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PARISH & MISSION AT LAKE PLEASANT PKWY

AUGUST 23RD, 2026 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Welcome!

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 8:30am and 4:00pm Vigil
Sunday | 9:00am, 11:00am,
1:00pm at Vistancia Elementary School

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday | 8:30am

Adoration

Monday - Wednesday | 8:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday | 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Friday | 8:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday | 8:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday | Closed

Confessions

Tuesday | 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Thursday | 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Saturday | 9:30am - 10:30am

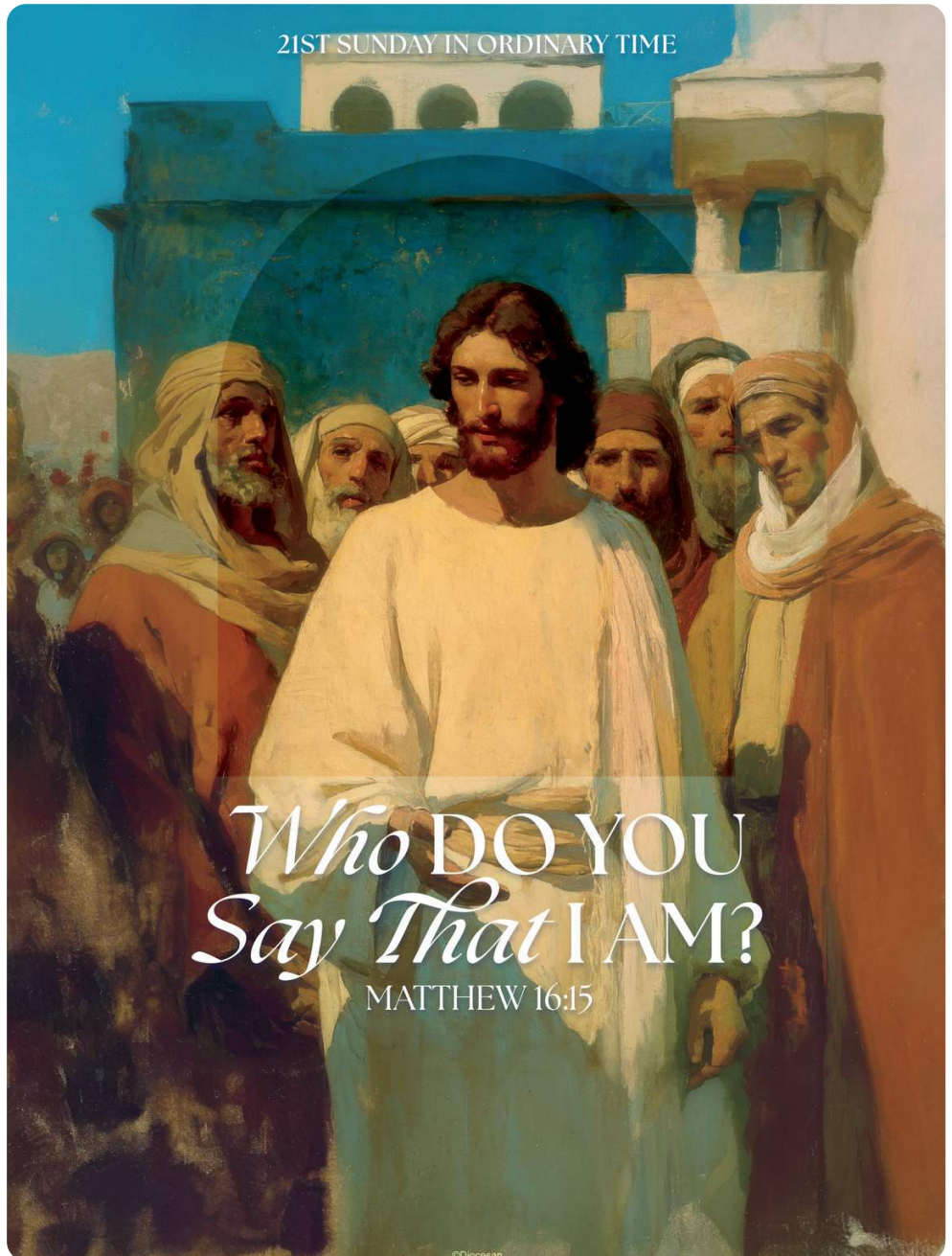
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Core Purpose

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish exists for the salvation of souls and the restoration of all things in Christ.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday | 8:00am - 4:00pm

Friday | 08:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday & Sunday | Closed

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PRAYER & READINGS • 03



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 23rd

09:00am | For the Soul of Bruce Langenbach †

11:00am | For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish & Mission at Lake Pleasant Pkw

01:00pm | For the Soul of Victoria Haskell †

Monday, August 24th

08:30am | For the Soul of Philip G. Josskuhler †

Tuesday, August 25th

08:30am | For the Healing Intentions for Ronnie Torres and for the Soul of Amy Pereerino †

Wednesday, August 26th

08:30am | For the Soul of Michael J. Mazur †

Thursday, August 27th

08:30am | For the Soul of Steve Sanders †

Friday, August 28th

08:30am | For the Soul of Phil Vosskuhler †

Saturday, August 29th

08:30am | For the Soul of Bruce Carey †

04:00pm | For the 50th Wedding Anniversary for Jackie and Beverly Robinson

Next Sunday, August 30th

09:00am | For the Soul of Patrick Lauy †

11:00am | For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish & Mission at Lake Pleasant Pkw

01:00pm | For the Soul of Francis McElroy †

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, August 23rd

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Monday, August 24th

Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rev 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday, August 25th

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 26th

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27th

Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 28th

Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 29th

Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday, August 30th

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



Prayer List

Destiny Carroll
Jeff McBride
Tom Penzkofer
Blanca Romero
Mary Kate Corrigan
Michelle Simpson
Andrew Nader
Chris & Mary Nader
Alan Smith
Sean Wright
Steve Rogers
Ricardo Sanchez
Collette Hoover

IN OUR HEARTS Those Who Have Died

DeAnne Cooper
(02/08/1938 – 07/28/2026)

Loretta Landry
(d. 2026)

Corrine Gillmeister
(d. 2026)

Rest in Peace

04 • PARISH LIFE

MASS ASSISTANTS NEEDED



We are looking for dedicated individuals to assist with our Care Center Masses.

Help bring Christ's presence to those who need it most.

Contact Angela
(623) 344-7276 | acotta@ololscw.org

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Altar servers needed ages nine and up.
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Contact James Salas:
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Worn, tattered US Flags are needed for this project
The Flags must be woven and made in the USA

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ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO RENEW

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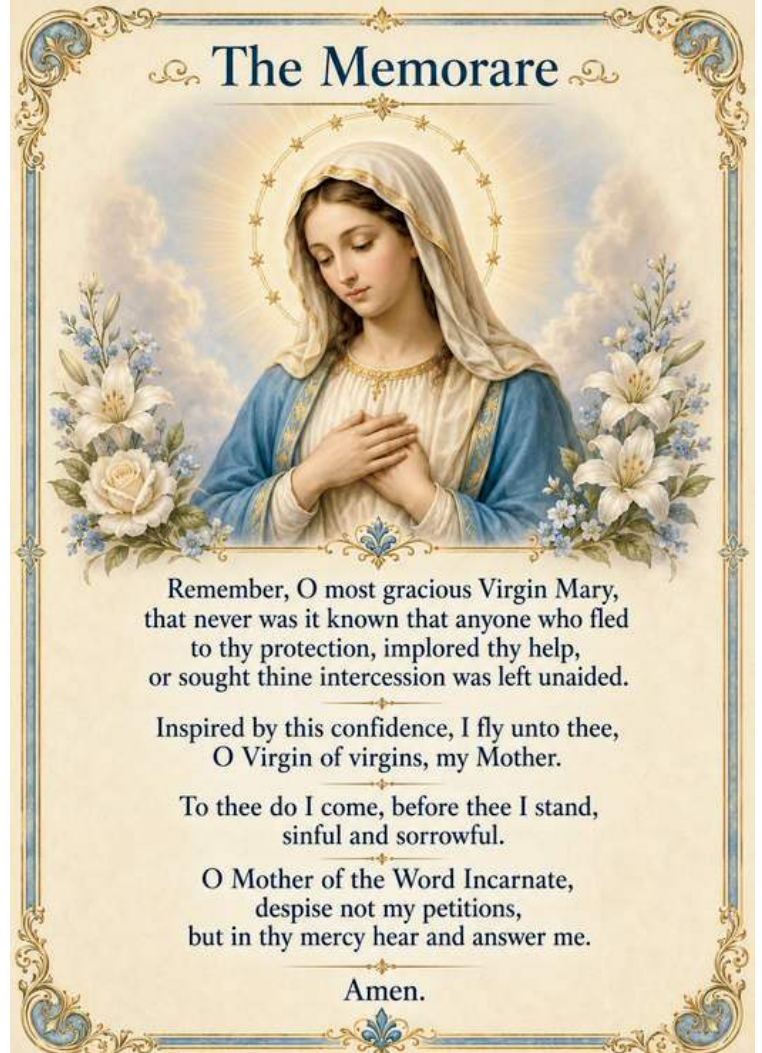


Jesus asks His disciples a direct question. Who do you say that I am. Peter answers with faith. You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. We answer that same question every day, not only with our words but with our lives. How we spend our time, what we choose, and how we treat others all say something about who we truly believe Jesus is.

Many of us want to grow closer to Christ. We want to pray more faithfully, return to Confession, forgive someone, leave behind a sinful habit, pay closer attention at Mass, serve others, or take our relationship with God more seriously. We know exactly what God is asking of us. We just tell ourselves we will start later.

You do not need to fix everything at once. Following Christ does not begin with a perfect plan. It begins with one small step today. God gives the grace we need. We only need to respond to it. Look at your life honestly. Where is Jesus calling you to greater faithfulness right now. Choose one thing, and take one real step toward Him today.

What is one thing keeping me from following Christ more faithfully, and what will I do about it today.



STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

STEWARDSHIP August 17th, 2026

Plate Giving.....	\$7,280
Mission Giving.....	\$771
Electronic Giving	\$4,158
Building Fund	\$265
Respect Life.....	\$40
Assumption of Mary	\$904
Weekly Total	\$13,418

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WE REACHED OUR GOAL!

With grateful hearts, we are delighted to announce that our parish has reached its **\$134,399 goal** for the Annual Catholic Development Appeal!

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed and helped make this achievement possible. Your faithful stewardship supports the vital ministries and programs of our local Church.

May God bless you for your generosity!



**CHARITY AND
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DID YOU KNOW? SUMMER GIVING MATTERS

During the summer months, our parish often sees a decrease in offertory giving as many seasonal parishioners return north or travel.

However, most parish expenses continue year-round, including utilities, maintenance, staff, ministries, and parish services.

Your faithful stewardship helps keep our parish strong during these slower months. Please prayerfully consider maintaining your regular giving — or adding a little extra when possible — to help offset the seasonal summer decrease.

Every gift makes a difference.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

07 • PARISH LIFE



BINGO!

2026 Schedule

Join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas #2278 for a fun afternoon of Bingo with snacks! Noon–2PM. Remaining 2026 dates: 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, and 12/3. Donations gladly accepted. All are welcome!



A FLAME OF FAITH

Votive Candles For Sale

Votive candles are available for purchase in the parish office for just \$5 each. **As a reminder, please only light candles purchased from the church, and do not remove the candle from the plastic globe.** Thank you!



BERNADETTE'S BREW

Faith & Fellowship

Come enjoy faith and fellowship with your fellow parishioners over coffee and donuts at Bernadette's Brew! Enjoy a coffee and donut combo, upgrade to a gourmet espresso for just \$5, or pair your donut with a refreshing frozen drink!



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHOIR

Praise God through Song

Do you enjoy singing and want to serve your parish? Join our Parish Choir and share your voice at Mass. All are welcome and no training required. Rehearsals weekly. Contact James at Jsalas@ololscw.org or speak with a choir member after Mass.



DIVINE MERCY

Every Thursday following the 8:30AM Mass, join a dedicated group of faithful parishioners for Divine Mercy Thursday — a beautiful time of prayer, faith, and fellowship. Come encounter God's mercy together, lift one another up in community, and renew your spirit each week. Coffee and snacks are served at the social. All are welcome. Come as you are!

PORTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Our men's ministry, the Porters of St. Joseph, is calling all men ready to stand guard over our parish! As our snowbirds head home, we need bold men to step up and fill the ranks. Interested? Email Porters@ololscw.org or call the office and ask for Joey or Sam. Answer the call!



Miraculous Medal Novena

Please join us to pray the Miraculous Medal Novena every Monday after the 8:30am Mass.

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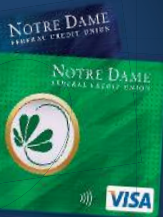
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Mission Statement

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A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone that has made a financial donation to SVDP. Summer months are always a little more challenging due to our snowbird members leaving. Neighbors in need of assistance continues while the number of Vincentian "helping hands" is significantly reduced. In July, we made 68 home visits helping a total of 311 neighbors. We provided help with furniture, appliances, food, utilities, medical/prescriptions, transportation expenses, and back-to-school supplies. Like Peter in today's gospel, we find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals Himself to us! How blessed a we to see Christ in those we visit!



Interested in becoming a VINCENTIAN?
Want to learn more about the ministry?

Our next meeting is Tuesday,
September 1st at 3:30pm in the
Madonna Hall.



FOOD DRIVE

Help Feed Our Neighbors

The Knights of Columbus Council 11809 invites our parish community to support the annual Food Drive benefiting the Valley View Community Food Bank.

Your donations of canned goods, boxed meals, pasta, peanut butter, cereal, and other non-perishable food items will help provide meals to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity throughout our community.

Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Join us on Thursday, September 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and drop off your donations at either the Our Lady of Lourdes Church parking lot or the Sun City West Foundation parking lot. Together, through Christian charity, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Blood Donors Needed

The Knights of Columbus Council 11809 and the American Red Cross invite you to take part in our upcoming Community Blood Drive. Giving blood is a simple way to help save lives and support patients in need throughout our community. The blood drive will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Madonna Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. To schedule an appointment or receive more information, please call the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Walk-ins are always welcome. Please consider taking time out of your day to donate and encourage a family member or friend to join you. Your participation helps provide a vital resource for those facing emergencies, surgeries, and other medical needs through this important effort.

BLOOD SHORTAGE NOW



10 • WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?



WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

PETER'S ANSWER REVEALS BOTH THE IDENTITY OF CHRIST AND THE MISSION OF HIS CHURCH.

Jesus asks His disciples a question in this Sunday's Gospel. He starts with a safe and easy question. Who do people say that the Son of Man is. The disciples answer easily. Some say John the Baptist. Others say Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the prophets. These are kind answers. They place Jesus among great men of God, respected teachers sent from heaven to guide His people through hard and uncertain times.

Then Jesus makes the question direct and personal. But who do you say that I am.

This question cannot be answered from a distance. It asks each disciple to say what he believes in his own heart. Simon Peter, the fisherman, speaks first. You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

This is not a guess. Jesus tells Peter that flesh and blood did not reveal this truth to him. His Father in heaven revealed it to him. Peter's confession comes from grace, not through human reasoning alone.

THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

THREE GIFTS FOR PETER

Jesus responds to Peter with three gifts. He gives him a new name, Peter, meaning rock. He says He will build His Church on this rock, and the powers of death will never overcome it. He hands Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven and authority to bind and loose in His name, the power to teach with authority and to govern the household of faith.

A Pattern from Isaiah

The first reading from Isaiah helps explain these keys. The king removes an unfit royal agent named Shebna and replaces him with Eliakim. The king places the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder. When Eliakim opens a door, no one closes it. When he closes a door, no one opens it. This key means real power to govern in the king's name.

Jesus uses this same image for Peter. He gives him power to govern His Church on earth. Here is the foundation of Peter's role, rooted in the words of Christ Himself, and through him, every pope who follows as his heir, right down to Pope Leo XIV today.

YOUR LIFE IS YOUR ANSWER

A MISSION, NOT JUST AN ANSWER

The Gospel does not stop with power alone. Peter's confession leads to a mission. He does not simply name Jesus and walk away unmoved. His answer commits him to follow Christ and build His Church.

Every believer today stands in Peter's place. Jesus asks the question now. Not who do others say that I am, but who do you say that I am.

Living What You Profess

Your answer matters. Words alone are not enough. Ask yourself today if your life shows what you believe.

Do you pray each day as someone who trusts Jesus is the Son of the living God. Do you receive the sacraments with awe. Do you obey Christ's teaching even when it costs you much. Do you love your neighbor as He taught. Do you remain faithful to His Church.

Peter's confession changed his life. Let your answer to Christ's question change yours. Take one step this week. Go to Confession, spend an hour in adoration, or speak with a priest about where your faith needs to grow.



SAINT OF THE WEEK • 11

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

A restless heart that finally found rest in God

Augustine did not start out as a saint. He spent years chasing pleasure, status, and vain answers to his heart's questions. He knew just what holiness required, yet was not ready to give up sin. In his *Confessions*, he admits praying, "Give me chastity and continence, but not yet." He wanted God, yet part of him still clung to his old habits.

Augustine grew up in North Africa with a mother, St. Monica, who never stopped praying for his return. She wept. She fasted. She prayed for years, trusting God to answer her in His own time. Years of seeking left his restless mind without peace. In time, grace broke through. He heard a child's voice telling him to open Scripture and read. That moment changed all. St. Ambrose himself baptized Augustine at the Easter Vigil, and Augustine gave his life fully to Christ. He later became Bishop of Hippo, wrote on grace and the soul, and is honored today as a Doctor of the Church.

Augustine's story still speaks to us today because his struggle is our struggle. Many of us know just what God asks of us. We just are not ready yet. We put off Confession, delay forgiving others, or cling to a habit we must release.

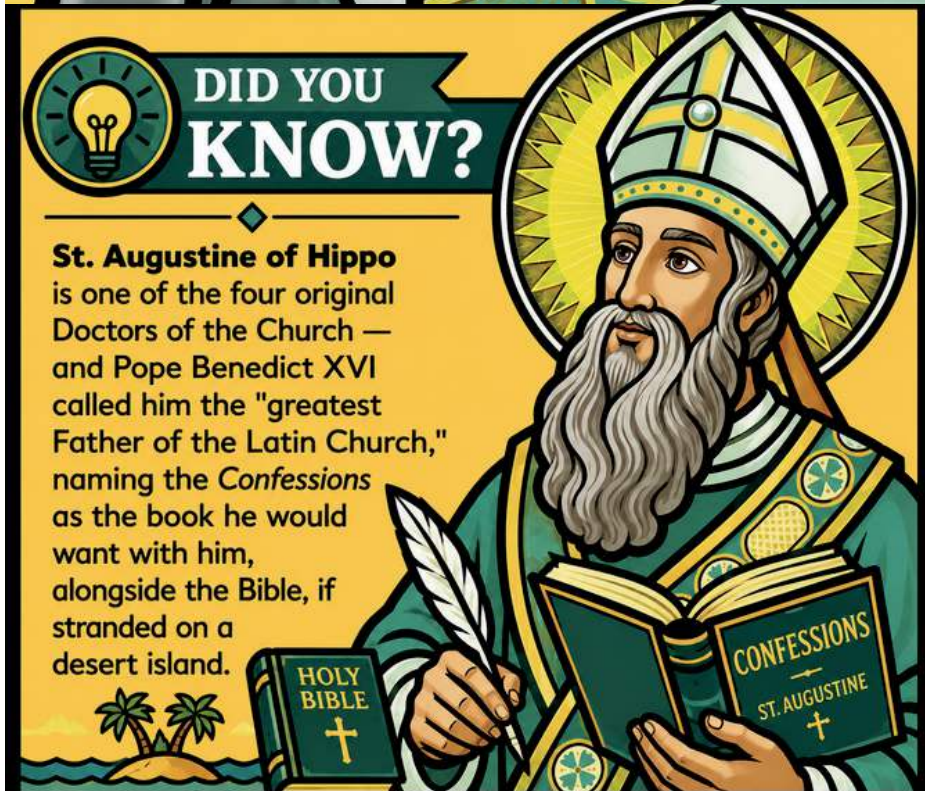
Augustine shows us that our past does not bar us from holiness. God can change even the most stubborn heart. Conversion begins the moment we stop telling God "later" and start saying yes today.

His feast day is August 28.

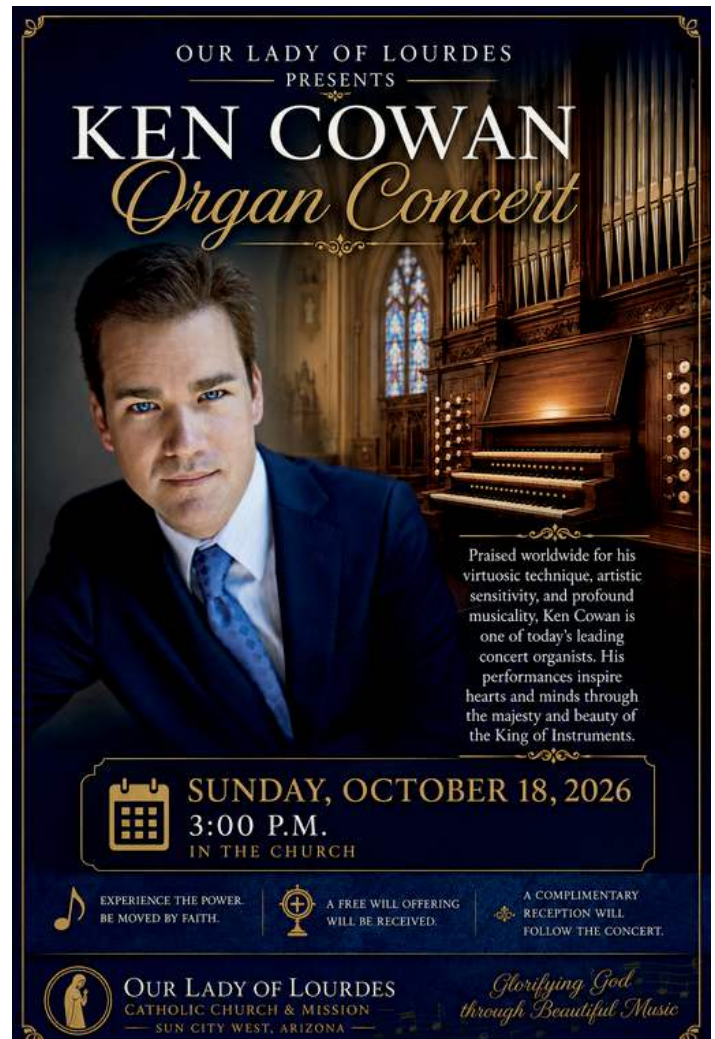
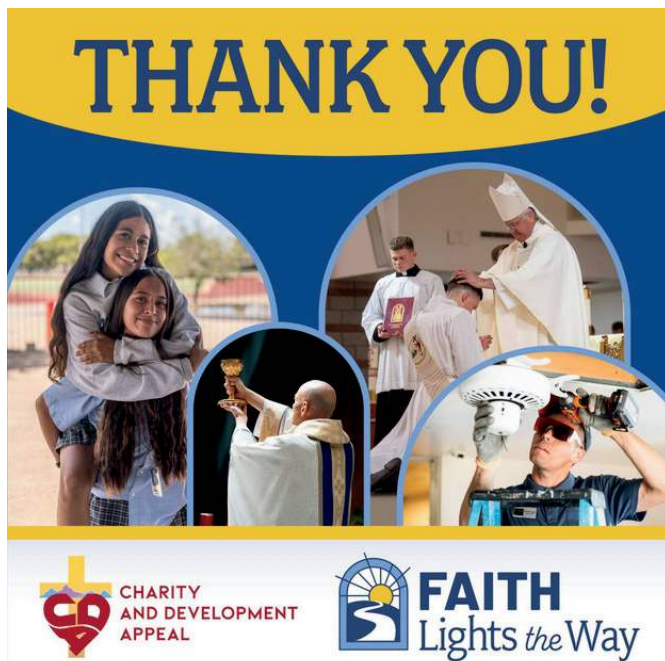


DID YOU KNOW?

St. Augustine of Hippo is one of the four original Doctors of the Church — and Pope Benedict XVI called him the "greatest Father of the Latin Church," naming the *Confessions* as the book he would want with him, alongside the Bible, if stranded on a desert island.



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES • 12



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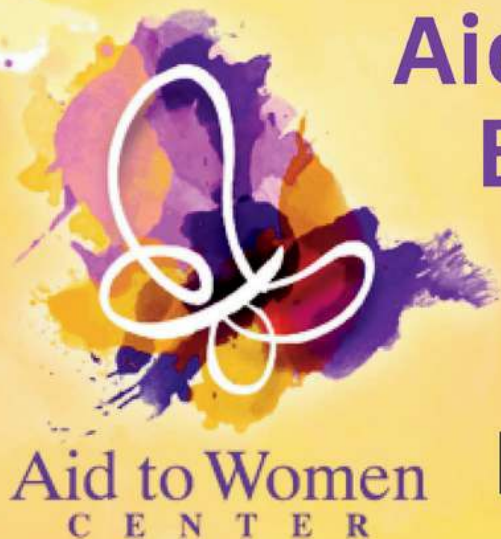
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Aid to Women Center Baby Bottle Drive

**Hosted by
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September 12th & 13th

Aid to Women Center is a non-profit pregnancy resource center that provides prenatal care, counseling, and material assistance to women in need. They are the only Pregnancy Center in AZ that provides prenatal care.

Please take a baby bottle after Mass and fill it with check, cash or coins.

Then return it at the weekend masses of September 26th & 27th.

For credit card donations, stop by the Aid to Women Center table after Mass or use this QR code to make a donation.



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#172 – CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

1. Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

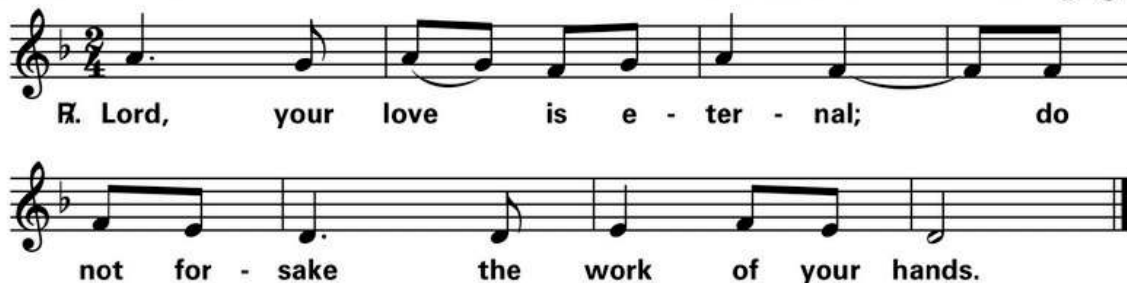
2. Crown him the Lord of love,
Behold his hands and side, —
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

GLORIA

Mass of Renewal

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

OFFERTORY HYMN

#350 – TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

1. "Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart,
And humbly follow after me."

2. Take up your cross, let not its weight
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up,
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.

3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
Nor let your foolish pride rebel;
Your Lord for you endured the cross,
To save your soul from death and hell.

4. Take up your cross then, in his strength,
And calmly sin's wild deluge brave;
It guides you to a better home,
And leads to glory o'er the grave.

SANCTUS

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MYSTERIUM FIDEI

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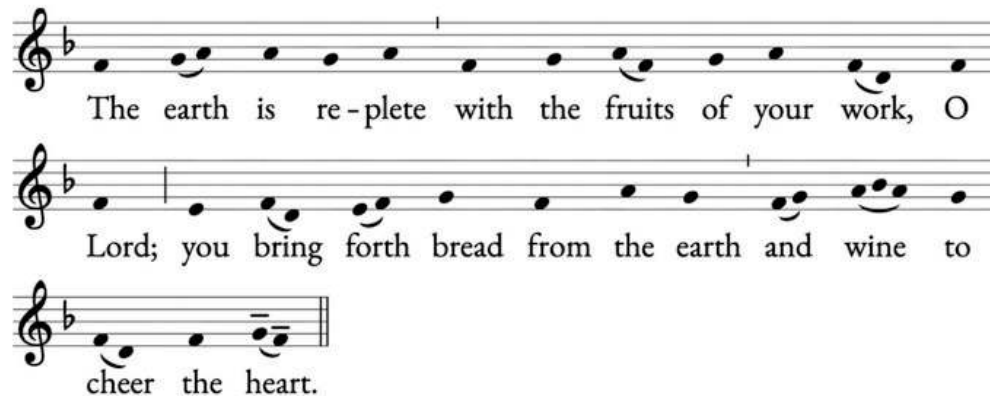
AGNUS DEI

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15 • ORDER OF WORSHIP

COMMUNION ANTIPHON



COMMUNION HYMN

1. O Lord, I am not worthy
That thou should'st come to me,
But speak the words of comfort,
My spirit healed shall be.
2. "O come, all you who labor
In sorrow and in pain.
Come, eat this Bread from heaven;

COMMUNION HYMN

1. How beautiful the hands that served,
The wine and the bread
And the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked,
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

**How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the Body of Christ.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee.
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

282 - O LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY

Thy peace and strength regain."
from all my troubles he set me free.

3. O Jesus, we adore thee,
Our Victim and our Priest,
Whose precious Blood and Body
Become our sacred Feast.

HOW BEAUTIFUL

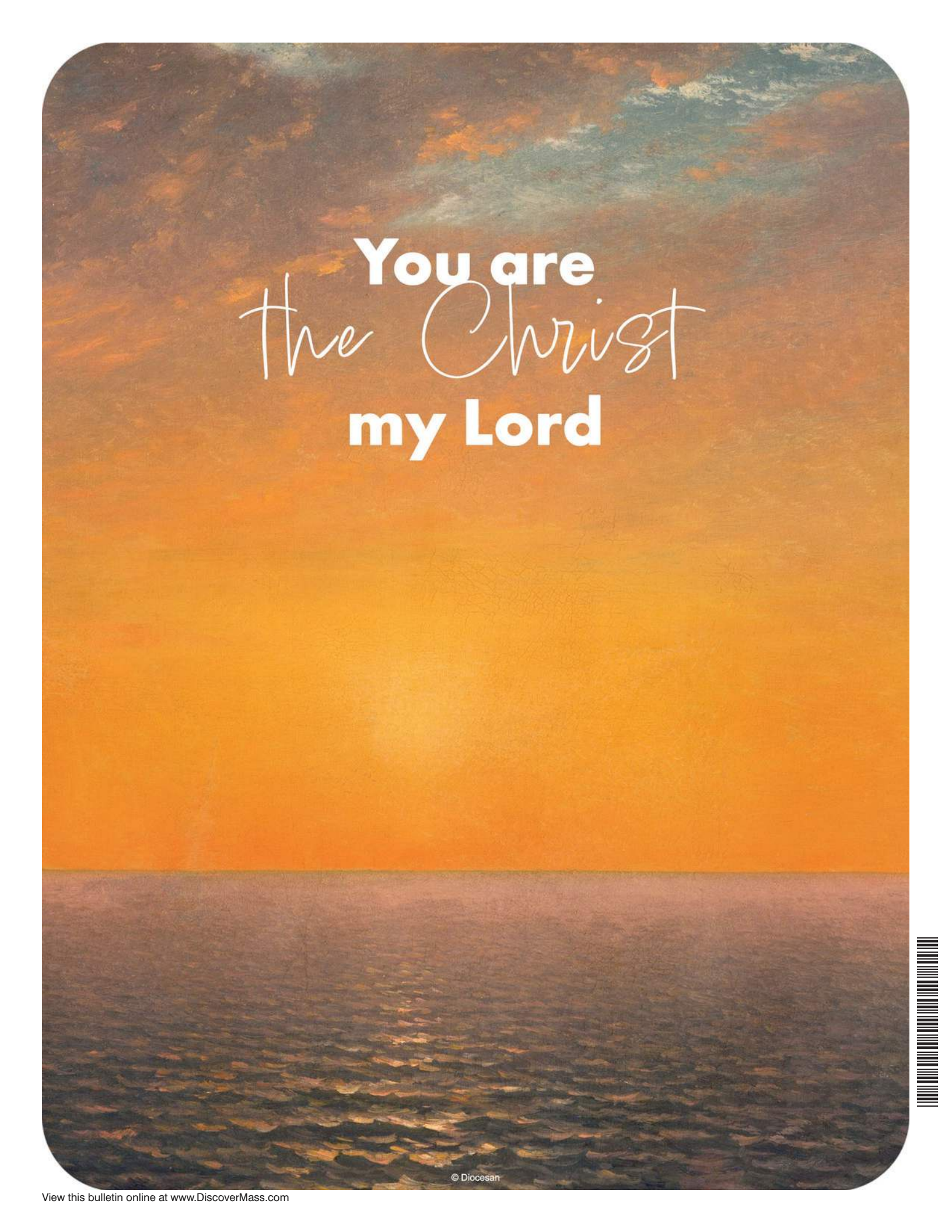
2. How beautiful the heart that bled,
That took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes,
That choose to forgive and never despise.

*And as He laid down His life,
We offer this sacrifice,
That we may live just as He died:
Willing to pay the price, willing to pay the price.*

Twila Paris

#214 - HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"



You are
the Christ
my Lord

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