



LIVE TODAY WELL

Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and tomorrow a vision of hope.

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August 17, 2025
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

.PROPHETS

We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday’s readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God’s purposes. A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them “papal bulls.”

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or “Ring of the Fisherman.” It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of “fishing for human beings.” Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope’s name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope’s death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.

PRE Classes will start
September 14th Sunday
from 9:45 until 10:45

TODAY’S READINGS

1st Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Judges 2:11-19; Ps 106; G Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday: Judges 6:11-24a; Ps 85; G Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday: Judges 9:6-15; Ps 21; G Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday: Judges 11:29-39a; Ps 40; G Matthew 22:1-14
Friday: Ruth 1:1,3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146; G Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday: Ruth 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17; Ps 128; G Matthew 23:1-12
Sunday: Isaiah 66:18-21(123C); Ps 117:1,2; G Luke 13:22-30

Save the Date! The St Andrew and St Regina Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 10:00 am at St Andrew. Bring a side dish to share or a dessert. A sign- up sheet is at the front of the church put name and how many are attending. Sunday Mass will be at 10:00 am at St. Andrew

When donating for the parking lot please state on the check or envelope how it is to be used .The cost will be \$8000.00 and we have \$4231.00 dollars at this time .

. **Wednesday, August 20th, Knights of Columbus meeting.** Dinner at 6:00pm, Rosary at 6:45 and meeting at 7:00pm. All knights and Catholic men interested are encouraged to attend.

August 3rd-----
LECTOR PEGGY
SERVER Carlos
EUCCHARISTIC Jim, Beverly, Ann F
COUNTER
August 10th -----
LECTOR Beverly
SERVER Max
EUCCHARISTIC. Ann C, Anita, Jim
COUNTER
August 17th -----
LECTOR Mark
SERVER Max
EUCCHARISTIC Beverly, Peggy, Jim
COUNTER
August 24th -----
LECTOR MARY
SERVER CARLOS
EUCCHARISTIC Ann F, Peggy ,Florenca
COUNTER
August 31st
LECTOR PEGGY -----
SERVER CARLOS
EUCCHARISTIC Ann F, Peggy ,Florenca
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WEDNESDAY LECTOR
August 6th Peggy
August 13th Cheri
August 20th Beverly
August 27th Peggy

SUNDAY COLLECTION
8-10-2025
\$1032.00
Parking Lot
\$165.00
Yard Sale
\$1067.80