

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 34.

RESPONSE:

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, praise of him is always in my mouth. In the Lord my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad. **R**
2. The Lord turns his eyes to the just, and his ears are open to their cry. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. **R**
3. When the just cry out, the Lord hears, and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R**
4. Many are the trials of the just man, but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones; not one of his bones shall be broken. **R**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the just man are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. All who trust in him shall not be condemned. **R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:21-32.

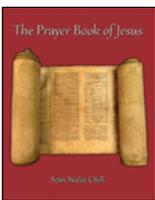
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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GOSPEL: John 6:60-69.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth, and wine to cheer the heart.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 23 Aug (St Rose of Lima, V)

1 Thess 1:1-5.8-10; Psalm 149; Matthew 23:13-22
Take a minute right now, stop reading... and feel God's presence... Nothing to plug in, or app to download. God is near, truly present, even when we don't call. And if we are silent, we can hear God talking to us.

Tue 24 Aug ST BARTHOLOMEW, A

Revelations 21:9-14; Psalm 145; John 1:45-51
God knows the essential goodness out of which we are made. When we are open to this goodness, like St Bartholomew, we respond. *God, open my heart and mind to being known and called.*

Wed 25 Aug (St Joseph of Calasanz, Pr)

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Psalm 139; Matthew 23:27-32
St Teresa of Avila said that one day at prayer she heard God say to her, "Enjoy me!" Those two words, she said, changed her life. What do we hear God say to us? May God's constant presence in your life bring you joy.

Thu 26 Aug Liturgy of the Day

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 90; Matthew 24:42-51
Sometimes we jump to conclusions about people. We find that they are not limited to who we imagine them to be. Who are we to judge? God's generosity and mercy are beyond anything we can possibly conceive.

Fri 27 Aug St Monica

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalm 97; Matthew 25:1-13
St Augustine wrote in his notes to God, "My mother (St Monica) was unhappy because you seemed to ignore her prayers and tears. She did not realize that you were preparing her for even greater gifts."

Sat 28 Aug St Augustine, BD

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98; Matthew 25:14-30
"God's justice happens when human beings work toward a world where fairness and compassion thrive. Joy follows when justice expands in the world" – Sr Joyce Rupp, OSM.

Sun 29 Aug 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8; Psalm 15; Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23
"Oh, Lord, let me feel at one with myself. Let me perform a thousand daily tasks with love, but let every one spring from a greater central core of devotion and love." – Efty Hillesum

(KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial) V=Virgin; A=Apostle; Pr=Priest; B=Bishop; D=Doctor)

Catholic Link

BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B
Divine Office: Week I • 22 August 2021

Political Charity

We do not normally associate politics with love, but that is exactly what Pope Francis does in *Fratelli Tutti*. In a superb subsection of Chapter 5 entitled "*The Politics We Need*", while admitting that politics is often a distasteful word (thanks to the mistakes, corruption and inefficiency of some politicians) the pope asks, "Yet can our world function without politics?" If not, he asks, what kind of politics do we need?

What is needed is a politics which is far-sighted, ...a healthy politics capable of reforming and co-ordinating institutions, promoting best practices and overcoming undue pressure and bureaucratic inertia.

Some may throw up their hands at the mere mention of bureaucracy (note the pope's added descriptive, "inertia"!) but, as Francis insists, it all boils down to the need to focus on and promote the long-term common good. The notion of the "common good" goes straight back to the great St Thomas Aquinas and his own writings on the political and social reality of human beings. But Pope Francis adds something quite novel and thought-provoking, something he calls "*political love*".

At first glance this may seem off-putting to some, particularly people of an anti-religious bent who might dismiss it for being too "churchy". But why not love in politics? If Jesus invites his followers to be light to the world and salt to the earth, should not love be the very substance of light and salt? Pope Francis writes: For whereas individuals can help others in need, when they join together in initiating social processes of fraternity and justice for

all, they enter the field of charity at its most vast, namely political charity.

"Charity at its most vast..." This shows breadth of vision. Mother Teresa of Calcutta had it. When it came to love in action, she thought big. She travelled the world promoting it and received the Nobel Peace Prize for it. Francis expresses his deepest hope:

Once more, I appeal for a renewed appreciation of politics as a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good.

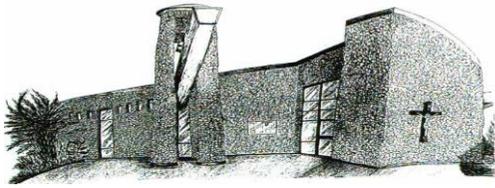
Behind the "political theology" of Francis is his belief that each of us is only fully a person when we are part of a people. Christian love in action, like it or not, happens within the ambiguities and tilted

structures of our very fallen world. As we have said before, we are all political beings. We all have to find ways to practice Christian charity, not just within our homes, but in our neighbourhoods, in our towns and cities, and (dare I say it?), while driving on the road! We're all involved. But Francis throws out a special challenge to politicians themselves:

Government leaders should be the first to make the sacrifices that foster encounter and to seek convergence on at least some issues. They should be ready to listen to other points of view and to make room for everyone. Through sacrifice and patience, they can help to create a reality in which everyone has a place.... [Political leadership should promote] an exchange of gifts for the common good. It may seem naïve and utopian, yet we cannot renounce this lofty aim.



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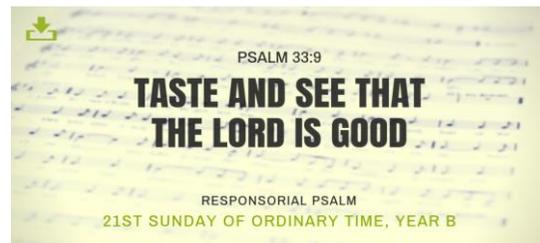
REPOSITORY IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

See notice on door for contact numbers for items urgently required.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The seriously sick:

Anthony Norris, Brian Fuller, Judy Willman, Scarlett Wright, Patrick Marx, Andre Herder, Veronique & Michael Tunley, Jerelene Naidoo-Chetty, Lyn Rossell & Dale Smith.



MASS ATTENDANCE: During Level Three of the national response to Covid pandemic, daily public Mass has returned with a limited attendance of **50** persons. The gates will be closed when the **50** person limit is reached.

ONLINE MASSES: The **9.30am** Sunday Mass will be available online, live-streamed on [Facebook](#).

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 21 Aug 5.00pm

Ivan & Quintin Plowman R.I.P. [Sheila]

Mike Rehman R.I.P. [Naidoo Family]

Charné Lloyd's Birthday [Niemack Family]

Sun 22 Aug 7.30am

Vimbai Gobo's Special Intention [Sutherland Family]

Colleen Parsons Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

Sun 22 Aug 9.30am

Mr Leslie Jacob's Birthday [Family]

Mon 23 Aug 5.30pm

Raheem Jooman's Birthday [Family]

Tue 24 Aug 5.30pm

All Parishioners

Wed 25 Aug 8.00am St Bartholomew

Alison Gordon's Birthday [Frankson Family]

Leila Kalidin's Birthday [Emmanuel Family]

Thu 26 Aug 5.30pm

Nolan King R.I.P. [Leeann & children]

Reagan Macdonald's Birthday [Family]

Edmund & Elizabeth Dimba R.I.P. [Simangele]

Fri 27 Aug 8.00am St Monica

Kristin Paulson's Birthday [Family]

Sat 28 Aug 5.00pm

Brianne Frankson's Special Intention

Sun 29 Aug 7.30am

Elizabeth Setebe's Special Intention

Jemaine Parsons' Special Intention

Arthur & Ursula King

Sun 29 Aug 9.30am

Albert William Frost R.I.P. [Frost & Lundell Families]

Patsy Maycock R.I.P. [Nick & Family]

CHANGE OF MASS TIME: Please note the change of Mass time for **MONDAY 23 AUGUST to 5.30pm**. Mass will revert back to normal time next week.

PARISH POST OFFICE BOX: Please note that the parish has closed its Post Office box due to lack of use.

PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL LINK:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UC7SW37icz8YbjaE300mgPw> -

We still need **+110** more subscribers to reach the **1,000** requirement for **Masses to be live-streamed weekly on YouTube**.

Parishioners are requested to make a drive to recruit friends and family to assist us in reaching our target.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH:

We say thank you once again to the parishioners who have been supportive in many ways, and especially financially, during this ongoing COVID pandemic. May God continue to bless you and keep you and your family safe and well. For those parishioners who don't have the parish banking details, and would like to make a contribution, the parish banking information is as follows-

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SOUTHERN CROSS:

The **August** issue, as well as the **July** Southern Cross issues are available at R30 from the parish office during regular hours. **May** and **June** and some **April** issues will be available from next weekend at the back of the church. Please place your donation into either of the brass collection boxes near the wooden crucifix, for issues taken from the church.

MATER HOMES Right to Live: Parishioners wishing to make a donation to this worthy cause, may drop off their donation at the parish office, or deposit directly into the AOD account: **RIGHT TO LIVE CAMPAIGN – FNB / Branch: 221-426 Durban Main / Acc No. 50841228816.**

CONGRATULATIONS:

Sacrament of Confirmation on 20 August:

Anneliese Adams, Carlo Ally, Jazmine Cradock, Kaylee De Bruin, Kayla Dunn, Brianne Frankson, Cole Gillot, Vimbai Gobo, Darre Koekemoer, Adrian O'Reilly, Kaylee Pottier, Okuhle Sibiba, Paula Singh, Ashleigh Theron and Tegan Williams.

We congratulate them on the occasion of their Confirmation and we express our sincere thanks to their catechists, Cathy Frankson and Mervyn Eddie & Co-Ordinator Brenda Dunn, for helping to prepare them in faith and understanding during these difficult times. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit to continue the practice of their faith and their involvement in the parish community.

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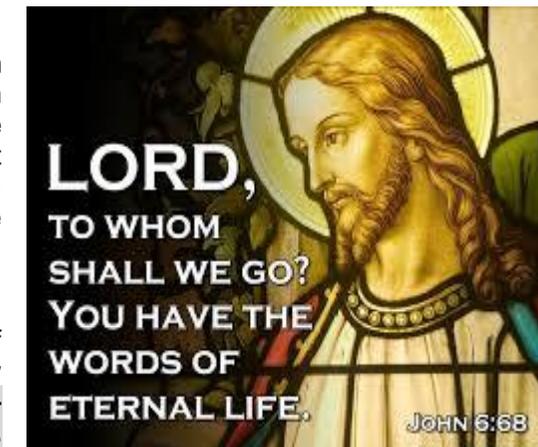
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21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
● **YEAR B** ● **22 AUGUST 2021**
DIVINE OFFICE: WEEK I
DAILY MASS READINGS: YEAR I



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Psalm 85:1-3

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FIRST READING:

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

In those days, Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "If you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in this region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

The word of the Lord.

PSALM:

Psalm 34:1-2.15-22

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

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...R

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 5:21-32

Brethren: Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church, his body, and is himself its Saviour. As the Church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the Church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. Even so husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever hates his own flesh, but nourished and cherishes it, as Christ does the Church, because we are members of his body. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

John 6:63. 68

R. Alleluia.

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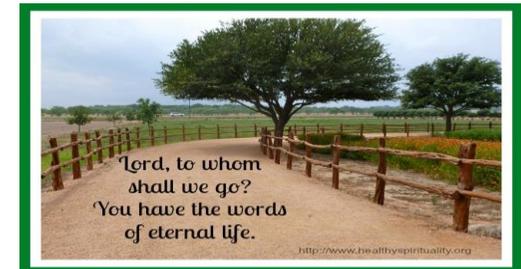
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GOSPEL:

John 6:60-69

At that time: Many of the disciples known to Jesus said. "This is hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in himself that the disciples murmured at it, said to them, "Do you take offence at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending from where he was before? It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you that do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer walked with him. Jesus said to the Twelve, "Will you also go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Psalm 103:13-49

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