

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2007

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

— *Hebrews 12:2*



**August Rosary** – All students returning to school this month, especially at Our Lady of Sorrows.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

**Psalms** — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

**Gospel** — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bernard

Tuesday: St. Pius X

Wednesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Rose of Lima

Friday: St. Bartholomew

Saturday: St. Louius of France; St. Joseph Calasanz; Blessed Virgin Mary



### Music for Weekend of August 18 & 19:

365 – Sing A New Song

441 – Here I Am

484 – Pan De Vida

412 – Christ Be Our Light

**Thank You to an Anonymous Donor** – The day after the air-conditioning system in the church went out and we thought that we would be without cooling for several weeks, a cashier's check in the amount of \$3,000.00 came in the mail with an unsigned hand-written note that read: "Use for the Bishop's Appeal or in whatever way is best for the parish." While the donation would have put us over the top for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Fr. Timby made an executive decision to hold the donation to help cover the cost of repairing the church air-conditioning. Any funds not applies to that purpose will be given to the Bishop's Appeal. Whoever you are, we thank you for your generosity!

**Pastor's Bible Study** – Fr. Timby is offering a course in the Acts of the Apostles in the same format as the one employed for the study of Revelation last year. This 30-session study will be offered twice each week on Thursday mornings (9:30-11:30) and Sunday evenings (7:00- 9:00). The scripture text is included in the study guide with the commentary and excerpts from various learned Catholic scholars, including Church Fathers, Doctors of the Church, and Popes. The only text that participants need to furnish is the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which are available from the Parish Office. The fee for this study is \$50.00. Classes begin Thursday, September, 27, and Sunday, September 30. Pre-registration in the Parish Office is requested so there will be enough study material available for interested participants.

**Feast Week and Parish Mission** – Our annual Parish Mission in the days leading up to the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows will be conducted by Fr. Frank Fusare, CPM, September 9-14. There will be Holy Hour every evening (except Wed.) at 6:30 p.m. with a talk by Fr. Fusare. The regular Wednesday evening Mass (6:30 p.m.) will be celebrated by Fr. Fusare and his homily will reflect the theme of the entire week. Fr. Fusare will be available for confessions each evening following the mission event. On Friday, Sept. 14. A relic of the True Cross will be available for reverencing and as an object of meditation as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Triumph of the Cross. Since the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Sept. 15) falls on a Saturday this year, all weekend liturgies will be of that feast day to allow a greater portion of the parish to reflect on our parish patroness. A Parish potluck dinner will be offered in the gymnasium after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 15. Mark your calendars now for a very special week. And, watch the bulletin for more details in the near future.

Our Church Website is currently undergoing a complete makeover. If you are the head of any ministry at the Church please send in your officers, meeting information and any other pertinent information for your page on the website. If you have suggestions or ideas for our new website please email the church webmaster at [lindarodonnell@bellsouth.net](mailto:lindarodonnell@bellsouth.net).

**This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

Mass– 8:15 am  
Confessions – 3:00 – 3:30 pm  
Mass – 4:00 pm

**Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
PRE registration after all class in Church  
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm

**Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 8:15 am  
School Dismissal at 11:30 am  
Volleyball – 3:30 GYM  
Bible Study Class – 6:30 pm Krug Hall

**Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

Mass– 8:15 am

**Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Mass – 6:30 pm  
Legion of Mary – 5:15 pm in Lucius Hall  
Youth Group after Mass  
RCIA – 7:00 pm Krug Hall

**Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mass - 8:15 am  
English Baptismal Class 7:00 pm Krug Hall

**Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

Mass – 8:15 am

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**August 20, 07** –First Day of School – 11:30 Dismissal  
**September 3, 07** – Labor day – No School  
**September 8, 07** - EAGLEFEST

**Bus Trip** Monthly Bus Trip will be Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 Mass, if you are interested in going, please call Bonita Comans at 412-6700.

**Preparation Classes for Quinceañaras** – Please note the dates for the next Preparation Classes for Quinceañaras are August 19, 26, September 2, 9 and 16. Classes meet from 9:00 to 10:30. All candidates must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pre-registration is necessary and will be conducted on July 29, August 5 and 12 following the Spanish Mass at Sacred Heart Church (Jefferson Avenue at Cleveland Street).

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EAGLEFEST**

Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> this year. Come and have a mouth watering Ravioli and Catfish dinner. Enjoy our Spanish concessions, corn dogs, funnel cakes and much more, enjoy live entertainment and play our many new games. You can even take in a volleyball game or two. Have your Fair enjoyment at OLS this year. **ADVANCE DINNER TICKETS** at a discount advance purchase price and guess the number of LUCKY CHARMS chances will be available after all Mass starting this weekend. Cooperate sponsorship space is still available and EAGLEFEST T-Shirts are available Arts & Craft Booth available For more information call the Rectory at 353-1530

**Watch your mail box for more information**

**PRE REGISTRATION** Children 3 years through High School are encouraged to attend Parish Religious Education classes. Registration will begin on August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> after all Masses in Krug Hall. Our PRE classes will begin meeting at 9:00 am on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$20 for students enrolled prior to the beginning of classes. The fee is \$25 for students' registration on September 16<sup>th</sup> or later. If you have any questions regarding our program, please call Brenda Plessinger at 837-8014 or fee free to call the Rectory at 353-1530.



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**Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

Angelo Bursi+

**Baptism Preparation Class for Parents (English) –**

There will be a class for English-speaking parents preparing to have their children under the age of six baptized this **Thursday, August 23**, in Krug Hall. This catechetical session will address the sacramental meaning and significance of baptism, the role of parents, the qualifications and role of godparents and the role of the Church in the life of the baptized. Advance reservations are required for this session to be conducted. Please call the Parish Office (353-1530)

**Altar Servers Needed!** – Anyone who has made their First Communion and would like to serve Mass is encouraged to assist at our parish celebrations of the Eucharist as an altar server. There is no age limit for altar servers, and the Church documents encourage adults to assist at the altar on a regular basis. For example, members of the Knights of Columbus could serve at a selected Mass or two each month. The same applies to members of the Altar Guild and Youth Group. Too many of us view the role of altar server as something for child and feel that we “outgrow” this very important ministry in the church. Yes, we encourage young people to serve at the altar, but we encourage everyone to continue well into adulthood. Married couples, groups of friends, members of Bible study groups, etc., should always feel that they are welcome to serve in this capacity. If you would be interested in serving as an altar server, please call the parish office (353-1530) so we can arrange training sessions in the near future. The only requirement is that you have made your First Communion and are a regular participant in Sunday Mass at Our Lady.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

Ofelia Harbach+

**Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Delia Owen

**Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

People of the Parish

**Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Shannon Numera Birthday

**Monday August 20<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Don & Bernice Hudson+

**Tues. August 21<sup>st</sup> 8:15 am**

Fr Gabe Di Federico+

**Wed. August 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm**

Keelee Hudson Birthday

**Thur. August 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:15 am**

Sherri Bustos

**Friday August 24<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Barbara Johnson+

**Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Gertrude Powyszynski+

***Ministers Schedule – for TODAY***

***Weekend of August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>***

***\*\*\*Please note the dates\*\*\****

**for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule**

4:00	8:00	10:30	5:00
G.Pannell	D.Bennis	N.Caldwell	
G.Taulman	P.Stavrum	C.Anderson	
<b>Lectors</b>			
R.Pannell	B.Williams	M.Standridge	
<b>Altar Servers</b>			
E.Foote	G.Williams	K.Hissong	A.Zemero
A.Younger	H.Williams	P.DeStefano	J.Villanueva

***Ministers Schedule – for NEXT***

***Weekend of August 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>***

***\*\*\*Please note the dates\*\*\****

**for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule**

4:00	8:00	10:30	5:00
J.Sawicki	D.Bennis	C.Collier	
L.Macdonald	M.Carpenter	B.Comans	
C.Specht	B.Plessinger	J.Collier	
L.Carter	B.Hudson	L.Fowler	S.Roque
M.Foote	K.Hudson	K.Hissong	J.Rivera

**In your prayers please remember:** Barbara Allard, Bill & Grace Aspinall, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Robert Butler, Trudi Collier, Sarah Copeland, DePriest Family, Margie Ellis, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Rena Frazier, Sue Guinn, Diane Geldin, Linda Gonzales, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Peggy Hooten, Michael Jackson, Earline Johnson, Paul Kennedy, Robert Kuehner, Mildred Lewis, Jerry Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Thomas Miller, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Buddy McEwen, Margie Patton, Waldyr Poilis, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Delia Owens, Louisa Reilly, Nancy Sasser, Fran Schmitt, Wilfred Schwager, Keith Trenham, Carolyn Walsh, Lewis Wilkinson, Mary Wilson, Mildred Woods and Angie Wright.

**Fr. Rick Gantert Memorial Garden** – As the construction of the memorial garden in honor of Fr. Rick Gantert draws closer, Fr. Timby will be writing to each parishioner requesting financial and physical assistance in completing this project. The garden will have the Stations of the Cross and stepping stones marking the Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrows as well as a 5-foot statue of Our Lady of Grace covered by an arbor. A plaque will be placed near the garden listing all who contributed to the success of the project. Be looking for your letter in early September as our Parish Feast Day approached.

**Super-Lo Savings Books** – The Hispanic community of OLS is offering Super-Lo Coupon books for sale for \$5.00 a book. These books contain over \$100 worth of savings, and if you spend \$50 in a single trip to the grocery store you get your original \$5.00 investment back in additional savings. All proceeds go to the OLS Debt Retirement Fund. See Fr. Timby after Mass to get your coupon book while supplies last. (Discounts are good until 12/31/07.)

**INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** – Are you, or do you know someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic? The Journey to Catholicism with the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in August, but we are establishing a list of possible candidates now. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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**Financial Report for Last Week**

**August 12, 2007**

Envelopes	\$2,927.00
Loose Checks	475.00
Loose Currency/Coin	134.00
Improvements	120.00
Debt	173.00
Assumption	28.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$3,857.00</b>
Church Budget for the Week	- 5,324.00
Collection Diff for the Week	(1,467.00)
Collections Revenues Y-t-D	\$31,195.95
Church Budget Y-t-D	<b><u>37,268.00</u></b>
Collections Deficit Y-t-D	(\$6,072.05)

**POSSIBILITIES**

Faith makes all things possible—it does not make them easy.

—Anonymous

**2007 Parish Census** – The Parish Pastoral Council approved a new parish census to be conducted in stages beginning in September, and we need your help. On every Sunday in September each parishioner is asked to take a 3x5 card supplied by the parish and write her/his age on one side of the card and her/his zip code on the other side of the card. Parents of small children are asked to do an individual card for each child. By doing this for an entire month we will get a better grasp of our average weekend attendance, the average and mean ages of those attending OLS, and the areas from which our parishioners come. In October, we will complete new census forms throughout the month. In November, we will reach out to those who are currently registered at OLS but are rarely seen and invite them back to a special “Welcome Back” weekend. We need your help, so please complete a card every weekend in September.

**Spiritual Journey to Ireland** – Join Fr. Timby on a trip to Ireland in September 2008 to explore the Celtic influence of Irish Catholic Spirituality. Dates and exact cost are yet to be determined, but if you would like more information about this pilgrimage contact the parish office. OLS and Holy Rosary parishioners and members of Fr. Timby’s family get first call for seats on this wonderful journey to the land of saints, scholars, Guinness and leprechauns (which find their origin in one too many pints of Guinness).

**Fr. Timby’s Silver Jubilee Celebration** – On July 9<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Timby entered into his 25<sup>th</sup> year of service as a priest of the Diocese of Memphis. Next year he will have a formal celebration of his Silver Jubilee and invites those who would be interested in joining with him to plan the festivities to contact the Parish Office ASAP so a meeting can be scheduled in early September at which an exact date can be set and other plans discussed.

**School Day Liturgies** – The days on which the students of the parish school attend Mass is being changed this year to allow Fr. Timby a better opportunity to teach the children things about the Catholic Church and the Mass at a level appropriate for each age group. Beginning next week, grades K-2 will attend Mass on Tuesday mornings, grades 3-5 will attend on Monday mornings, and grades 6-8 will attend on Thursday mornings. All grades will attend Mass together on the First Friday of each month and various special times through the year. Monday morning liturgies will use the Lectionary for Children and the various Eucharistic Prayers for Children as prescribed by the Church for children who have not yet received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. There will only be musical accompaniment at the First Friday Masses or other All-School liturgies. Adults will still be needed to read and help with the distribution of the Precious Blood.

## THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

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### **Parishioners in the Hospital:**

Sarah Copeland – Baptist ICU Room 1437  
James Pinner – Methodist North Room 245

### **Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows –**

The second pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg, MO, will be September 19-21. Space is limited to six pilgrims; a minimum of four pilgrims are needed. \$225.00/person (double occupancy). The cost of a single room is an extra \$125.00. Room, transportation and two continental breakfasts are included in the cost. All other meals are extra. This will be the last opportunity for this pilgrimage until next year! Call the Parish Office if you are interested.

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**WELCOME NEWCOMERS** – If you have been attending OLS and would like to register as a member, please contact Carolyn Roberts, our parish secretary, at 353-1530. It is very important to register as a member of a parish, especially if you live outside of a particular parish's geographical boundaries, to insure that your rights to pastoral care are not in question.

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring plunged into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them "papal bulls."

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or "Ring of the Fisherman." It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of "fishing for human beings." Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope's name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope's death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.

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Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for the contribution of \$241.00, for the postage stamps, and for the baby clothing and items that you so generously donated to Birthright of Memphis! You have made it possible for others to enjoy these much-needed items.

We are well aware of how much support that Birthright receives from the Catholic community. Your concern enables us to continue offering help to women with problem pregnancies and their babies. Thank You!

Birthright of Memphis

*Flowers on the altar this weekend are donated by Ron & Betty Marshak in celebration of their 27<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

