20th / 21st Sunday in Ord. Time. August 20 + 27, 2023

St. Agnes Catholic church



QUEENSHIP of Mary

August 22nd

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Reflections from Fathers Desk... x 2

"A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL!" (Is. 56:7): The word 'religion' comes from "religare" to join together. Think of our English ligament. The irony of all ironies, then, is that something, which is designed to link and unite, has become the greatest divider in the history of humankind. The irony is deepened to tragic proportions when those who exclude others, think they are doing a holy thing for God. God in our 1st Reading reminds us strongly: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples.' We cannot blame our ancestors for being exclusionary - we are equally to blame. Just look at the inter-sect rivalry in Christianity in our time. Paul in the 2nd Reading points out that his mission to the gentiles arouses jealousy among the Jews. He presses on regardless because he is at pains to show how God wants 'to show mercy to all mankind.' The Gospel is a repeat of one we read less than two weeks ago, but it fits perfectly in the present context. Jesus, who has been nourished by the exclusionary ethos of the Old Testament is not inclined to do a favour for the gentile lady who has approached him. To his great credit he allows himself to be corrected by her, and moved by her great faith into accepting her. Can we rise to such inclusiveness?

Kindness Always Matters. Be kind each and every time you have a chance.

<u>Sacraments</u>

<u>Masses:</u>

Saturday	5:00 pm	
Sunday	10:00 am	
Tues. & Wed.	6:30pm	
Thurs., Fri. &	Sat. 9:00	
am		

Confession:

Saturday 4:00 pm or by appointment

Adoration

Wednesday 7:00 pm First Friday 9:30 am

<u>Rosary</u>

20 min. before masses

"GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS": The key is a potent symbol in life generally and in the Bible in particular. The key is a metaphor for access, power, maturity, leadership. The key features in two of today's readings – the 1st and the Gospel. Our overriding theme is the mind of God, symbolized by the House of David. In our 1st Reading God installs Eliakim as leader of the House of Judah/David. The key, representing his authority, his power to open or close, rests on his shoulder. Paul in our 2nd Reading speaks of an area for which there seems to be no key – the very mind of God. God's wisdom, knowledge, motives, methods are all beyond the reach of our finite minds. We simply glorify God's greatness. Peter in today's Gospel, stands as the Eliakim of the Old Testament. He is given a key and access to an area wider far than the House of David – the very Kingdom of Heaven itself. And the pillar of such a wide brief is his recognition that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. As the Christ, Jesus oversees all of creation and we are his chosen helpers. 'You ... who do you say I am?'

Parish Ministries

Lector Schedule

10:00am Aug 20 Keith & Fran Aug 27 Lynn & Pat Sep 03 Toryn & Dayna Sep 10 Karin & Fran

Church Cleaners

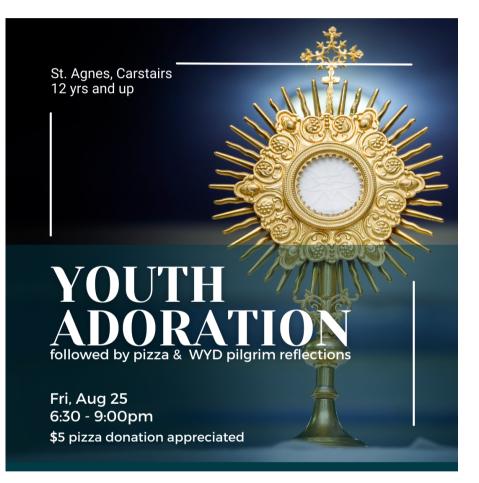
Crystal (403)827-9353 Aug 25 Youth (Crystal) Sep 01 Charlene Sep 08 Laura + Gerry

<u>Altar Serving</u> Contact Fr. Newton

<u>Bethany (Didsbury)</u>

<u>Music Ministry</u> New Contacts Crystal (403)827-9353 Chantal chantal.a.barry@gmail.com

Parish Council August 24, 2023 You're Never Alone – You are loved. You don't have to carry the weight of the world on your little shoulders.



Parish Cleaning Committee

Volunteers are needed for cleaning of the church interior this Autumn. Please consider helping as an individual or as a whole family one Friday a month. Crystal is also open to having a youth cleaning one Friday a month. Call Crystal at 403-827-9353 to sign up.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August 2023

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

		Weekly Mass Intentions
Aug 19	05:00 pm	Special Int. of Janet & Len Johnson
Aug 20	10:00am	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Aug 22	06:30 pm	Special Intent. Father Julian
Aug 23	06:30 pm	Repose of the soul of Beatriz Montoya
Aug 24	09:00 am	Sp. Inten. Marga & Corey Drage (25th Ann.)
Aug 25	09:00 am	Special Intention Danny Schiesser
Aug 26	09:00 am	NO MASS
Aug 26	05:00 pm	Special Int. of Fr. Andrew Bogdanowicz
Aug 27	10:00am	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Aug 29	06:30 pm	Special intention of Rick Poulin
Aug 30	06:30 pm	Repose of the soul of John Overvelde
Aug 31	09:00 am	Special intention of Rick Poulin
Sep 01	09:00 am	Special intention of Rick Poulin
Sep 02	09:00 am	NO MASS
Sep 02	05:00 pm	Special intention of Rick Poulin
Sep 03	10:00 am	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)

Take care of your **body** as if you were going **to live forever;** and take care of your **soul** as if you were going **to die tomorrow.**

Daily Mass Readings

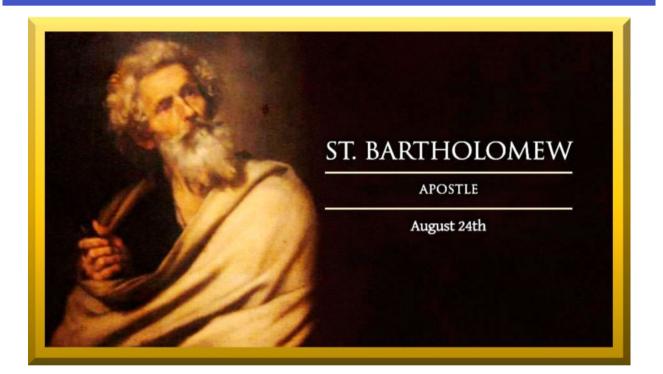
Saint Augustine -

Aug 20	Isaiah 56.1, 6-7; Rom. 11.13-15, 29-32; Matt. 15.21-28	(20th Sun. O.T.)
Aug 21	Judges 2.11-19; Matthew 19.16-22	(St. Pius X, M)
Aug 22	Judges 6.11-24a; Matthew 19.23-30 (Queenship c	of the B.V. Mary, M)
Aug 23	Judges 9.6-15; Matthew 20.1-16a	
Aug 24	Revelation 21.9b-14; John 1.45-51 (S	St. Bartholomew, F)
Aug 25	Ruth 1.1-2ab, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22.34-40	
Aug 26	Ruth 2.1-3, 8-11; 4.13-17; Matthew 23.1-12	
Aug 27	Isaiah 22.15, 19-23; Romans 11.33-36; Matt. 16.13-20	(21st Sun. O.T.)
Aug 28	1 Thessalonians 1.1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23.13-22	(St. Augustine, M)
Aug 29	Jeremiah 1.17-19; Mark 6.17-29 (Passion of St. Jo	ohn the Baptist, M)
Aug 30	1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Matthew 23.27-32	
Aug 31	1 Thessalonians 3.7-13 Gospel: Matthew 24.42-51	
Sep 01	1 Thessalonians 4.1-8; Matthew 25.1-13	
Sep 02	1 Thessalonians 4.9-11; Matthew 25.14-30	
Sep 03	Jeremiah 20.7-9; Romans 12.1-2; Matthew 16.21-27	(22nd Sun. O.T.)
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Local Community Prayer Intentions

Anyone wanting to ask for their catholic community to pray for them or for special intentions may call the parish office and your request will be added to the bulletin, for free. If you wish, You may request to have your intention prayed for anonymously, please specify this upon calling the office to avoid printed names.

> Please pray for the intentions of: Mike Watson. Rosanna Maric.



Diocesan Events and News

Cemetery Masses with Bishop McGrattan

Bishop McGrattan will celebrate Masses for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic cemeteries in Calgary and area. All are welcome!

- Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 7pm at Mountain View Funeral Chapel (indoor)
- Wednesday, August 30, 2023, 7pm at Queen's Park Cemetery (outdoor)
- Thursday, August 31, 2023, 7pm at St. Mary's Cemetery (outdoor)