

August 23rd – 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

" . . . you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church . . .

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 16: 13-20

Beautiful plumbing

An assistant superintendent of schools was responsible for interviewing teaching candidates. A plumber had applied for a teaching position at the system's technical school. The first and obvious question: Why?

"Mostly for the kids," he replied. "I Just want to give back a little of what life has given me." But there was more.

"Part of my reason for being here is selfish," the candidate went on. "It's because I take pride in my work, When I fit pipe, I do it perfectly; as well as it can be done. My work is beautiful. It makes me proud. But when I'm done, the carpenters and plasterers come in and cover my work. By the time they finish nailing studs and building walls no one can see or ever know how beautiful my work really is. It kills me. I wish they could put up glass walls, so when visitors come to the house I worked on, they could see how well I did my job!"

"If I teach," he concluded, "at least my students will see my work. I will be able to show them how truly beautiful plumbing can be."

The plumber went on to become a great teacher.

Every one of us has been entrusted with the "keys" to unlock God's Kingdom here and now: our "keys" may be patience and understanding or a talent or skill we possess — even plumbing, installed with conscientiousness and care, can be the means for others to be embraced in the peace and mercy of God. God entrusts to each one of us some "key" that unlocks, through the faith we live and the work of our lives, the presence of God in our world.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

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<u>Weekend Masses:</u>	Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.
<u>Reconciliation:</u>	By request
<u>Mass During the Week:</u>	Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m. and <u>Wed at 7 pm this week</u> & Fri at 10 a.m.
<u>Holy Hour of Adoration:</u>	Discontinued until further notice.
<u>Marriages:</u>	Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.
<u>Baptisms:</u>	Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

Note a change in time for Wednesday's mass.

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August 16, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$934.00
Building Fund	10.00
Votive Candles	9.00
Garden Party Proceeds	40.00
Mass Stipends	220.00
Certificate	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 pm	Late Mary Park
Wed, 7 am	Late Patrick Joyce
Thur, 7 pm	Late Molly Brake
Fri, 10 am	Late Jack, Agnes & Ronald Carroll
Sat, 4:30 pm	Special Intention
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

Note change in mass time on Wednesday

HUMOR:

Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands, even from the church. One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "Where is God?" The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "Where is God?" The boy ran out of the cathedral crying to his home where he hid in a closet. Eventually his brother found him and asked, "What's wrong?" The crying boy replied, "We're in trouble now! God is missing and they think we took him!"

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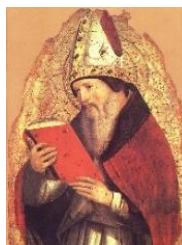
What does an air conditioner have in common with a computer? They both lose efficiency as soon as you open windows.



SAINT MONICA: Saint Monica was a woman of great faith who led many members of her family to Christianity through her prayers and by her example. Her son, Augustine, however, lived a very worldly life and resisted his mother's requests to be baptized. Saint Monica prayed constantly for Augustine's conversion and, after many years, her prayers were answered. Augustine was baptized, became a priest and then a bishop, as well as a great teacher of our faith. Saint Monica is the patron saint of wives and abuse victims.

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO:

Born November 13 354, died August 28, 430, AD, was a Roman African, early Christian theologian and philosopher from Numidia. His writings influenced the development of the Western Church and Western philosophy, and indirectly all of Western Christianity. He was the bishop of Hippo Regius in North Africa and for his writings in the Patristic Period is viewed as one of the most important Church Fathers of the Latin Church. Among his most important works are *The City of God*, *De doctrina Christiana*, and *Confessions*.



VIGIL LIGHTS (votive candles): Due to the pandemic we cannot have different people lighting different candles. For that reason The candle will be lit by one of the parish representatives who is an usher or registrar for that day. Please remember at all times to maintain physical distancing. Offerings for the candles must be placed in an envelope and deposited in the offertory basket.

COVID-19: MASK WEARING: New guidelines received from our Public Health Office require non-medical masks to be worn in all public indoor places, including houses of worship beginning Monday, **August 24th**.

This Public Health Order is **waived** for:

- Children under the age of 5
- People with physical or mental health conditions.
- During "services provided" (i.e. receiving Holy Communion).
- Showing Identification.
- When deemed unsuitable under Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.
- In seated areas, provided physical distancing of 2 meters is being practiced.

Parishioners will be expected to comply with this order. You must wear a non-medical mask over "mouth and nose" while entering and moving around the church; you can remove their mask upon seating as long as the 2-meter physical distancing rule is practiced. You must wear a mask going up for communion but remove it at the time of communion. Thank you,

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PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION – August:

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

CRISIS IN LEBANON – Development and Peace Emergency Fund:

The situation in Lebanon following August 4th explosion has been described as "beyond imagination." Thousands of people have been affected with over 159 people dying, over 6,000 injured, and over 300,000 people left homeless. The explosions have also worsened the country's social, economic, and political crisis.

Development and Peace's partner, Caritas Lebanon, is providing food, water, medical aid, and psychological and social support to those impacted by this crisis. Development and Peace and its trusted network of partners in the country are also assessing the long-term impacts and needs of this crisis.

Please join in Pope Francis' invitation to pray for the victims, for their families, and for all of Lebanon. Please also consider joining the Pope in responding to this desperate cry for help by donating to the emergency relief effort at Development and Peace – Caritas Canada through the following link: <https://bit.ly/2DRwfiv> or by calling 1 888 664-3387.

Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis.

REGISTRATION FOR MASS: While dealing with the Covid 19 Pandemic we are required to keep a contact list of all persons attending all services and masses. You should call in Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm to have your name registered. You will be asked to provide your telephone number and to answer some simple screening questions.