

August 27, 2023

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus poses the question “But who do you say I am?” in today’s Gospel passage. It is a question posed to Peter and the disciples, to Matthew’s first readers, and to the Church today. Peter’s confession of faith in Jesus as Christ and Son of God was a culmination of what the disciples had experienced in their life with Jesus thus far. Jesus affirms Peter’s declaration as a gift from God. But it was only the beginning of Peter’s understanding of what these words actually meant, and how the disciples saw themselves in light of this truth. As Jesus and the disciples turned toward Jerusalem and to the cross, the disciples perhaps pondered their own identity, together with their dawning understanding of Jesus’ identity. For us, the journey of faith, initiated and sustained by the Holy Spirit, means an ongoing reflection upon who Jesus is and who we are

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Documents of Vatican II—The Decrees

As mentioned earlier, the four Constitutions were not the only documents issued by the Second Vatican Council. There were also nine Decrees. Here is a list of them, with a word about the significance of each.

The Decree on Instruments of Social Communication (*Inter Mirifica*) calls on the Church to use modern means of communication to proclaim the gospel.

The Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*), while clearly outlining the uninterrupted succession in the Roman Catholic Church since the beginning, seeks reunion with the other Christian churches and ecclesial communities. Historical blame on both sides is acknowledged for the separation that now exists, and dialogue is encouraged, with reform of the Catholic Church as part of the process. In *Ut Unum Sint*, his encyclical on ecumenism, Pope Saint John Paul II himself proclaimed that Vatican II committed the Catholic Church irrevocably to the ecumenical effort.

The Decree on the Bishops’ Pastoral Office in the Church (*Christus Dominus*) picks up where *Lumen Gentium* left off, giving a job description for bishops and urging shared decision-making (collegiality). Diocesan pastoral councils were also established by this decree.

The Decree on Priestly Formation (*Optatam Totius*) revises the Council of Trent’s rules for seminary formation—now including scripture, ecumenism, and history, among others—and allows for local guidelines



P.R.E. start date has been changed to Wednesday Sept 20th from 5pm until 6:30 pm Students will go to Mass then to class ,pick –up time will be at 6:30 Father Anthony will be having an adult class for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Your kindness, O Lord, lasts forever; remember those you have created (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:13-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine

Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Friday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Special Collection

Catholic Universities

September 3, 2023

August 20th 2023

Sunday collection

\$ 1400.00

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

Divine Master, grant that I may not so much

seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born

to eternal life.

IMPRESSIONABLE

When we try to make an impression, that’s exactly the impression we make

Aug 6th 2023

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