

August 23, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Is 22:19–23 Rom 11:33–36 Mt 16:13–20

Who's in Charge?

There are lots of reasons one could be in charge. You might be the only one left to do the job. Or, in the case of babysitting, you might simply be older. You could be in charge because you are a bully with the biggest fists, sticks, or guns. Or you might be in charge because you are the best qualified for the job. Today's readings offer us two stories about being chosen for leadership.

In the Old Testament reading, Shebna, an official in King Hezekiah's court, overreached his position of authority. He was demoted and replaced by Eliakim. Carrying the key symbolizes authority over the entire household. Placing it on the shoulder suggests an investiture ceremony. In the Gospel, entrusting Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven suggests similar authority, though in a significantly different household.

In both instances the position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the respective household. It was precisely because of his failure in this matter that Shebna was demoted and Eliakim placed in charge. What about Peter? The Gospel tells us that the choice of Peter followed his remarkable statement of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

These stories tell us that God chooses very ordinary people for positions of leadership. Why them? Are they the only ones left? Are they the oldest? Were they the best qualified? It was not because they were bullies. Obviously God thought they could do the job.

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

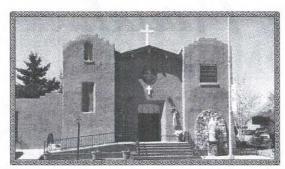
- It's not easy being a leader of God's people.Pray for those who have been called to that role.
- Have you ever thought of volunteering to serve on a church committee?

[Jesus said,]
"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

MATTHEW 16:18

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By appointment with the Pastor

AUGUST 23RD

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: (Wed-Spanish)-Fri at 12:10pm

Thurs at 5:30pm

Adoration /Confession: Tue 5:30-7:30pm Thurs 6:00-7:00pm

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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This is my body, which will be given up for you.

This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.

It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me.

Masses will be offered August 2020 + All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members SI All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX Clayton SI Good Health & Well Being of all Parishioners & Families

Sat, Aug 22	+Stephen 'JR' O'Donne +Jim Miller +Lorri Montoya	ll by Ross & Shelley Carter by Ross & Shelley Carter by Chip & Sammie Wood
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Thur Aug 27	+Betty Fogarty	by The Kirk & Gurule Families
Sat, Aug 29	+Jim Miller +John Luther	by Ross & Shelley Carter by Chip & Sammie Wood

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+John Luther

+Jim Miller

Sun, Aug 30 OLOG - + Anne Conder

Weekly	Collections	Summary:	July/August	2020
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	SFX	<u>OLOG</u>
August 15-16	\$ 1,743.00 \$ 2,591.00	\$ 385.00 \$ 229.00
August 08-09 August 01-02	\$ 1,293.00	\$ 607.00
July 25-26	\$ 1,305.00	\$ 244.75

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www.usecb.org

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Announcement

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER DONATING YOUR TIME:

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Sat, Aug 22 5:00pm - Shelley Carter—Lector
- Sammie Wood—Sanitizing
Sun, Aug 23 10:30am - Craig Reeves—Lector
- JoAnn Padilla--Sanitizing
Sat, Aug 29 5:00pm - Effic Walker—Lector
- April Geary—Sanitizing
Sun, Aug 30 10:30am - Pat Crisp—Lector
- Donna Kimble--Sanitizing

ACA Pledge Goal Report

St. Francis Xavier-Clayton % of Participation - 11.82 Number of Families -313 Parish Goal - \$13,500.00 % Goal Pledged -71.81% % Goal Paid -71.29% Total Pledge-\$9,694.00 Total Paid-\$9,659.00

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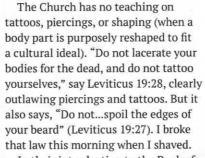
All Ministry schedules are updated monthly and posted on the church website. If you need to know when you serve, check www.sfxclayton.org!!

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about body art?

I'm a bit squeamish when I see a piercing in a place other than an ear, and when I see a tattoo covering a large part of a person's body I wonder what that person will think about that tattoo in twenty years. But these things are a matter of taste; for example, I don't think there is anything

wrong with earrings, but others might.



In their introduction to the Book of Leviticus in the *New American Bible*, revised edition, the bishops teach that the laws in this book are "not merely legislative." They were designed to instill "a way of life in the book's hearers and readers."

We may not have the same obligation to adhere to those rules, but it is important for Catholics to remember 1

Corinthians 3:16: "You are the temple of God." We should do nothing to deface the temple of God. So if you do get a piercing or a tattoo, remember that you're God's temple.

-Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The acceptance of our body as a gift from God is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father...Thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy an absolute power over creation.

-ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL ACADEMY FOR LIFE, JUNE 26, 2018

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b–14 Jn 1:45–51

Tuesday

AUGUST 25 Weekday 2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17 Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

AUGUST 26 Weekday 2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18 Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

AUGUST 27 St. Monica 1 Cor 1:1–9 Mt 24:42–51

Friday

AUGUST 28 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 1:17–25 Mt 25:1–13

Saturday

AUGUST 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist 1 Cor 1:26–31 Mk 6:17–29

Sunday

AUGUST 30 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7–9 Rom 12:1–2 Mt 16:21–27

