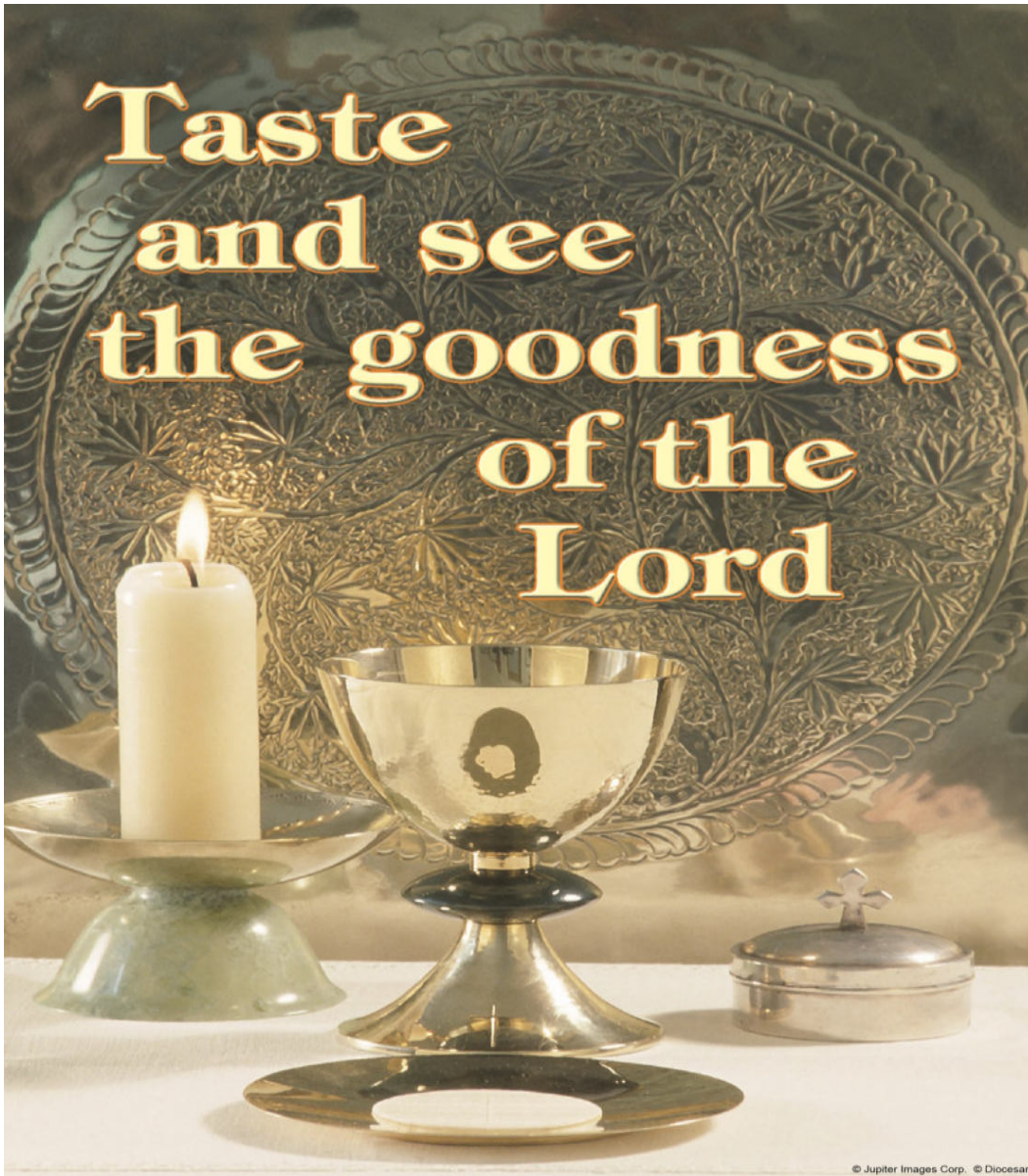


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August 18, 2024
20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Office Hours

Monday

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday

7:30 a.m. -
12:30 p.m.

Sacrament of
Reconciliation

Wednesday

6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Saturday

4 - 4:45 p.m.

Sunday

7:45 - 8:15 a.m.

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wise Fools

When we were in high school, we learned that the word sophomore came from Greek words meaning “wise fools.” The idea was that the second year student thinks he knows it all now, but still has a lot to learn. The first two readings describe wisdom versus foolishness. In Proverbs, Wisdom is a woman who invites us to her banquet, telling us to “forsake foolishness.” St. Paul invites us to give up our ignorance and to know the will of the Lord, by filling ourselves with the Spirit. Jesus says he himself is the way to understanding God’s will; he gives himself as food and drink for eternal life. So how will we accept these invitations to partake of the Wisdom of God?

One way is to read the scriptures every day, even for only 20-30 minutes. Take time to think and pray about what you read. Don’t do all the talking; let God have his chance to be heard. Read short passages and the footnotes—they can explain some of the obscure references. The gospels are especially good “food” because of all the examples Jesus gave in his sermons and parables.

Listen to the readings and homily at Mass. The Pastor may have some insights that make you think. Receive communion often to be fed with the living Bread. The Church has always taught that we are fed with both the word and the Eucharist.

An athlete grows in strength by eating well, but he also has to exercise to tone and strengthen his muscles. If we want to grow in God’s wisdom, we have to exercise our faith. If you have a friend or relative who is a good example of faith, talk with that person about how you experience God or your lack of experiences. They may help you see God in ways that never occurred to you. You could offer to be a sponsor for someone in the RCIA, and help someone else’s faith to grow. Your parish or diocese may also have on-line resources or discussions.

God never forces himself on anyone. To grow in his Wisdom, we have to accept it. Ask him for real food and you won’t be disappointed. But be patient, God only gives what we are ready to receive.
Tom Schmidt

A Radical “Unless”

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” There is no other way to look at it. Jesus says, “unless”. This is not negotiable. It is not open to interpretation. If we want his life within us, if we want to spend eternity with him, we must eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood. And like many of the Jews of Jesus’s time, we may also say, “What? How? This is too far!”

Jesus meant what he said. When we partake in communion, we take into our body and soul, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. That is a pretty big deal and we need to spend the time and energy to wrestle with that. The flesh of the Son of Man is a reference to the suffering of Jesus, suffering which is the price for integrity. When we follow Jesus, when we do as he says and approach the altar to eat his flesh, to drink his blood, it shouldn’t be a passive reception. We need to embrace wholeheartedly what it means to become one with Jesus. We need to ask to see with his eyes, hear with his ears, speak with his tongue and, most of all, to love with his heart.

We embrace his way of suffering. As we say yes to Jesus, when we declare “Amen” to the person who offers us the Body of Christ, we are not simply saying thank you. We have to engage our will. We have to acknowledge that God is God and we are not. It is an act of humility as we give Jesus access to the core of our being - we want him to be active, to mold it, sculpt it, change it - change us from the inside out.

I heard a bishop suggest once that each and every Christian should spend time with John 6. A quick read through will take under 10 minutes. But we should not do this quickly. We need to engage with this passage of Scripture. We need to mull it over in our minds, to engage willingly and truly hear what Jesus has to say.

Lord Jesus, open my mind and heart. Help me to believe what you say, even the hard parts. When I meet you in the Eucharist, radically change me from the inside out, so that I truly have your life within me. Amen.

By Sheryl O'Connor



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WELCOME NEW STAFF!

Tiffany Cusson -

Kindergarten Teacher,

Deanna Grady - PE,

Kari Govignon - MS Math,

Belinda Hazlett - 8th Grade

HR, MS Math and Science,

Annemarie Marr - Principal,

Amanda White - 7th Grade

HR, ELA, Science, and Social

Studies Teacher

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 17

5:00 p.m. Allene Sculthorpe

7:00 p.m. David Glasser

(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

Sunday, August 18

8:30 a.m. Mike Mleko & Joe Stillwell

11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Seve Lopez Hernandez
& Navia Ayda Glende

Monday, August 19

Noon Seve Lopez Hernandez &
Navia Ayda Glende

Tuesday, August 20

Noon Rene Drawdy

Wednesday, August 21

8 a.m. Our Parish Family

7 p.m. Felicia Lima

Thursday, August 22

8 a.m. Dorcas-Ehlman Families

Friday, August 23

8 a.m. Sharon Cornwell

Saturday, August 24

5:00 p.m. Allene Sculthorpe

7:00 p.m. Patricia Coddington

(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

Sunday, August 25

8:30 a.m. Sr. Kathleen McMenamin SSJ

11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Paola Juana Paz Vega

Registration for our **Parish School of Religion (PSR)** is now open. Classes are open for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade and Confirmation Prep for students in High School.

Registration forms (printed in blue this year) are available at the main doors of the church.

The deadline for registration is September 1. Classes will start September 22.

Catechists are still needed! Please prayerfully consider donating your time and your heart to help educate our young people in the Faith. Substitute teachers are needed, too. Training will be provided to all catechists, new and returning. **Contact** Deacon Chris for more information. Please don't make me beg.

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto You. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Give the men and women You call the light to understand Your gift and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your priestly Son. Amen.

That Man is You! men's ministry continues each **Wednesday morning**. We begin with **Adoration** in the Church at **6:00 am**, followed by a video (currently on the **Holy Spirit**) and discussion in the narthex; a light breakfast will be offered and we usually try to **end by 7:30 am**. All men ages 18 and up are encouraged to join us. Contact Deacon Chris for more information

RCIA, the ***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults***, is the process by which those interested in learning about the Catholic faith come together to learn about the scriptures and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and at the same time, to discover where God is present in their lives.

Our RCIA classes will begin at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 9 in the narthex. If you're interested in joining the Church or simply want a refresher on Catholicism, we'd love to have you join us!



**ST. VINCENT
de PAUL
FOOD PANTRY
REQUESTS**

Cereal, Canned Pasta, cooking oil, peanut butter & jelly

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 18, 2024

Sunday 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Monday Memorial of Saint John Eudes, Priest Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday Memorial Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Sunday 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish."
And her daughter was healed at once. Mt 15:28

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RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

September 6-8, 2024
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The Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah
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If your baby or toddler is feeling restless, the **Narthex** is open with a **live video and audio feed**. There are about 25 seats available. There is also a room located at the back of the Church you can go to.

Youth Group starts

September 11! Meetings

are each Wednesday of the school year and will be open to all high school students in grades 9 through 12.

Watch for more details over the next few weeks!

SCAMMERS are CLEVER!

We WILL NOT send a text or email asking for FAVORS, MONEY or GIFT CARDS!

If you are unsure, call the Parish Office at 912-265-3249.

The church needs:

Greeters

Greenhouse helpers

Substitute teachers for PSR

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in volunteering.

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