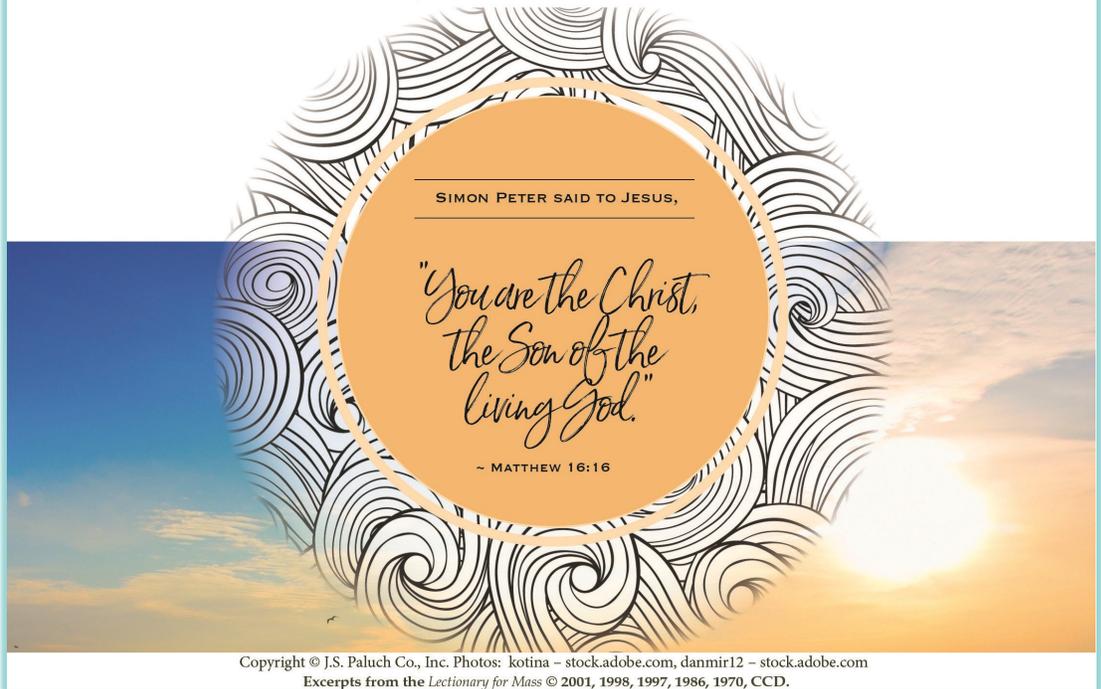


**ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH**  
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AUGUST 23, 2020 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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**Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**  
**Live-streaming Sunday Mass**

**Isaiah 22:19-23**

*Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem.*

**Romans 11:33-36**

*How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God!*

**Matthew 16:13-20**

*Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ."*

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## Lectio Divina for the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time

*We begin our prayer.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

### Reading (Lectio)

*Read the following Scripture two or three times.*

Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. 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. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

### Meditation (Meditatio)

*After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:*

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

*If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.*

### Prayer (Oratio)

*Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.*

### Contemplation (Contemplatio)

*Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:*

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

*But who do you say that I am?* How would I describe Jesus?

How has my image of Jesus changed throughout my life?

*For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.*

How have I come to know God through Scripture and Tradition? How can I continue to encounter Christ?

*Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.* How do I support my parish, my diocese, and the universal Church? What can I do to strengthen the Church?

*After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:*

### Closing Prayer

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth:

When I called, you answered me;

you built up strength within me.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar.

Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

(From Psalm 138)

### Living the Word This Week

*How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?*

Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father: [https://](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/the-popes-monthly-intention)

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Please pray for the safety of our loved ones serving in the military.

Sgt. Thomas L. Saey III, Army Rangers Sp. Ops.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven Eddy, USN

Sgt. James K. Combs, USMC

Spc. Jared Skiles, USA

Cadet Dreyton Pohl, USAF Academy

Seaman James Kedley, USN

*We are updating our military prayer list.*

*If you have any additions or changes, please call (314) 434-1312.*

## Pray For

Geraldine Appelbaum, Leo Bachinski II, Gloria Bainter, Murphy Baker, Jen Berkbigger, Nick Biggs, Gabrielle Bevans, Peggy Bourne, Gloria Brown, Andi Buechter, Margaret Buechter, Korky Buhr, Tom Burkhart, David Burns, Joe Carey, Ida Cervantes, Pat Chambers, Boyce Clark, Nancy Clayman, Bill Crow, Amy Cutrell, Chris Davidzuk, Nancy Davies, Mary Lou de Garcia, L. Dempsey, Debbie Denton, Brandon Doggett, Tony Doggett, Al Drury, Barbara Dwellingham, Ryan Edwards, Betty Garrido, Tim Gentilcore, Richard Haberstroh, Jr., Jason Hames, Chris Hemmersmeier, Kay Henry, Dolores Hill, Patricia A. Kurani, Gavin L., Bruce Lehman, Nick Lockhart, Tony Margherio, Jaime Martinez, Tom Mason, Michael Massoni, Bill McClennan, Tracy McComas, Matt McKelvey, Ray Meyer, Robyn Meyer, Candy Brown-Migneco, Steve Moylan, Bill Mueller, William G. Mueller Jr., Teresa A. Nickell, Molly O'Hara, Mary Ottes, Rich Ottes, Butch Patton, Stephanie Pemberton, Bernardo Perez, Emerson Perez, Fran Phillips, Margaret R. Pittman, Susan M. Pittman, Meredith Platt, Nancy Polson, Donna Redenbough, Jane Redshaw, Theresa Reeves, Robert Rohrer, Madeline Rousselow, Mary Saey, Payton Saey, Angie J. Schelker, Liam Schelker, Francis Schlueter, Eleanor Schwering, Mary Jo Shaughnessy, Steven Sherman, Elizabeth Simon, Kathleen Sweeney, Bev Thurston, Kathy Ulrich, Christine Woracheck, Tim West, Emily Winders, and Benjamin Yeargain.

August 23, 2020

## Mass Intentions

This week, Fr. Weber will offer Masses for the following:

Monday:	Mark Ruppel
Tuesday:	Elizabeth Boller
Wednesday:	Laverne Ebe
Thursday:	Mariegrace O'Brien
Friday:	Clarence Klaus

Weekend Masses will be *Pro Populo* (for the people). Previously scheduled weekend Mass intentions have been moved to a weekday. If you have a specific date request, please call the rectory at (314) 434-1312.



**James Cecil,**  
husband of Mary Ann  
**Arturo Tovar,**  
nephew of Sr. Maria De Jesus

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace*

## Mask Project

Calling all mask makers! We are looking for individuals who can sew masks which will be used by visitors to our church and rectory. Materials will be provided. If you are able to help with this project, please contact Cindy Meirink at (314) 878-6492.

## Thank You

Thanks to the generosity of our parish community, we were able to provide needed school supplies to the children served by the Wellston Center. The school supply collection, sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, will support school age children as they learn during this challenging school year.

## Resuming Mass Updates

For the latest updates regarding Mass and services, we invite you to look at the [website](#) often. The most up-to-date information may come before a weekly bulletin is printed. Updates will be posted on the home page and on the "Mass" tab.

## Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to **Cynthia D'Costa and Christopher Stotler** who were recently married at St. John Bosco.

## Bill Smith to be Conferred Deacon

Bill Smith, former parishioner and husband of Amy Smith, Music Minister, will be conferred a Permanent Deacon on August 29 at the Cathedral Basilica. Bill has served as a Deacon-in-Training at St. Monica for the last three years and will be in service to St. Monica. A Eucharistic Celebration giving praise and thanksgiving will take place Sunday, August 30 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Monica with a reception to follow. Please pray for Bill and all those being ordained that this will be a time of extraordinary grace and abiding peace.

## Beautify our Prayer Garden

Would you like to add a paver stone to our beautiful Prayer Garden? Now is the perfect time to place an order. You may order one in memory of a loved one or add your family name to a stone. These engraved stones are designed to commemorate your family's special prayers. Applications are available in the church lobby. Please note that we need a minimum of ten stone orders before a request can be placed. For more information, call the rectory at (314) 434-1312

## Nature's Call Campout

Young adults are invited to join fellow Catholics from around the Midwest for the 27th annual Nature's Call Campout at Pomme de Terre Lake in Missouri! Spend Labor Day weekend camping, make new friendships, enjoy swimming, live music, dancing, hiking, a cooking competition, sports, and more! Holy Mass and Confessions will be available during the weekend. Bring your own camping equipment, food, and beverages. Visit [naturecallcampouts.org](http://naturecallcampouts.org) to learn more and purchase tickets (\$25 online or \$30 at the campground).

## Sock Angel Campaign

The Sock Angel Campaign, sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver, is underway. A box has been placed in the church lobby and you are invited to drop off your donations of clean, new socks to help the homeless in St. Louis. Contributions will be accepted through August 30.