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BREAKING BREAD  
2020



### BREAKING BREAD SONGBOOKS

After consideration of several persons' requests to gain access to paper copies of the readings, we are permitting parishioners to take home and retain in their possession copies of breaking bread. If you desire to take one home with you, and are at Mass this Sunday, just pick one up after Mass. It will be yours to keep, and if we return to past "normal" between now and December, when the new liturgical year begins, you will be responsible for bringing your copy with you each week to use. For those parishioners who do not attend Mass this week, or at all, during these pandemic times, you can get a copy from the office during office hours or ask the Dreein's to deliver you one (they have consented to do this task).



THAT MOMENT AFTER  
YOUR FIRST BITE...



WHEN YOU REALIZE  
YOU HAVEN'T PRAYED

THAT MOMENT  
YOU GET TO CHURCH...



AND SOMEONE IS IN YOUR SEAT

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 23, 2020  
Year A

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020

The main theme of all three readings is that God is the Source of all authority. God shares His authority with elected civil rulers to serve the people and with Church leaders for the material and spiritual welfare of His people.

The first reading, taken from Isaiah, tells us how God hates unfaithful and selfish officials. He removed the proud "master of the royal palace" from his office, taking from Shebna the power and responsibility of which he had proven unworthy, and gave both to the humble and faithful Eliakim.

The Gospel passage of today shows us how Peter confesses Jesus as his Lord and Savior and how Jesus, in turn, approves Peter's profession of faith and gives him teaching and ruling authority in his Church. Thus, Jesus establishes a unifying authority in his Church to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the Church members. The authority Jesus gives to Peter is: authority based on faith, it must be exercised by faith in the Lord. Peter's role from then on ward became that of strengthening his brothers and sisters in faith.

Peter's faith becomes the foundation of all our belief in Jesus. It is to this Peter that Jesus entrusts the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Upon his solid, dedicated faith the Church will always rely, for unity and encouragement. He tended the early church by sharing his deep faith in Christ the Risen Lord. So, he kept them united in a community of mutual love, and in faithful obedience to the Gospel.

While he is appointed to "feed the lambs and sheep", to "confirm his brethren," and welcome the first pagan convert into the Church, Peter is not without flaws. Weakness of faith (when he began to sink), rash self-confidence and eventual denial that he knows Jesus, portray his human weaknesses and the power of the grace of God which sustains us even when we feel weak or in doubt.

Each of us must make a personal answer to Our Lord's question: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's profession is a solid basis from which to begin. You are the "Son of the Living God." But to make this profession of faith, We need to accept and experience Jesus as our Lord and Savior. This means that we are accepting Jesus as our Good Shepherd, our Savior and Redeemer. Jesus should become a living experience for us - as our Lord who is protecting us and providing for us in our life's journey, loving us, forgiving us, helping us, and transforming our lives and outlook. This is made possible by our listening to Jesus through reading of the of the Bible and by talking to Jesus through daily, personal, communal and prayers. Our personal experience of Jesus will also lead us to praise and thank God in all the events of our lives, both good pleasant and painful, realizing that God's loving hands are behind everything. This experience of Jesus will lead us to rendering humble, loving service to others with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in every person.

Jesus remains at the center, as the Christ, Son of the Living God, and he continues to be the Church's true Rock. We today, just as much as in the time of St Peter, need the ministry of faithful apostles, entrusted by Christ to build up his people, witness to the faith, and provide leadership in Christian love. Pope, bishops, priests and other ministries exist in order to serve, to unify God's people and to bring them closer to Jesus. To carry out this noble vocation they need the support of each one of us, especially to pray for them, for their courage and perseverance.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

First Reading:  
Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm:  
*Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

Second Reading:  
Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

*Father suggests you say the Prayer for Spiritual Communion during communion time.*



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are truly Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things And I desire to possess You within my soul.  
Since I am unable at this Moment to receive You Sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually Into my heart.  
I embrace You as being Already there, and unite Myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be Separated from you.

Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Margaret MacLean, Victor Schueckler, Fritz Sitterding III



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Michele Meanely, Donna Lange, Jack Petralia, Tom Wash, Paul Pearce, Lynn & Jim Vajda, Min Tassone, John McCormack, Jim Moncure, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Lorie & Sal Messina, Pat Paul, Georgia Beville, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, Michelle Chmiel, Tom & Cindy Jessee, Richie Siford, Carter & Peggy Williams, Karen Dame, Joe Nolte, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Mary Ann & Kenneth Gulick, Nancy Wirth, Chris Henkel, Vincent Recupido, Bettie Hodge, Bob & Ingrid Borden, Laurie King, Becky Nunn, Bill & Linda Gray, Peg Meushaw, Carol Smith, Allen Hines, Pat & Lee Reamy, Janine Jaboulay, Anne Paparella, Carole McPherson, Jeanne Lessner, Colin Walsh.

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*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office.*

**MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: AUGUST 16, 2020**

Collection: \$ 1,098  
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 15,064  
Total Budget Projection: \$ 15,942



Our second collection today is for the Catholic Virginian.

We signed the following principal check this week:  
\$1,348 Diocesan Assessment

As an alternative to mailing us a weekly donation, you can do it online at [offertory.richmonddiocese.org](http://offertory.richmonddiocese.org). Open the site, select a donation amount and scroll down and [select our church](#).

**ASSIGNMENTS**


**AUGUST 23RD**

Lectors: Ray K. & Mary Ellen Sherwood  
Community Leader: Gary Richardson

**AUGUST 30TH**

Lectors: Eileen O'Brien & John Weidner  
Community Leader: Kevin Hayes

**BIRTHDAY'S FOR AUGUST**



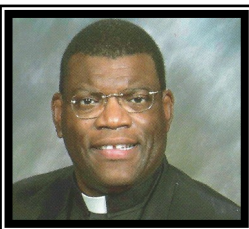
Ed Harriman-1st, Carol Walsh-1st, Germaine Hayes-3rd, Dave Marchant-5th, Patricia Paul-5th, James Davenport-6th, Grace Anderson-6th, Mary Hess-7th, Pat Marchant-8th, Al Langer-10th, Mary Sue Dougherty-11th, Donna Thompson-12th, Steve Kirsch-12th, Aldo DeCollibus-15th, Lee Reamy-20th, Mary Lou Miller-21st, Roseanne Moncure-21st, Francis Demaurez-23rd, Ron Beville-26th, Dick Dougherty-24th, Mary Ann Gulick-28th, Rebecca Riley-29th, Bill Puttmann-29th.

**ANNIVERSARY DATES FOR AUGUST**



Spike & Becky Nunn-2nd, Charlie & Margaret Hock-3rd, John & Vera England-4th, Dennis & Susan Lynch-5th, Charlie & Anne Costello-7th, Tom & Cindy Jessee-8th, Don & Maria Tyrrell-8th, Skip & Lois Kramb-10th, Richie & Nancy Siford 14th, Sal & Lorie Messina-17th, Mike & Gretchen Borzelleca-18th, John & Carol McCormack-19th, Lee & Pat Reamy-22nd, Bill & Michelle Puttmann-25th.

**JOHN BOODIE SCHOLARSHIP COMES HOME**



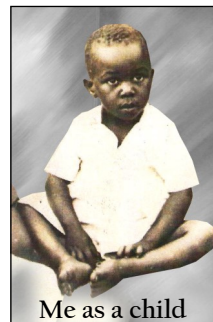
For the past few months, we have been working with the Three Rivers Community Foundation to assume administrative control of the Memorial Scholarship and that has been accomplished. Ray developed a working document (resolution) which was approved by the foundation and published in our bulletin in April. We have a large committee which will oversee the scholarship awards. For two years Tom Hawksworth will chair the committee, Suzanne Sitterding will sit as secretary and Fritz Sitterding will be the treasurer.

**It is the Grace of God, and I am grateful!**

Thirty years ago, on August 25, 1990, surrounded by my family, friends, and parishioners of my home parish, I was ordained a priest. The Lord has been good to me through these years. He has given strength me and courage especially in those moments when I was disappointed or afraid; he has given me wisdom when faced with hard issues to solve. He has accompanied me in the many places where I have been sent to serve His people. He has given me love through the many people I have come to meet in all these years. It has been a journey of faith and with a lot of challenges but always the Lord took care of me and so, with humility, I am grateful!

I thank you all who have been, and still are, part of my priestly life. It is due to your prayers, love, care, and encouragement that even after 30 years I feel as if I am just beginning. I came here as your Pastor four years ago, and you have been so loving that I can now call this place home. Please pray for me always that I may continue to be that priest the Lord called me to be thirty years ago, and that I continue to serve you and anywhere else I am sent, bringing people closer to God.

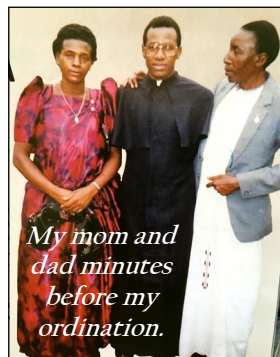
*Blessings and peace to you all.*



Me as a child



*My family; mom, dad and all my brothers and sister gathered right after my ordination.*



*My mom and dad minutes before my ordination.*



*Our Farther Gerry today*



A hearty Welcome to

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### NEW WORSHIP AREA

The last time we spoke about the project, we had just successfully appeared before the Diocesan Building and Renovation Commission (BARC) who complimented us for the plan and indicated

they would recommend approval at the same time. They asked us to accomplish four tasks; shorten the distance between Altar and the Tabernacle, provide a movable handicap ramp, provide running water in the Baptismal Font, and install a lock on the men's restroom handle. We have either submitted plans to accomplish these tasks or completed them. In the interim, and because of COVID-10, the Diocese has not issued any approval letters for new construction with no indication when that will change. We have temporary approval of our financial plan, which will require a loan of an undetermined amount to complete the construction. In summary, we now await an approval letter from the Diocese to begin.



### YARD SALE



In the past few weeks, we received checks totaling \$472 from the Cryer Center as our share of donations from parishioners which were sold at its bi-weekly yard sales.

Once again we remind you that if you have items you desire to discard and they are small, bring them to the church for storage in our trailer for further transfer, when full, to the center. If the items are large, call the center @ 758-2044 and ask them for a pickup and identify yourself as a parishioner from the Church of the Visitation.



*Today's flowers are in honor of  
Roseanne Moncure's Birthday.*

*Tommy and Donna Lange*

### CHURCH INFORMATION

Our hours for prayer when the church is open are Wednesday and Thursday from 9AM-12:00.

Church attendance was 41 this past Sunday with two guests. This coming week the Mass is for parishioners in Group A-K with allowance for visitors, household guests, and special cases such as assigned ministers. The important thing to remember is to **notify the office** if you or your guest are planning to attend Mass and are not in the proper alphabetical grouping.

We continue to offer daily Mass on Wednesdays and Thursdays @9AM for anyone who desires to attend.

We continue to repeat much of this information weekly as a constant reminder to parishioners of our protocols and expected behaviors. We are heartened by your willingness to adhere to these procedures which have allowed us to successfully celebrate Mass up to now for all in person and at home.

*Thank you to everyone and may God continue to Bless Us All!*



### **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Representatives of Christ**

Reading I: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23 (Eliakim chosen by God)

Reading II: Romans 11:33-36 (praise of God)

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20 (Peter the rock)

Key Passage: He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."  
(Matthew 16:15-16)

Adult: If you were asked, how would you explain Jesus to a person who had not heard of him?

Child: Who do you tell people Jesus is?

