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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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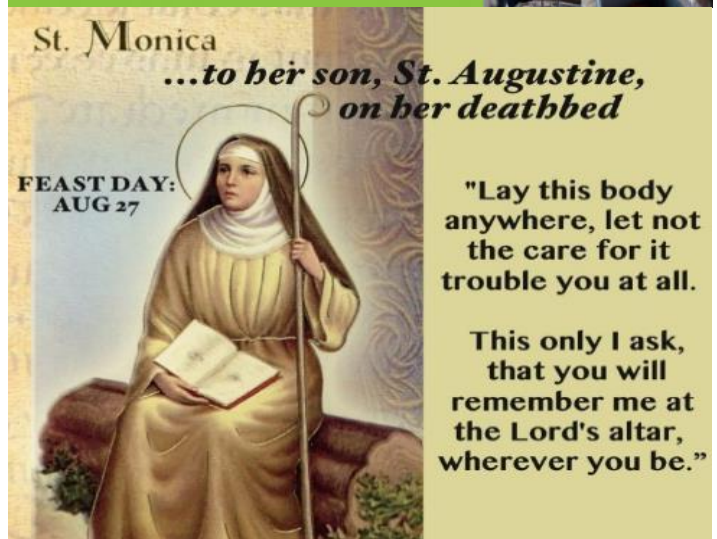
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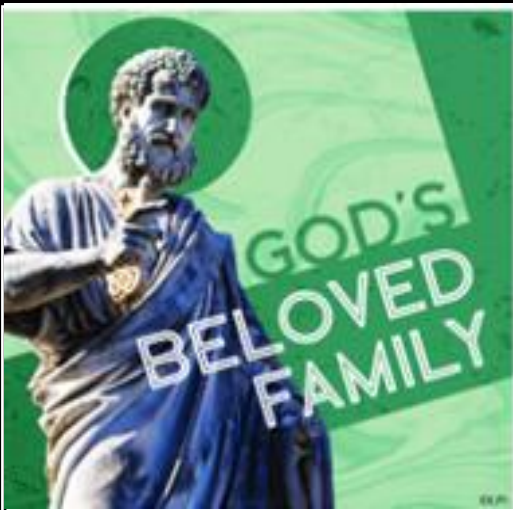
Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

— Father John Muir



Twenty-first Sunday Ordinary Time – Year A

Homily by Father Paul Thanh Vu

Peter is the image of the followers of God

Mt 16:13-20

From the Gospels we know that: Simon is the great figure in the Twelve. He was one of the first disciples to follow Jesus and was one of the three closest disciples. Simon has an outspoken, energetic nature. He confidently confessed to Jesus: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Because he believed so much in his own strength, he fell, denying God. Thanks to God's grace, he repented and still

fervently said to God, "Lord, you know that I love you." Despite Simon's weaknesses and limitations, Jesus chose him to be the head of the Twelve. He gave Simon a new name, Peter, which means Rock. Indeed, Peter was faithful to the Lord until the very end, stretched out his arms to die like Jesus, to share in the glory with his Master in Heaven.

The life of each of us as believers is similar to that of Peter. There are times when we are engrossed in all our work, always thinking that we are number one, surpassing others, confident in our abilities and strengths, until we fail and fall. Only then we will realize that it is all due to the grace of God. Without God's help, we are nothing, just a sinner. God knows that. He knows we are weak or fallen, but He still forgives, hopes, and waits for us in the mission that He entrusts each of us to fulfill in this life. It can be a vocation to be a priest, religious, celibate, or married. That is the duty to be a priest, a father, a mother, a brother, a sister, a child in the family, in the Church and in the parish. Each person is called by God to be a witness for Him in our daily life.

We must admit that Peter really loved Jesus very much. When he heard the Lord foretold that he would have to go to Jerusalem, to suffer much from the elders, the scribes, and the high priests, to be killed, and to rise again on the third day. Peter immediately told him not to go, he must not die. He only loved God according to natural human feelings, he did not understand God's intention to send his son into the world to die to redeem mankind. Human thought is as far from God's thought as heaven and earth. That's why Jesus said to him, "Get behind me, Satan, you make me stumble, for you know not the things of God, but the things of men". Peter did not know that he himself was tempting the Lord away from God's will. That is Satan's plan.

In life, sometimes we cannot distinguish what is God's will and what is our own. That requires the help of spiritual directors, who are experienced in the spiritual life to help us distinguish what is God's will and what is ours. Naturally, all of us fear and avoid risks, failures, diseases, especially death. But in the eyes of faith these things are not necessarily bad or harmful to us, sometimes they are different. Because they are opportunities to help us draw closer to God, help us practice virtues, make merit, make atonement, and deserve blessings in this life and the next.

May God help us understand God's word today, know how to distinguish between God's will and our own, always to choose to live according to God's will in our daily lives with joy and peace. I wish everyone will have a happy new week. Amen.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel:

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 16:18-19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Let our whole lives be the answer, given not in words, but in action. If the world looked at your life, your decisions, your words, and your deeds, would they conclude that you are a person who believes Christ is the son of the living God?

Observances for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Despite being forced into marriage at 16, Venerable Teresa Fardella de Blasi still pursued her heart's desire to serve the poor wherever she lived with her husband. Originally from New York, she founded and eventually joined the Poor Daughters of the Crowned Virgin in Italy.

Prayer

O loving Jesus, please grant that Your servant, Venerable Teresa Fardella de Blasi, who worked selflessly for poor and homeless children and adolescents, may, through the intercession of Mary Queen of Heaven, be glorified by visible signs and miracles; so that for Your glory and salvation of souls, she may, by Your power, be declared Blessed. Amen.