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Worship Times

***Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p***

***Sunday Mass, 9:00a
Holy Days 7:00p
Communion Service Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment***

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23

, 2020

*My Church
is built
on the rock
of
your faith.*



Morning, Church!

The community Christ formed 2,000 years ago is built on the in example and teachings of Christ, His works and words modeled The Way as a Way of life, that is meant to guide every decision and relationship. Your faith journey is meant to give witness to Christ's essential mission of unity and reconciliation, "...that all may be one." This is live Christ's mission is to *Be Church*.

The prophet Isaiah seeks out the self-important master of the palace, Shebna. Isaiah expresses the Divine disapproval of his lifestyle of luxury and his neglect in his leadership and care for the people. For his failure to lead and serve, Isaiah tells Shebna that God is reorganizing the royal cabinet. The key for the House of David will be taken from him. God is choosing the faithful leader, Eliakim, in his place. Regrettably, not long after his Divine appointment, Eliakim abuses his power, too, and falls out of favor with God.

Since all authority comes from God, it is important to remember authority is given for service and is not meant for self-promotion or supremacy. Authority, "having the keys", calls for servant-leader to be kind and humble. Both Shebna and Eliakim succumbed to the authority's temptation of power and had to turn in their keys.

The most significant questions in all of Scripture are found in today's gospel, "Who do *people* say I am?" Jesus' apostles respond with the hearsay of popular speculations, and give Jesus a list of current opinions: John the Baptist back from the dead, or one of the great prophets, like Elijah or Jeremiah.

Jesus asked them to go deeper, "...who do *you* say that I am?" Impetuous Peter speaks for them all with a genuine declaration of faith. Peter identifies Jesus in a most profound way, "You are the Christ, Son of the living God." God graced Peter to make this act of faith. Jesus affirms his faith and gives him the primary role as servant-leader of the disciples and the newly-forming community. Peter and the rest of the disciples are commissioned to bind and loose, to exercise authority as service and to build a Church, a community of believers in his name.

The same keys of servant-leadership were entrusted to you at Baptism. You were anointed, set aside to be priest, prophet, and leader (king). The priesthood of your Baptism calls you to minister in the Name of Jesus, to minister among all your sisters and brothers with kindness, humility, compassion, and generosity. Anointed as prophet, you are to speak for God, to point to a future full of hope in the resurrection, and to call the community to faithfulness and to care of the poor and most vulnerable. Anointed to lead by example, you are graced to stand against every form of darkness and to live The Way, so that "...all may be one."

The Keys of Baptism are in your hands.
Bind and loose in his Name for the life of the world.

It's always about faith. It's always about your relationship ~ with Jesus and your Dear Neighbor.

It's *always* about living Jesus' mission: "...that all may be one."

LIFE. FAMILY. PARISH. YOU'RE MAKING THEM BETTER.

God's blessings,

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Sunday Scriptures	
Isaiah 22:15, 19-23	Romans 11:33-36
Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8	Matthew 16:13-20

☞ Reflecting on the Word _____

Today, Jesus asks you, his follower,
"Who do you say I am?"

Who does Jesus say *you* are?

How do you "bind and loose" in Jesus' Name?

AUGUST	
23	21st Sun OT
25	Communion Service, 12:15p
26	RCIA Inquiry, 4p
27	Welcoming Ritual SSJ Associate in Mission, 2p
30	22nd Sun OT



Sisters of St. Joseph ~ Maxim 86
Keep things in perspective:
God first and foremost.

- ☞ *God ~ mor origin, my path, my destiny..*
- ☞ *I pray to see as God sees.*
- ☞ *I look for ways to give God the glory as I care for Creation.*



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our church and Tri-C ministries...

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Bunch!
God
bless
you,
real
good!

Tri-C Christian Ministries



☞ August Intentions

23 +Eloisa Valdivia r/b Carmen & Brad Kitts
+Mona Schaufenbuel r/b Jerry

30 +Denis DeCarlo r/b S. Janis
+F. Michael Labadie r/b Carmen & Brad

☞ September Intentions

06 Fr. Ed Sheridan

Your best source for parish info is:
ST. STEPHEN PARISH WEBSITE

Birthdays & Anniversaries

23 Judy Berryman

24 Gayle Altemueller
Ava Golden
Leo Ouellette



25 Luisa Rodriguez

26 Pat Kophamer

28 Peter Volk

30 Nancy Espino



31 Judy & Ron Berryman



☞ Prayer Request

Deacon Harold & Virginia Markle's
infant grandson, Lucas Markle,
who's recovering from COVID at home.
...all in the path of the wildfires or violent weather...
...our medical & military personnel who serve all of us...

*...and all who have gone before us in faith
and now rest in the heart of God.*