

AUGUST 23, 2020 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, August 22nd

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30 Emily Resuello & Asuncion Corpus by Mr.& Mrs. Danilo Corpus

Sunday, August 23rd

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, August 24th

St. Bartholomew, apostle

Tuesday, August 25th

St. Louis

St. Joseph Calasanz

Wednesday, August 26th

Thursday, August 27th No Mass

St. Monica

Friday, August 28th

St. Augustine

Saturday, August 29th

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

4:30 John and Edith McCormack by Helene & Patricia McCormack

REFLECTION

Nothing but Jesus

We all need some statements like Peter's that give a rock and a meaning to life, It gives us a clue of where we belong at deeper levels. We all need statements that express our faith in God. For Peter it was his faith in Jesus, the son of God. This would keep him going all of his life, even at times of unfaithfulness and danger. He could never forget that he had said, 'you are the Christ, the son of the living God'.

We might wonder who or what is a living God for us? Where we might put our basic trust? What is it that, if taken away, we would be lost without? We can give our lives to family, country, a political party, money. Some of these are worth our trust and some not so much.

We need the rock that Peter found in Jesus. He was called rock only because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, the one who calls forth our faith and love and gives our lives a huge meaning. It's not that we have nothing but Jesus – it's that we can integrate all that is important in life within our trust in him. It is God who reveals Jesus to us.

We want to give this to our younger people ~ a rock they can stand on in life, which nothing can demolish. This is Jesus, and in him all is created.

Recall strong convictions in your life. Ask that they may be strengthened.

Lord, be my rock, my stronghold, my safety.

Donal Neary S.J.

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Donations to Lebanon

Archbishop Lépine has requested that a collection be taken up in all parishes in order to assist those affected by the horrendous explosion in Beirut. All monies collected will be sent to the Maronite community, who are already working as volunteers on relief efforts in Lebanon.

If you will not be attending Mass this weekend, you can also make an online donation directly to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. at <https://www.devp.org/en> As a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Development and Peace will be participating in the matching fund launched by the Canadian Government and the Humanitarian Coalition to help the people of Lebanon.