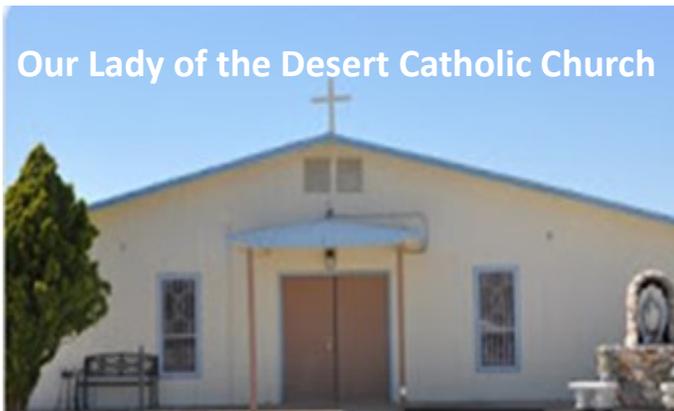


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Confesión el Sábado:

Por cita y será al aire libre (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y letanías de la Santísima

Virgen María—3:45pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María— 9:45pm

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

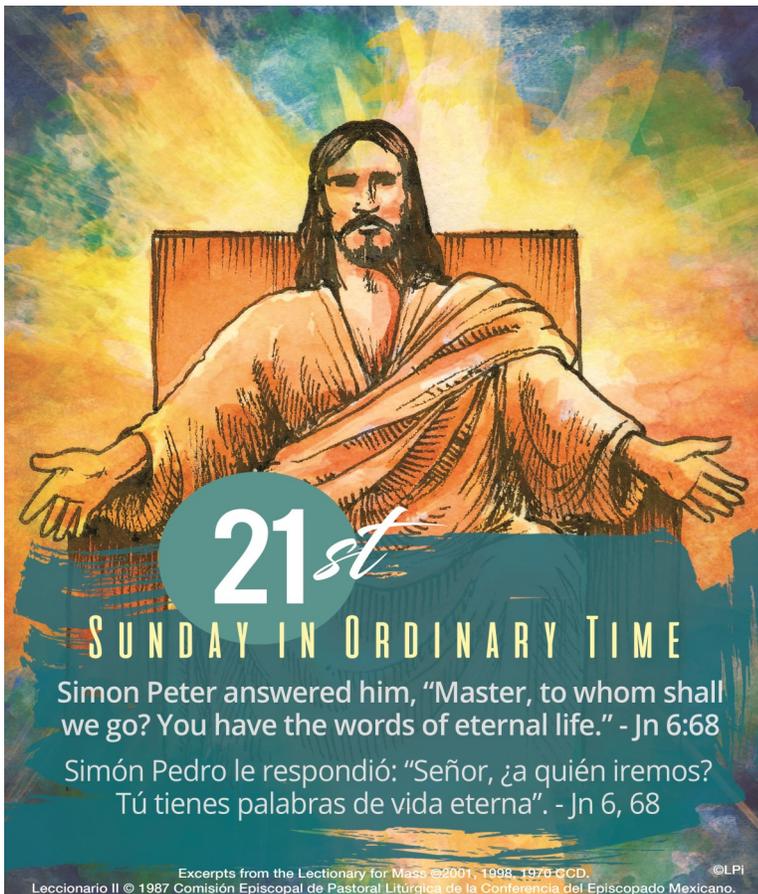
Lunes: Adoración: 7:00am y Misa 7:30am

Martes y Miércoles: Adoración 8:30am y Misa 9:00am

Jueves: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00 m o la Oración de la Evangelización a las 10:00am

Viernes Durante Quaresma: Camino de la Cruz a las 3:00pm y concluyendo con Misa

Sábado: Adoración: 7:00am y a las 7:30am
Misa en Honor de Virgen María



AUGUST 22nd 2021

Rev. Víctor Yakubu, Parochial Administrator

Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:

By appointment and it will be outdoors/English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary 3:45pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary: And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary 9:45pm

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Monday: 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

Tuesday & Wednesday: Adoration 8:30am & Mass 9:00am

Thursday: Adoration: 8:30am & Mass: 9:00am
or Prayer of the Evangelization at 10:00am

Friday During Letn: Way of the Cross 3:00pm
concluding with Mass

Saturday: Adoration: 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 a.m.

Mass in Honor of the Virgen Mary

Free to Choose Christ

Rev. Wilfred Yinah, Parochial Vicar

The first reading informs us about the choice made by the people of Israel at the great assembly of Shechem: they decided to choose Yahweh and to reject all idols. At Shechem Joshua exposes his proposal: choose your God. Do you want to go back and serve the gods worshiped by your ancestors? This request for verification is really amazing! It seems impossible that a people who has witnessed many miracles, can abandon the God who has fostered and protected them, indeed, who made them arise out of nowhere. Yet in all this there is nothing strange, it is our history. Called into existence by God's love, introduced in a world in which we are destined to live as pilgrims, filled with gifts to share with others, we can be seduced by the creatures we meet and begin to serve the gods worshiped on this earth—money, power, pleasure—forgetting the one who created us, and through Christ, the new Moses, delivered us from slavery and death. The choice of God to worship—and a God we all still need—is not professed once and for all. It must be renewed at any time, because, consistently, other gods present themselves. They ask to be served, idols that seduce, deceive, but they ruin those who believe in them. Only the Lord God of Israel, deserves full faith and he does not betray.

In the Second Reading we can see that adhesion to Christ also involves a radical change of relationships within the family. The last part of the letter to the Ephesians devotes ample space to this subject (Eph 5:21–6:9). The family conflicts, disagreements, misunderstandings always come from the fact that someone dishonestly tries to dominate, claim to be served by others: the husband by his wife and vice versa, children by their parents, the owners by the slaves. Today's passage introduces an innovative principle in which one must always refer to and from which they must be regulated: Be subject to one another. No rule of the strong over the weak, the rich over the poor, those at the top over those at the bottom; but only submission, willingness to serve, in obedience to Christ (v. 21). Biblical fear does not indicate the fear of punishment, but the loving adherence to a person one blindly trusts. "The God-fearing" are those who make choices in accordance with the word of the Lord, and never act in contravention of its directions.



In the gospel we can see that a life of love is neither easy nor comfortable. It demands self-denial, self-giving and control of our passions. So many prefer the other way. This is the central idea of today's gospel. When Christ says that we must identify ourselves with him, be with him, walk with him along the way of self-sacrifice many leave him and accompany him no more but there are some who remain firm. God grant that we are among those. To trust or not to trust him, this is the alternative. The proposal can be accepted or rejected, but not negotiated, modified, made more acceptable by the cancellation of some of its demands. The choice is not just with the mind and the heart, but also through the act of approaching to receive the bread of the Eucharist in which Christ is really present, is offered to the disciple. At this point, a disturbing question arises. If worthily receiving the Eucharist call for being so determined and so radical in giving one's life together with Christ, who can ever dare to take communion?

To the Master's question, "Will you also go away?" Peter, speaking in the plural, expresses the faith of all and says, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." It is the profession of faith that Christ expects of us today. The question remains hanging: "Who can ever feel worthy to approach the Eucharistic banquet? Who can be so rash as to compromise with Christ, in such solemn manner, to give one's life with him?"

If the Eucharist were a reward for the righteous, certainly no one would dare receive it. But it is not the bread of angels; it is the food offered to the pilgrim people—sinners, weak, tired, in need of help on earth. It is not to celebrate our own purity and holiness that we approach the Eucharistic banquet, but to obtain from God the forgiveness of sins. To one who receives communion moral perfection is not required, but the disposition of the poor who recognizes his unworthiness and his own misery and approaches him who can heal. For whoever receive it with this disposition of humble and sincere faith, the bread of the Eucharist becomes a medicine, it treats moral diseases, heals any wound, overcomes all sin.

WEEKLY PRAYER

AUGUST 23

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

- Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
- Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Wednesday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
- Friday:** St. Monica
- Saturday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.



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Whoever
believes
will have
eternal life.

Our Lady of the Desert

Announcement & News

Important Announcement

The weekly adoration suggested by the Bishop Thomas Olmsted in his apostolic exhortation *Veneremur Cernui* (Down in Adoration Falling, Holy Thursday 2021) will come up soon. Parishioners who have not read the document should please do so.

You can download the pdf online via our parish website. The printed/hard copies will be on sale anytime soon from the diocese. As soon as we get them, we shall distribute to our parish community to increase publicity of this exhortation on the Eucharist.

Hope & Healing After Abortion

Free Weekend Recovery Workshop

Thursday, October 14th thru
Sunday, October 17th

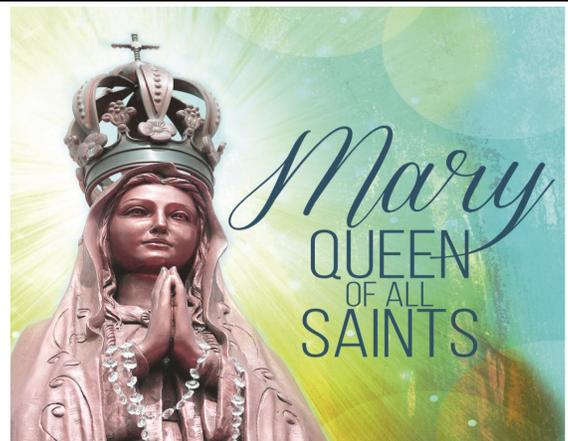
Center #(928) 692-1301 Cell# (928) 727-1301

Email: aaapc1@yahoo.com

Location: Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center
2975 Northern Avenue, Kingman

Registration Deadline: September 10th

**Bishop Olmsted announces lifting of the
dispensation of the Sunday &
Holy Day Obligations
Effective July 1, 2021**



TASTE AND SEE
God's goodness.

Psalms 34



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REFLECT

FIRST READING

Joshua, who helped settle the Israelites into the Promised Land, knew the struggle ahead lay in Israel's fidelity to God. How does anyone best show fidelity to God?

SECOND READING

Toward the end of his letter, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual subordination and love. What do you see as secret to a successful marriage?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus' bread of life discourse ends with the report that "many of Jesus' disciples" no longer followed Jesus. How should we respond to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus?