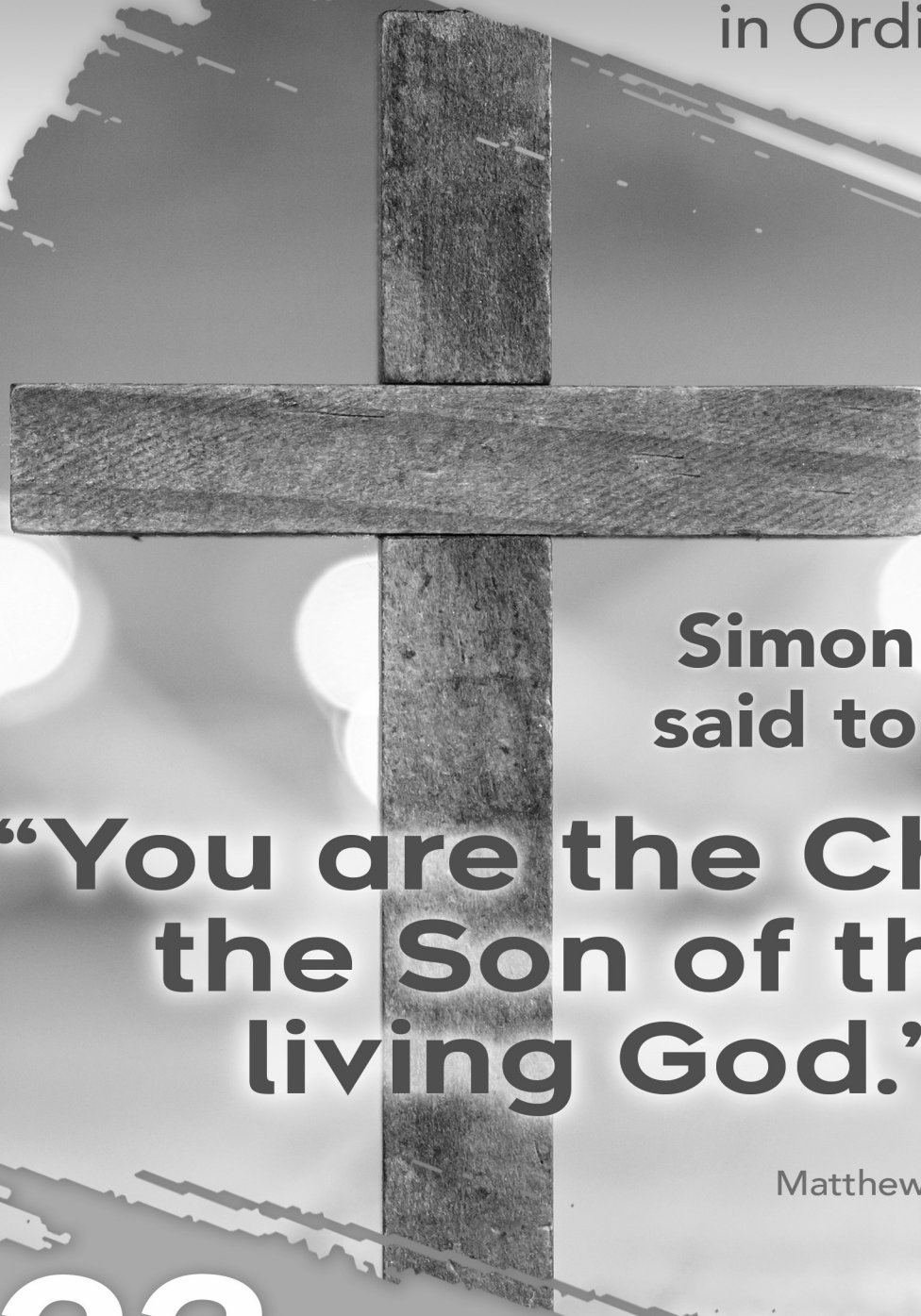




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Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time



**Simon Peter
said to Jesus,**

**“You are the Christ,
the Son of the
living God.”**

Matthew 16:16

AUGUST
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IF WE WANT TO GET TO KNOW JESUS BETTER, WE MUST ARRANGE TO MEET HIM DAILY IN PRAYER

There is a book written by Susan and Craig Boldman about a little boy called Bobby. He tells us about his four best friends. By now you are wondering who Bobby's special friend is. To learn who it is, you have to turn to the last page in the book. There you find a picture of Bobby's special friend. It's Jesus. The book ends with Bobby asking this question of the reader; "Do you know my special friend, Jesus?" I like this story because it leaves the reader with the same question that Jesus leaves his hearers with in today's Gospel; "Who do you say that I am?" Bobby answered Jesus' question by saying; "You are my special friend, you never leave me alone, You never move to another city, You never get mad at me and go home, even when I do something wrong. You stay at my side no matter what happens. You are always there to help me."

This brings us back to the important question that Bobby asks at the end of the book; "Do you know my special friend, Jesus?" It leaves us with the important question that Jesus asks us in today's Gospel; "Who do you say that I am?" If we have trouble answering Bobby's question, "Do you know my special friend, Jesus?" or if we have trouble answering Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" Maybe Jesus is speaking to us in a special way in today's Scripture readings.

Maybe he is inviting us to get to know him better. Maybe he is inviting us to get better acquainted with him. Maybe he is inviting us to enter into a special friendship with him. When we want to get to know someone better, when we want to enter into a special friendship with someone, we arrange to meet with that person. We schedule specific times and specific places to be with him or her. That same procedure holds if we want to get to know Jesus better. We must arrange to meet with him and talk with him on a regular basis. We schedule specific times and places to be with him. We call these meetings daily prayer. Daily prayer is simply taking time out of our schedule, on a regular basis, to meet with Jesus and to get to know him better. It is simply setting up a priority whereby we set aside some time each day to become better acquainted with Jesus.

In his book *Hungry for God*, Ralph Martin writes; "A real-estate man I know gets up early in the morning to pray, an aerospace engineer prays and reads the Scripture on his lunch hour; a production manager of a computing firm prays after his children are in bed at night." Martin goes on to note that the demands of the modern life are such that if we do not have a schedule for prayer, we probably will not pray. When something becomes important to us, we do not leave it to chance. We schedule it right into our day. The same is true if we want to get to know Jesus better. Unless there is a commitment to set times for prayer, we probably will not pray. That is just the way we humans are made.

This brings us back to the original question that Bobby asked us at the end of the book; "Do you know my special friend, Jesus?" If our answer to Bobby's question is "Not as well as I would like to know him," then maybe Jesus is speaking to us today through today's Scripture readings. Maybe he is inviting us to take time out from our busy schedule to meet him on a daily basis to get to know him better. Maybe he is inviting us to begin to spend a few minutes each evening reviewing our day with him and ask him what he thinks of it. Maybe he is inviting us to begin to spend a few minutes each evening to speak to him about our hopes, our dreams, our doubts, and our problems. Maybe he is inviting us to begin a practice of meeting with him daily in prayer. Maybe he is inviting us to discover what little Bobby discovered. Maybe he is inviting us to discover that he is indeed "our special friend," just waiting to enrich our life in ways that we never dreamed to be possible.

~ *Fr. Godfrey Chandya Lega, O.C.D.*

Since I am going to be away for most of August, there will be no changes to our present schedule of Masses until after Labor Day. Confessions are on Saturday, 3:30-5 p.m.

I encourage you to check the parish website or Facebook for updates. You can also call the parish office for information.

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Como voy a estar fuera durante la mayor parte de agosto, no habrá cambios en nuestro horario actual de misas hasta después del Día del Trabajo. Las confesiones son los sábados de 3:30- 5p.m.

Le recomiendo que consulte el sitio web de la parroquia o Facebook para obtener noticias actuales. También puede llamar a la oficina parroquial para obtener información.

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Santa Cruz Catholic Church Mass Times

Saturday, 6pm (English) Rosary followed by Mass in school field. Park N' Pray transmitted on radio station 96.9 FM.

Sunday, 9 am (English) outdoor Mass in school courtyard. Must wear a mask. Bring your own lawn chair, umbrella and hand-sanitizer.

Sunday, 11 am (English) Mass live streamed on Facebook. It can be viewed later on the Santa Cruz Parish Tucson channel on YouTube. No attendance is permitted at this Mass.

Sunday, 6 pm (Español) Rosary followed by Mass in school field. Park N' Pray transmitted on radio station 96.9 FM.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Robert Spurgeon/R.I.P.

Lucy Flores & Gabriel F. Chacon/R.I.P.

Santa Cruz Parishioners

Baby Sergio Dabdoub/R.I.P.

Leopoldo & Maria Rivera/R.I.P.

In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/

Int. Nieves Ortiz & Family

Dean Bowen/R.I.P.

Fernando Villaman/R.I.P.

Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.

Candelaria Morelos/R.I.P.

In Thanksgiving to Saint Jude

Fr. Christopher La Rocca, O.C.D./Improved Health

Henry Machado/R.I.P.

Special Int./Brian Rucker

Rosemarie Rucker/Happy Birthday

Fr. Christopher La Rocca, O.C.D./Improved Health

Roman Cota/R.I.P.

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Godfrey Leega Chandya, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.
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New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office.

~ Masses ~

Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4° Domingo del Mes (Español)

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

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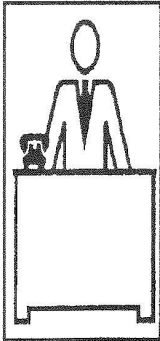
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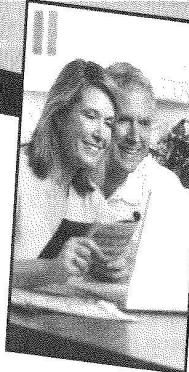
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