome on our own; he alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us; he alone gives us the strength to love and, he alone gives us the strength to forgive.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 8, 2021