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SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

Mass Times

MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:30AM Mass

SATURDAY

4:00PM

(1st Saturday) 7:30AM

SUNDAY

7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM

1PM (Spanish)

5PM (LifeTeen)

Confessions

Thurs: 5-7PM

Sat: 8:15-9:30AM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday from 8AM-8PM

Friday - 24 hour Adoration at 8AM

Benediction at 7:45AM on Saturday
In the Adoration Chapel, in the Parish Hall

Holy Days Of Obligation

As announced in the Bulletin

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, August 19th

4:00 PM Rene Dijamco - Happy Birthday
Helen Mora - Thanksgiving

Sunday, August 20th

7:30 AM Andrew Alvarez
†Linda Oyler
9:00 AM †Anna Won
†Patricia Marie Holder
11:00 PM †Rita Romero
†Richard Romero
1:00 PM †Yrma Davila Villalobos
†Jaime & Angelina Rodriguez
†Fernando Quiroz
5:00 PM People of the Parish
Andy Nguyen

Monday, August 21st

7:30 AM Rodrigo Aviles - Happy Birthday
†Mr. & Mrs. Francis Torres

Tuesday, August 22nd

7:30 AM †Nicholas Reeze
Deacon Otto & Martha Lacayo
Eugene & Ingrid Frazier

Wednesday, August 23rd

7:30 AM Pope Francis
†Gualberto Lizama

Thursday, August 24th

7:30 AM Fr. Henry Sseriiso, Fr. Andres Rivera
†Fred De Stefano

Friday, August 25th

7:30 AM William Cabison - Happy Birthday
†Addyline Arellano

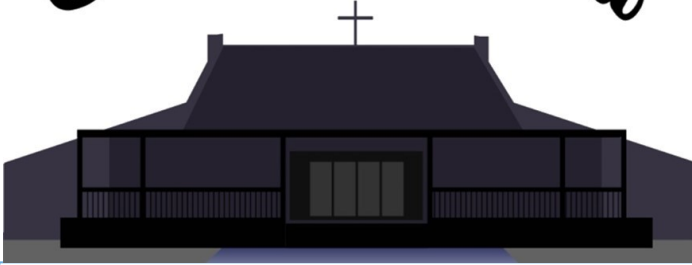
Saturday, August 26th

4:00 PM †Anita Temple
†Myrna Golfo
†Melinda Lockard Hidalgo

Sunday, August 27th

7:30 AM People of the Parish
†Francis & Fr. Charles
9:00 AM †Luis Villaflores Cornelia
†Idelfonso Manalo
11:00 PM †Manuel Juarez
†Thomas & Esperanza Ramilla
1:00 PM †Napoleon Estrella
†Rosa Maria Zapata
5:00 PM †Hector Rivera
†Dolores Trujillo

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909-477-3362 for Emergencies requiring a priest

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assist you as soon as possible**

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PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday, August 21st

7:30 AM - Mass - Church
10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl - St. Bernadine
5:15 PM - Childrens Faith Formation - JPll
6:00 PM - Boy Scouts - Hall/Library
7:00 PM - Lectio Divina - St. Bernadine
7:00 PM - Meditación Cristiana - Chapel

Tuesday, August 22nd

7:30 AM - Mass - Church
10:00 AM - Talleres de Oracion y Vida—Bernadine
5:00 PM - Catholic Daughters - Library
6:00 PM - Youth Ministry Meeting - JPll
7:00 PM - RCIA - JPll - OLG Room
7:00 PM - Divorced, Separated Group - JPll
7:00 PM - Talleres de Oracion y Vida - Augustine

Wednesday, August 23rd

7:30 AM - Mass - Church
8:15 AM - Adoration - Chapel
4:00 PM - Childrens Faith Formation - JPll
6:30 PM - A.C.T.S. Missions - Library
7:00 PM - Hispanic Co. Comm. - St. Teresa
7:00 PM - St. Vincent
7:45 PM - Benediction - Chapel

Thursday, August 24th

7:30 AM - Mass - Church
10:00 AM - Spiritual Motherhood Rosary
for Priests - Chapel
1:00 PM - Flame of Love Holy Hour - Chapel
6:30 PM - A.C.T.S. Missions - Library
7:00 PM - El Rezo del Santo Rosario - Chapel

Friday, August 25th

7:30 AM - Mass - Church
8:15 AM - Adoration - Chapel (24 hours)
6:00 PM - Marriage Everlasting - JPll
7:00 PM - Ministerio Con Pequeñas - Bosco

Saturday, August 26th

7:45 AM - Benediction - Chapel
4:00 PM - Mass - Church

Our Parish Financial Corner

08/13/2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$16,255.00
Sunday Plate:	\$3,660.88
Sunday Online:	\$6,606.50
<i>Total Sunday</i>	<i>\$26,522.38</i>

Total Miscellaneous \$7,755.65

DDF 2023

Diocese Goal: \$133,500.00
 Pledges Made: \$88,466.00
 Gifts Received: \$79,160.27
 Donors: 283
 Percent of Goal: 59.30 %
 As of: Aug 14, 2023 10:16PM

Let us pray for those
serving our country:

Ryker Convento
 Kyle Marquez
 Robert Wilson
 Zackarey Schade
 David Messing
 Jeffrey Combalecer
 William Joseph Wright
 Sean Ball Jr.
 Michael Rivera
 Jeremiah Apodaca
 Manuel Juarez

Dear Parishioners,

For your convenience we have provided several ways you can send your offering.



- Safely drop off in the office between the hours 8:30 am to 4:30pm Mon-Thurs. Fri. 9am-12.
- Drop in the mail slot in the Serra Building which is checked daily
- Mail in to St. Peter & St. Paul, 9135 Banyan St., Alta Loma, 91737
- Through your bank
- Online giving via our website (Use our QR Code)



Thank you for your continued support of our parish and we are so grateful to be back in the pews! May God bless you and keep you and your families safe.

In Christ's Service *Fr. Henry*



Isaiah 56:1




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Tagalog Corner

Ang sabi ng Panginoon sa kanyang bayan:
 "Panatilihin ang katarungan at gawin ang tama, sapagkat ang pagliligtas ko'y hindi na magtatagal, at ang aking tagumpay ay mahahayag na."

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.



In Memoriam

†Raymond Gallardo †Lupe Ledesma
†Christian Aguirre †Dolores Morgan
†Paul Dorado †Jeff Signor
†Sister Carol Ann Holder, OSU,
†Art Estrella †Angela Gargano



Pray for the Sick

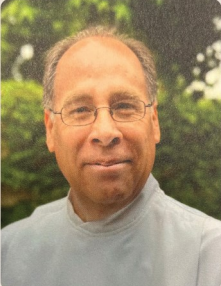
Brian Dahm, Kevin & Yolanda
Suchoza, Evie Ontiveros,
Suzanne Killingsworth, Henry &
Esther Torres, Naida Fabi,
Natalie Arrellano, Frank Perea, Corey Mittwer,
Baby Evelyn Perez,
Carol Conway, Jan Jenkey,
Eddie Farias, Michael Boyington,
Ann Davis, Pat Simpson, Jan Shively,
David Ramirez, Michael Anton,
Jose Zolotoff, Marco Arana,
Angelina Knight, Zenia Payne,
Vince Diamzon, Mariscelle Dehzo,
Linda Jacques, Marcy Solano,
Yolanda Sanchez, Richard Ferriola,
Fred Sanchez, John Roque, Maria Roque,
Brian Cox, Sonia Costa, Denzil Fernandes

Save the Date

ORDINATION TO THE
Permanent Diaconate

August 26, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Holy Family Church
99741 Avenue, Hesperia, CA 92345



MASS OF THANKSGIVING
Celebrating the Ordination of
Tom Imbruglia

AUGUST 26TH
4:00 p.m

Dinner Reception
immediately following
the Mass in
the church hall.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

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

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

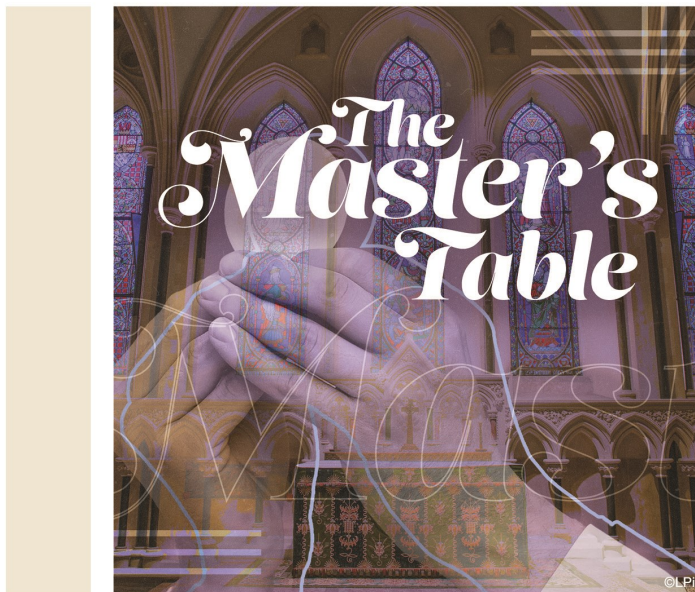
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuitively grasps that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— Father John Muir

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To designate the weekend & occasion please call
CAROLINA MENENDEZ -- (909)987-9312

This week's flowers were
donated by Terri DiGiuseppe
For the eternal rest of
†Linda Oyler



August 20, 2023

YOUTH MINISTRY



Registration for the 2023-2024 year is still open. All registration forms can be found on our website stpeterstpaul.com



High School Confirmation

Year 1 begins Sept. 10th/12th
Year 2 begins Sept. 17th/19th



Middle & High School 1st Communion Prep.

Parent Meeting - Sept. 21st @ 5:30pm
Classes Begin - Sept. 28th



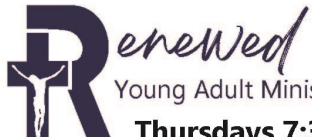
Middle School Ministry

Parent/Teen Meeting - Sept. 7th
Kick-Off - Sept. 18th



High School Ministry

Events will be starting up in October



Young Adult Ministry

Thursdays 7:30pm-8:30pm

August 24th - Mass in the Chapel

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Upcoming Events

Volunteer Training Sessions

August 22nd

6pm-8pm - Upstairs in JP2

EDGE Core Team Meeting

August 28th at 5pm - JP2

LIFETEEN Core Team Meeting

August 29th at 6pm - JP2

Mon 10:30AM - 4PM | Tues/Wed 10:30AM - 5:30PM | Thurs/Fri CLOSED | Sun 2PM-4PM

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8/21-25: OPEN 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

8/24: BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT



8/28: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (K-8)

**8/29: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
(PRESCHOOL M-F & T/TH)**

**8/30: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
(PRESCHOOL M/W/F)**



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Lisa Frank—Preschool Director
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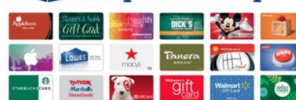
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(Checks can be made payable to SVDP)

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. Matthew 25: 31-46"

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Leave a message and your call will be returned.

This rewarding ministry can be a fulfilling part of your life. Please consider volunteering as a Call taker or member of a Visiting team. Our members will train you.

Contact: SVDPAlaboma@aol.com

Catholic Faith-Based Grief Support Group

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. John 14:1"

Have you lost a loved one?

When we grieve the loss of someone in our lives, it affects our physical, mental, and emotional being. These are all natural and normal grief responses, which need to be processed. With the direction and encouragement of our Faith-Based Grief Support Group, you will begin to form an understanding and healing of these many emotions. All are welcome to attend our next session.

**Our next session will begin on
Wednesday, September 6, 2023, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm
In the JPPII Building Conference Room**

Please contact Andrea Woore: Grief Facilitator at 909-261-3487
Or Gloria Rivera, at 909-987-9312 Ext. 1105 for more information.



It Begins With You!

Members of a welcoming and evangelizing community take seriously Jesus' call to "Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

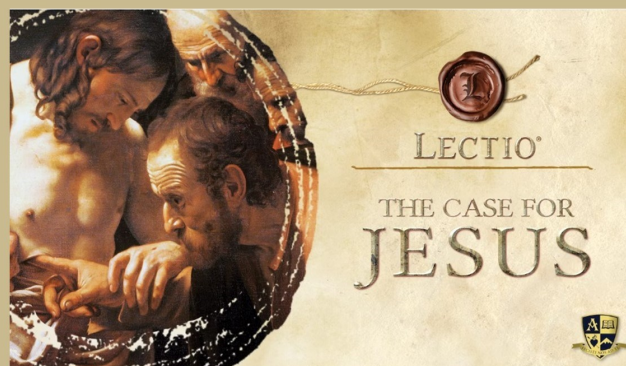
RCIA ~ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

A place to ask questions and seek understanding.

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| ♦ Not baptized, or | Start Date: Tues, Aug. 22, 2023 |
| ♦ Baptized as a non-Catholic | Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM |
| ♦ At least 18 years old | Location: JPPII Pastoral Center,
Our Lady of Guadalupe Room |
| ♦ No pressure | Coordinator: Jenny Campbell, M. A. |
| ♦ Inquire—Learn about the Faith—Reflect—Pray—Discern | Phone: (909) 987-9312 ext 1122
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Share your love for Jesus, learn more about your faith and deepen your own spirituality. Contact Jenny for info.



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Eucharistic Miracle of STIPHOUT

NETHERLANDS, 1342

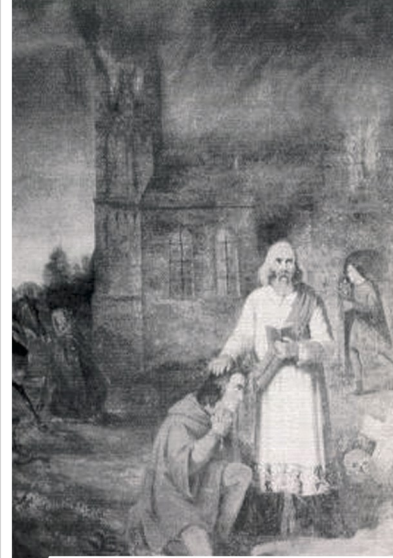


In the Eucharistic miracle of Stiphout, consecrated Hosts were preserved from a raging fire that destroyed the whole church, which was later rebuilt. In addition to the many documents describing the miracle, one can admire a painting depicting the miraculous episode in the parish church where it occurred.

This event is celebrated each year by the residents of Stiphout especially on the feast of Corpus Christi.



Interior of Saint Trudo's Church



Picture showing the miracle.
At the bottom Jan Bollois is seen rescuing the Blessed Sacrament



Saint Trudo's Church, Stiphout



In 1342 a violent thunderstorm suddenly broke out in the village of Stiphout. A lightning bolt struck the parish, setting it on fire. The flames quickly spread everywhere and reached the interior of the church. Not knowing what to do, the elderly pastor, Jan Hocaerts, immediately ran to warn the neighbors. A group of the faithful led by Jan Baloy, decided to try to rescue the Blessed Sacrament.

It was impossible to enter the church and the only solution left was for someone to be lowered down through the window. Jan Baloy volunteered. After breaking the glass of the large window near the altar with a bar, he let himself down inside. With great amazement, he saw that the flames which had already destroyed the whole church were being kept away from the area

around the tabernacle. Jan then opened the tabernacle, grabbed the ciborium containing the consecrated Hosts, and carried them to safety. Everyone immediately shouted, "Miracle!". The church was later rebuilt and the Hosts remained intact until 1557. Because of historical vicissitudes and religious wars, every trace of them was subsequently lost.

