

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



You have expectations of the Prime Minister of Canada. You have certain ideas about what he should do and say especially in certain situations. You have expectations of what the schoolteacher should do and say. You have expectations of everybody who is in a particular role or public position. At the time

of Jesus, the Jews also had expectations of what the Messiah should be like and what he should do and say. Jesus' contemporaries expected the Messiah would solve their political problems.

But Jesus' idea of what the Messiah should be and do was completely different to the expectations of his contemporaries. We can understand why Jesus' contemporaries did not think He was the Messiah because he was not doing or saying the things they expected the Messiah would. But Peter received a huge grace from God. Peter proclaimed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Now that Peter has proclaimed Jesus to be the Messiah and Jesus has admitted to his disciples that He is in fact the long awaited Messiah, Jesus must correct their false notions of who the Messiah really is and explain that He is a suffering Messiah who will die for the people.

Jesus came revealing what the Father's plan for the world was. The problem was that people were looking at Jesus only from a worldly point of view with their notion of what the Messiah should do. What about us? Where do we get the information that feeds and nourishes our minds? Do we take our understanding of the meaning of life and our values for living *from the world* or do we take our values *from Jesus* and allow his teaching to feed and nourish our minds? If we allow our minds and way of thinking to be formed and influenced by the thinking of the world, we may end up on the wrong track like some of the disciples. But if we listen to Jesus' words and probe them until we understand then we will be blessed people as Jesus called Peter blessed in our Gospel today.

If we do not understand some aspect of the Church's teaching, we can probe and question until we find the reason for the Church's teaching. The Church is a caring mother and has very good reasons for leading and guiding people in the way she does. It is out of love and care for us that the Church teaches us as she does. Jesus has come to show us the way to the Father. The way of the world often only leads to hell, sometimes hell on earth, but the world wants to disguise where it is leading us, because the world profits when we follow the ways of the world. We take our guidance from Jesus because He is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the only one who can save us.

(Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, August 24 9:00 a.m.

Birthday blessings for Joanne Lim	req Felisa Go
Healing for Amy and Lee McBride	req Lolita Pascua
Roberts and McFarlane families	req Fernanda
Souls of Jacinto Mira and Cepriana Limbago	req Ardy Mira

Tuesday, August 25 9:00 a.m.

Philip Hartnell	req Linda Hartnell and family
Thanksgiving	req Rebecca Ramos

Wednesday, August 26 9:00 a.m.

Souls in purgatory	req Lolita Pascua
Soul of Roosevelt	req Grace Kennedy

Thursday, August 27 9:00 a.m.

All souls in purgatory	req Benilda Fajardo
Rosa-Luigi Sottile	req Carmelina Sottile
Thanksgiving	req Helen Lopez and family

Friday, August 28 9:00 a.m.

For the soul of Antonio Licudine	req family
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Saturday, August 29 5:00 p.m.

Soul of Manuel Go	req Felisa Go
Soul of Guillermo	req Grace Kennedy
For the soul Angie Infante	req family
Souls of Ruperto Sotto, Jusus Sison and Trixie Sotto	req Aldrin and Jasmin Sotto
Repose of the soul of Maira Esperanza Eilinger	req Myrene Bedano

Sunday, August 30 10:00 am

For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in our Church. You may dedicate our Sanctuary Lamp to a deceased loved one or for a special intention. We will publish the Sanctuary Lamp Intentions in the bulletin each week. Call the parish office to request an intention or for more information.

This week the lamp burns:

- 1. Ana Cristina Cicconi Sarilho**
Req Fernanda Damiao
- 2. Special intentions and healing of Hendrickson Sy, Millie Mae Pua and Florentyne Pua**
req Felisa Go

"THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND THE DARKNESS DOES NOT OVERCOME IT." John 1:5



August 15 /16, 2026

Sunday Offering \$1,530.00
Loose Offering 576.00
Neighbours in Need Offering 375.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish

ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH 60TH YEAR

Brothers and Sisters this year marks the 60th year of Jubilee of our parish. The cornerstone for St. Charles Garnier Parish was set on September 11, 1966. It is an opportunity to renew the spiritual life of the parish, strengthen community, honor the past, and set a vision for the future. Our focus in the coming months will be:

August: Eucharist and Evangelization

September: Families & service

October: Thanksgiving & Hope

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad." (Ps.126:3)

PARISH 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Planning for our celebrations is well underway. The Program Committee is working on gathering information about the Parish history, St. Charles Garnier, Parish Ministries and more. They are also beginning to seek sponsorships. If you have contacts that will help with their work, please speak to Tony Tigani.

Watch updates each week on the celebration details.

MONTHLY COFFEE TIME



Join us on Sunday, August 30, 2026 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please bring a refreshment to share, while we enjoy the opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners. Thank you!

THE PRAYER SHAWL



The Prayer Shawl group has resumed. We meet on Tuesdays at the lower-level Parish Hall after Mass. If you can knit or crochet, please join us.



BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 1:11-12

ST. AUGUSTINE

August 28



St. Augustine of Hippo is one of the greatest saints and teachers in the history of the Catholic Church. Born in 354 in North Africa, Augustine spent much of his early life searching for truth and happiness in worldly pursuits.

Through the prayers of his mother, St. Monica, and the guidance of St. Ambrose, Augustine experienced a profound conversion. He was baptized at the age of 33 and eventually became a priest and bishop of Hippo. He devoted the rest of his life to serving God, teaching the faith, and caring for his people. Augustine famously wrote, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You." His life reminds us that no matter how far we may wander, God's mercy is always calling us home. His conversion gives us hope that it is never too late to turn our hearts toward Christ.



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