

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 23, 2020

Readings

First Reading: Is 22:19-23

Second Reading: Rom 11:33-36

Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

Reflection

He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. (Isaiah 22:21)

Master of the palace: it was a sought-after title, and Shebna knew it. That title gave him far-reaching authority over the king's household and possessions. But he abused that power by taking advantage of perks like the royal chariots and even making a beautiful carved tomb for himself (Isaiah 22:16, 18). That's why God unseated Shebna and established Eliakim in his place. He wanted someone who would exercise that authority with fatherly concern and compassion, not self-promotion, domination, or greed. In other words, the master of the palace should imitate the way God uses his authority: to serve his people.

These words point to something important about God's desires for his kingdom. He wants a kingdom where leaders don't lord their authority over the people in their care. He wants them to show compassion and concern for their people (Matthew 20:25-26).

Jesus gave that type of authority to Peter. Yes, Peter received the "keys to the kingdom" and the power to bind and to loose (Matthew 16:19). But first and foremost, he was to be the rock, the solid foundation upon which the Church would be built. He would not be raised up above all his brothers and sisters; he would be beneath them to support them.

That's the type of leadership God wants parents or anyone in authority to exercise. Godly leaders don't put themselves first. They are not greedy for honor or power. His kingdom is a place where, instead of setting themselves up against one another, his people serve one another with love, respect, and honor.

Shebna's story is a lesson to us, especially those times when we are tempted to take advantage of our position. Peter is a role model too when we are tempted to think leadership equates to tyranny. Let's take their examples and learn how to be good leaders in our families, our workplaces, and our Church.

"Lord, help me to place serving above being served today." (The Word Among Us)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2020

Sunday, Aug. 23

8:30am @ St. Theresa: +Ron Spomer by Sally Wyllie
9am: Parishioners of St. Anthony, St. Theresa & Our Lady of the Valley
10:30am: +Richard Ogle, Jr. by John & Donna Sears
11am @ Our Lady of the Valley: Intention of Celebrant
5pm: Intention of Donor

Monday, Aug. 24

8:30am: +Gae Simone by Chris & Trish Maslak

Tuesday, Aug. 25

8:30am: Living & Deceased Members of The Paul Family
12:15pm: Andrew Downen by Cheri Downen

Wednesday, Aug. 26

8:30am: Conor Wittig by Jerry & Donna Carpenter
12:15pm: Ron Nordberg by Sally Wyllie

Thursday, Aug. 27

8:30am: Living & Deceased Members of Pond Family
12:15pm: Mary Lou Cummings by Marie Knox

Friday, Aug. 28

8:30am: Bill & Phyllis McCormick by George & Pat Morris
12:15pm: +Maria Guadalupe Cortes Sencion by Mary's Moms

Saturday, Aug. 29

8:30am: +Babs Smith by Ann Zatkos
5pm: **CONFIRMATION:** Confirmandi
5pm @ Our Lady of the Valley: Intention of Donor

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Cody Interfaith Covid-19 Relief Fund is a multi denominational fund established to provide financial aid to those directly impacted by Covid-19. If you know of anyone financially struggling due to Covid-19, please have them call the office @587-3388 or the Presbyterian Church at 587-2647. There is a fund established at First Bank of WY entitled "Covid-19 Relief Fund" if you are interested in helping folks who have been laid off, had work hours reduced or business closed. Please be prayerful in considering our brothers and sisters who are experiencing very tough times. You can send a check to the Presbyterian Church, ATTN: Covid-19 Relief Fund, 2025 23rd St., Cody, WY 92414. Meanwhile, St. Anthony's is continuing to provide financial assistance to those in need through your generous contributions to the Family Fund.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There are several Holy Hours that are open. Please prayerfully consider accepting one or signing up to be a substitute. Open times are: Mondays @ 11am & 5pm; Tuesdays @ 5pm & 6pm; Wednesdays @ 10am; Thursdays @ 1pm & 2pm; Fridays @ 10am & 2pm. Please call the Office for additional information, 587-3388.

PLEASE remember to pray for our church family members that are living in the Long Term Care Center and Brookdale: Mary Ann Metzger, Sylvia Gates, Marilyn Meyer, Mike Becker, Jeanne Pomajzl, Stacy Jourdan, Donna Brown, Nellie Grosz and John Case. "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land the Lord your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12

Let's also keep their families who miss them ever so much in our prayers as well.

Thank you for your generous support of gifts to **Living and Giving in Christ: Unity in Diocesan Ministries 2020** appeal! As of Aug. 11, 2020, St. Anthony is at 59% of our goal with a shortfall of \$31,195.00; St. Theresa is at 67% of their goal with a shortfall of \$926.00; Our Lady of the Valley is at 96% of their goal with a shortfall of \$196.00. For those who have not yet pledged, please consider doing so. You may donate online at www.livingandgivinginchrist.org.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Community is celebrating their apostolic approval under Rome as of June 29, 2020, the Feasts of St. Peter and Paul. Our secular vocations, in the Discalced Carmelite Order of the Western Province of St. Joseph, are truly a support to the clergy and leadership of our Catholic Church. If you sense a need to deepen your commitment to Christ, we invite you to join us for a year of testing this possibility. Our monthly meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of the month in Powell at St. Barbara's from 9am - 2:30pm. The first of this formation year is September 19th. This provides each with a deep study of Carmelite Spirituality and the protection of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Any practicing Catholic is welcome. For more information, call Mary Lou at 307-254-0215.

*Learn of Mary
Learn from Mary*



*Learn with Jesus at
the feet of Mary*

SCHOOL OF MARY

SCHOOL OF MARY: Deacon Rick will be presenting two of his original fourteen classes on **Mariology**, *the School of Mary*, first presented in 2013. The first class will be on September 8th, the Feast of *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. This class will be **“Mary, the Mother of God.”** The dogma of the Divine Maternity is at the root and core of all Marian doctrines and dogmas. There will be many handouts and a Power Point presentation.

The second class will be ***Marian Apparitions and Devotions***. This class will be on September 15th, the *Memorial of “Our Lady of Sorrows*. There will be many handouts, as well. After this presentation, Father Clark will install the Carmelite Scapular on all those who desire. Please try to obtain a scapular beforehand.

Both of these classes will be presented in the Church at 6:30pm. Please remember to bring your masks and practice social distancing. These classes will not be presented on line.

We all know the extreme importance of Mary in these difficult times. Mary will crush the snarly little head of Satan with her heel. The more we know of Mary, the more we love her, the safer we will be.

CONFIRMATION will be next Saturday, Aug. 29th at the 5pm Mass. In order to comply with our Covid-19 protocol, we ask that, unless you are involved with Confirmation (family, friends) you may want to consider attending a different weekend Mass.

The Sunday 9am Mass link:

https://www.facebook.com/SaintAnthonysLiveStreamMass/?_tn=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARA_xlmuSACwtXM_PjSvvtW_KcymYTi1HDRxXV9kxaZAhNa9iZXp2ULMzrFj3ltMk63HZRrxGE_ohGmA The link may also be found on our website, stanthonycody.org.

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