



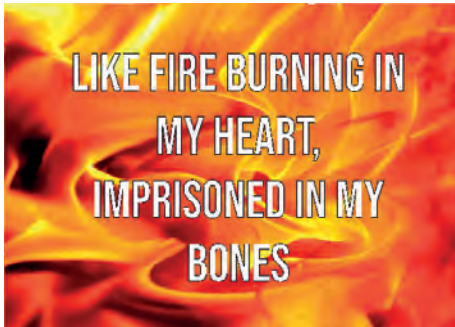


August 30, 2020

# Twenty Second Sunday Ordinary Time

Why does Jeremiah feel so unfairly duped by his agreement to be a prophet for the LORD? He certainly experienced not only difficulty in his mission, but humiliation, rejection and eventually persecution. Perhaps

Jeremiah needed to change his understanding of the scope of his ministry. He did not undertake the mission of prophet with a labor union contract, but with a covenant. In this week's gospel Jesus clarifies the



**Holy Cross Church**  
 Monday - Friday  
 8:30 AM until 4 PM  
 Sunday  
 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Weekday Mass  
 In Church Live Streaming  
 9:00 AM  
 (attendance limit 50)

Saturday Vigil Mass  
 In Church NO livestream  
 5:00 PM  
 (attendance limit 213)

Sunday Mass  
 In Church Live Streaming  
 10:30 AM Mass  
 (attendance limit 213)

Adoration of the Blessed  
 Sacrament  
 Wednesday 9:30 AM - Noon

Confessions  
 Friday 9:30 AM outdoors pergola

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he was right to complain about these challenges, even if they were greater than he expected, but why use the powerful language of seduction, deception and overpowering by God? Was he right in framing his complaint in this context? His complaint amounts to a charge of harassment aimed at directly at God.

dimensions of Christian discipleship, nothing less than the Cross. We are surely right to complain to God about our burdens, even ask Him to lift them, but we might more humbly ask for the strength to bear them with help from others and help from God.

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*Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*



## From the Pastor

### Prayers for the Sick

We would like to resume listing the names of parishioners who would like our prayers for their health. Remember that to be included on our public prayer list either the person him/her self or a friend of family member with their permission must make the request. This is to comply with federal and state privacy laws. Call or email the parish office with names. Referral to our private prayer chain is also possible without a public listing.

Let us remember to pray for all the sick and suffering especially during this stressful time.

### Confirmations and First Communions

We have celebrated almost all our Confirmations and First Holy Communions. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and understanding during this uncertain time. Happily the bishop allowed us to be very flexible in our arrangements to accommodate different degrees of concern about COVID and individual schedules.

### Baptisms

We're joyfully celebrating baptisms one family at a time after Sunday masses and on weekday mornings. Please call the Parish Office to discuss scheduling your infant's baptism.

### Parish Payroll

Your continued generosity has allowed the parish to restore most parish employees to their customary hours and wages. The office still remains closed to walk-ins without an appointment. Please call to

## Parish Offertory

Online Giving \$ 4,449.00

5 PM Mass \$ 580.00

10:30 AM Mass \$ 3,412.00

**Please remember to mail donation envelopes or enroll in Online Giving. Thank you, your support of Holy Cross Church is essential.**



schedule an online or in-person appointment today. The office is closed on Fridays.

### Special Collections

The collections for the support of the Holy Land and Peter's Pence collection have been rescheduled by Pope Francis. Our parishioners have already made donations to these collections at their regular times. These amounts will be forwarded to the Vatican and the Franciscans with custody of the Holy Places. Thank you for your generosity.



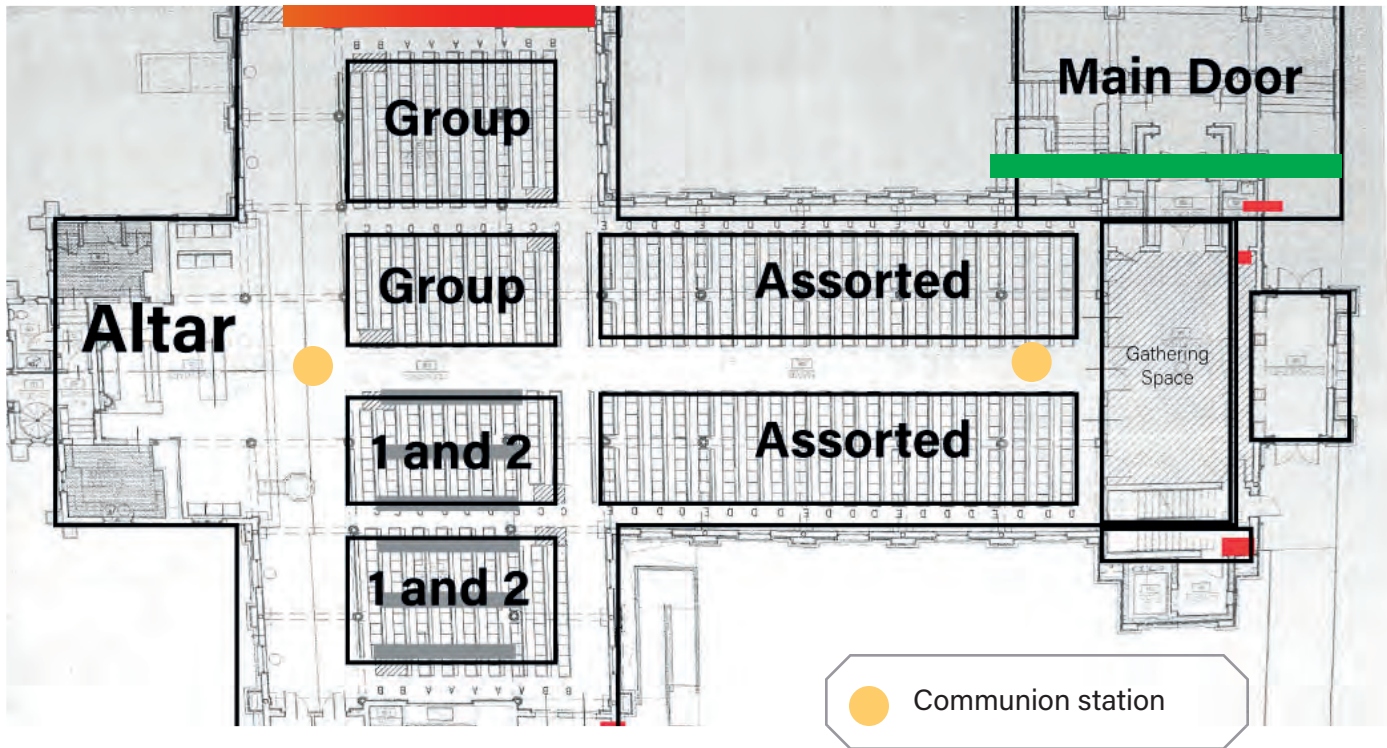
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## Mass Intentions

5-Sep 5:00 PM  
6-Sep 8:00 AM  
6-Sep 10:30 AM  
7-Sep 9:00 AM  
8-Sep 9:00 AM  
9-Sep 9:00 AM  
10-Sep 9:00 AM  
11-Sep 9:00 AM  
12-Sep 5:00 PM  
13-Sep 8:00 AM  
13-Sep 10:30 AM  
13-Sep 12:00 PM

Lynn Gonnello  
Margaret Schweers  
Brown Small  
Gary Sammon  
Arline Palmieri  
John McLean  
Vincent Murray  
John McLaughlin  
Thomas Karlo, Sr.  
Mr & Mrs Ernest Gardella, Sr.  
Dawn Garavente  
Stanley Martino

Larry Gonnello  
Mr & Mrs Michael Seaman  
Mr & Mrs Dennis Lynch  
The Alpert Family  
Family  
The Mindnich Family  
The Palmeri Family  
The Velcamp Family  
Family  
Tony Gardella  
Family  
The Bitterly Family




Ushers will guide or direct you to a seat. Please wait if they are already helping others.

**Please bring and wear a non-medical face mask and observe social distancing.**



**Monday Night Live**

Adult Faith Night

Live Webinar

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**TOPIC:** The Journey of Faith and the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation

Join us as Fr. Manning leads a lively discussion of our Catholic Faith!

**REGISTER:** Call the parish office or register online at the parish website.  
We will send you an email with the meeting code and password.

**BEFORE 9/28:** Watch on FORMED  
Symbolon Part I Episode 1 and  
Symbolon Part 2 Episode 1

*Go to the parish website to sign up for FORMED*



## Did You Say "We?"

Remember the recent announcement by the Vatican that Baptisms performed with "we baptize you" instead of "I" are invalid? Recently a priest in his thirties, ordained for several years, was reviewing the video of his own baptism and was horrified to see that the deacon had used the invalid "we" formula to perform the priest's baptism as an infant.

That means the priest was not a Christian at the time of his attempted ordination and all the sacraments he had performed, with the exceptions of baptisms, were not valid. The priest was sent on a hasty spiritual retreat and subsequently received all the sacraments of Christian Initiation followed a short time later by ordination to the diaconate and then the priesthood. Couples whom he married are being contacted by church authorities for further instructions. The deacon

who performed the priest's baptism is deceased. He had been admonished in the late nineties to stop using the "we" formula, but nothing had been done about his many invalid baptisms.

The words of a sacrament are given by the church. For the church to stand behind the validity of a sacrament, the proper words must be prayed using the proper matter of each sacrament. So for the Eucharist, that means unadulterated, unleavened wheat bread (including low gluten) and unadulterated grape wine; for baptism, water; for Confirmation, sacred chrism; for Sacrament of the Sick, olive oil blessed by a priest or bishop, etc.

The Vatican determined many years ago that zero gluten bread, rice flour bread, etc. could not be used for the Eucharist. To protect the integrity of the sacrament, parishes in our diocese were prohibited from using home made breads for Eucharist, since many contained added ingredients like honey or yeast. Now those of us who remember the words of consecration being changed (for many vs. for all). This was a change instituted by the Church and thus permitted without invalidating previous masses said with the old formula. No individual priest or deacon can take upon himself the initiative to change the essential words or make substitutions to a sacrament.

## The Covenant of the Sacrament of Matrimony



A few years ago, it became very popular for couples to compose their own wedding vows. While it is surely popular on Soap Opera and Media Weddings, it was always risky for Catholic couples to compose their own vows for much the same reason as the importance of the words used in the sacraments the priest or deacon use in sacraments for which they are the ordinary ministers. As you may remember, the catholic couple themselves are the ordinary ministers of the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church - the priest or deacon are the officially designated representative of the Church at the ceremony. The Nuptial blessing given by the priest or deacon convey grace, but do not constitute the sacrament.

That is why the words the couple use and the couples' intent are so important. They must promise lifelong, unconditional fidelity - qualities not often included in the romantic promises couples compose. While sentiments to be "each other's best friend," or "never to let the sun set on a disagreement," to be each other's "soul mate" or even "true love" are praiseworthy, they do not constitute marriage.

They do not promise binding themselves to each other in marriage exclusively to each other for life, no matter what., yet for the Sacrament of Matrimony to be valid, that is exactly what the promises must state and the intentions the couple must have in their hearts.

Pre-nuptial agreements and other limits on the scope of the marriage covenant, including mental reservations by the couple may even invalidate the sacrament. '

Jesus urges us to "let our yes, mean yes and our no mean no."

# The Catholic Voter



Political rhetoric isn't even yet in full swing, but it is surely heating up prior to the November general election. It is timely to remind ourselves about the limitations we have in place on political rhetoric in churches.

- Covid restrictions already prohibit distributing any printed materials in or at church, but no distribution of various "Voter Guides" are permitted, including leafleting cars in the the church parking lot or at the doors of the church.
- No endorsement or condemnation of specific candidates for office or their political parties from the pulpit or on any parish website, bulletin, etc. is allowed.
- Explanations of how to form a Catholic conscience and Catholic moral principles are obviously permitted. So is highlighting certain principles at stake in the election as they impinge on Church moral teachings.
- Non-partisan, non candidate promoting of voter registration and voting is permitted.

There are many resources available from the US bishops and the NJ Catholic Conference to help Catholics form their consciences using Catholic principles.

The United Catholic Conference of Bishops has issued an updated addendum to [Faithful Citizenship](#).

New Jersey Catholic Conference of Bishops website for insight on issues of importance to faithful Catholic citizens. <https://www.njcatholic.org/faithful-citizenship-1>

A legalese document from the United States Conference of Catholic bishops explaining licit and illicit political activity by the Catholic Church, [Political Activity and Guidelines for Lobbying by the Catholic Church](#).