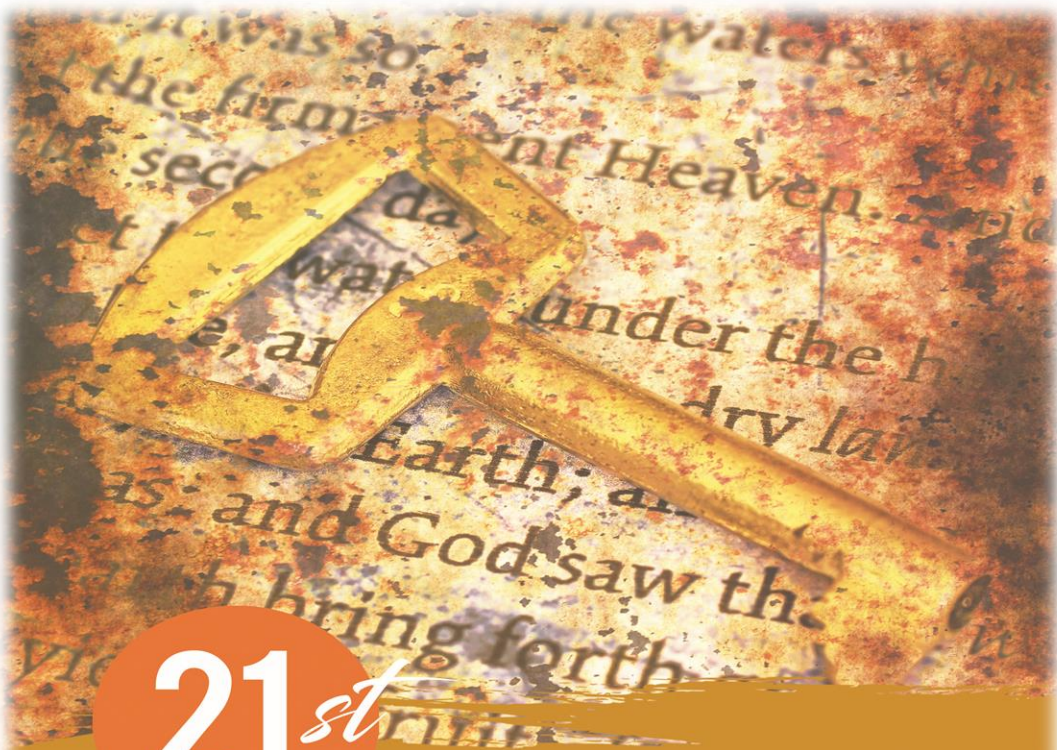


# Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"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." - Mt 16:19

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August 27, 2017**

**Overall, parishioners and guests at Assumption do a beautiful job of worshiping and respecting God during liturgy. But, it's good for all of us to get a reminder about etiquette at Holy Mass. We might call these the "Ten Commandments of Sacred Liturgy" at Assumption:**

1. Prepare for Mass. Prepare like you are coming to the banquet at the castle of a king. As you know, we come to the house of the King of kings. So, continue to wear your Sunday best! And, fast from food and drink (unless it's water or medication) for at least an hour before Mass.

Get to Mass early! Genuflect (or bow if you can't genuflect) to the Lord in the tabernacle, and pray silently in the pew before Mass begins. Pray for a few moments and get yourself recollected before Mass begins. Please be mindful of others – respect their prayer, make room for them in the pew, and don't be a distraction.

2. If you do come late for Mass, wait for the ushers to seat you. Do NOT come in during the readings, especially the Gospel. And, please take a seat in the rear pews so that you won't distract everyone coming up front. Remember, too, that if you arrive at Mass after the Gospel has been proclaimed, you need to attend another Mass to fulfill your Sunday obligation. Attending Mass includes being present for the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

3. Fully participate in Mass. Listen to the prayers and Word, say the responses and Creed, and SING! The goal is to sing loud enough that you don't hear my singing voice. Oh, and I truly hope that Sunday Mass is not the first time you're hearing the readings for that day. You should be praying over and thinking about them during the week.

4. NO TEXT MESSAGES OR CONVERSATIONS DURING MASS. Can you imagine going to dinner with Jesus and texting or talking to others while He is speaking to you?
5. Prepare your offering before Mass. Please avoid distracting others while you go through your purse or wallet during Mass.
6. Be respectful of the Eucharist. This is the biggest one for me. If you are conscious of grave sin, you need to go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion. It is a mortal sin to receive the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin. Please remain in the pew to make a spiritual communion or come forward and cross your arms for a blessing. Please, please, please don't be among those about whom St. Paul writes in 1 Cor 11:25-27: "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord".
7. Bow before receiving the Eucharist and then say "Amen" when the priest says, "the Body of Christ". Don't grab or take the Host from him; let the Host be placed on your hand or on your tongue. Consume the Host immediately.
8. Don't be like Judas who left the first Mass early. You should wait for the priest to process out before you leave. We follow the priest as we follow Christ. Really, though, we should all stay for a moment and give thanks to God for all that we just received at Mass.
9. Hold your applause. Please. We're not at a concert. The ministers and choir appreciate your support, but they are just leading us in worship. We don't want to lose our focus on praising God by praising them.
10. Keep holy the Sabbath. EVERY SABBATH. Skipping Mass on Sunday is a mortal sin. Bigger than that is our need for the Eucharist. Jesus basically teaches that a week without the Eucharist is a week with no life (cf. Jn 6:53-54).

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr Greg

**Healing Prayers for:** Angella Greene, Frederick McNeil, Carolyn Poston, Mildred Brown, George Thomas, James Anthony Murphy, Queen Bundy, Earnest Ingram, Jr. John Howard, Iris Best, Helena Haley, Dorothy Hollis, Gisele Best, Lezeal Rorie, Corinne Bachiller, Lillian Taylor, Calvin Best, Tracy Stachitis, Veronica Brown, Deacon McBurnett Smith, Marsha Carlson-Meyers, Dr. Dee Jones Adams, Barry Robella, Father Dan Vitz, Eleonora Best, Jane Rhyne, Faye Lyon, Abby Fargo, Mildred Selmar, Heather Wooten-Rollins, Brenda Newman, Malek Elloit, Kennedy Wood, Courtney Barlow, Christine Jones, Benjamin Davis, Ronald Horton, Madison McKenzie, Jamil McKenzie, Samuel James Guadalupe, Shawntrice Moore, Bridget Barlow, Veronica Harris, Teresa Wilkinson, Sherri Ewing, Pauline Haggins, Dorothy Sylvester, Tiffany Jacobs, Darlene Jones, Paul Higgins, Audrey Saunders, Pauline Johnson, June Murphy **Our Homebound Parishioners:** Mary Cooke, Sybil Depeazer, Louvenia Gray, Fr. Charles Green, Pauline Johnson, Yvonne Samuel, Audrey Saunders, Joan Shields, Elizabeth Smith, Viola Walker

**Repose of the Soul:** Jennifer Williams (Daughter of Mrs. Barbara Williams)

## **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK- AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup>**

We all know the given answers to the question: who is Jesus? Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah, Lord, and the Christ are some that immediately come to mind. But, who do YOU say that Jesus is? Who we need or want Jesus to be becomes the key to unlocking a relationship with God. For some, Jesus is just a prophet, a wise man, or an inspirational figure in history. These labels keep Jesus in the past and prevent us from really having a living, vibrant relationship with him. If Jesus is more than this to you, then who is he and what purpose does he serve in your life?

## **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - Matthew 16:13-20**

How would you answer Jesus' question: "Who do you say that I am?"



## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8 Mk 6:17-29  
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30  
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27



# Announcements

The funeral for Jennifer Williams, Mrs. Barbara Williams daughter will be on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2210 Calloway St, Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748. The viewing at 9:00 am Mass at 10:00 am.

## **East of the River Revival “Where There Is Light, There Is Hope!”**

the 28th Annual East of the River Revival will start on Saturday, September 30, with a Youth Rally ages 7-18 from 10am-3:45pm at the Church of the Incarnation in Washington, DC 880 Eastern Ave., NE. The Revival then follows on Monday-Wednesday, October 2-4, beginning at 7pm each evening at Holy Family Church in Hillcrest Heights, MD 2210 Calloway St. It will feature revivalist Father Roy Lee, and Bishop Mario Dorsonville will celebrate the Closing Mass on Wednesday evening. The revival is sponsored by parishes in the Southeast Deanery of the Archdiocese of Washington. In the spirit of “the New Evangelization,” you are encouraged to invite others to attend with you. Let us all have our spirits lifted together



## **BACK-2-SCHOOL JAMBOREE**

Assumption Parishioners. Thank you for your donations and support to the 2017 Back-2-School Jamboree. A special “Thank You” to all Volunteers who took time from their busy schedule to support one of the many evangelizations in our parish to the surrounding community. Without your dedication and commitment, we would not have overwhelmingly succeeded in offering a fun-filled day for all. Father Greg (Fr. G Dawg), Assumption’s Chef, thank you for cooking a “mean” hotdog.



**THANK**



**YOU**



**ASSUMPTION**

***NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AROUND THE  
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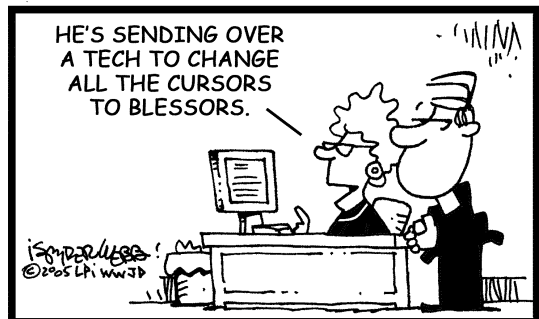
**National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities**

Saturday, September 9, the Feast of St. Peter Claver, a Mass honoring the National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities will be celebrated at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Seat Pleasant, MD (410 Addison Rd.). Rosary begins at 11:30am, followed by Mass at 12 noon. Msgr. Ray East is the celebrant and homilist. The Knight and Ladies Courts of Peter Claver will host a reception following. For more information, contact Sandra Coles-Bell in the archdiocesan Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at 301-853-4469 or colesbells@adw.org.

**Garden Tours at the Historic Franciscan Monastery**

Enjoy the beautiful gardens at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land while learning about its plants, architecture, history, and shrines. Guides from the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild lead free tours every Saturday at 11am and 12 noon through September. Meet at the visitor center, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017; myfranciscan.org and fmgg.org; 202-526-6800. Call to arrange a group tour.

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