

**LITURGIES FOR THE TWENTY -  
FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME  
AND TWENTY-SECOND  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 28 – September 3, 2023**

**Monday, 8/28 † Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor  
of the Church**

6pm: Tom

**Tuesday, 8/29 † The Passion of Saint John the  
Baptist**

8am: Alicia

9am: A.S.

**Wednesday, 8/30 † Weekday**

9am: A.S. No Mass

6pm: Mass at All Saints, Sherry Jorczak by Family

**Thursday, 8/31 † Weekday**

8am: Leo & Caroline

9am: A.S.

**First Friday, 9/1 † Weekday**

8am: Scott

9am: A.S.

**First Saturday, 9/2 † Weekday, BVM**

8:30am: Ella

**Saturday, 9/2 † Vigil, Twenty-Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

4:30pm: The Lesniewski Family by The Herbert  
Family

6pm: A. S. Danny (Birthday) & Debbie & Danny  
Anniversary by Mom

**Sunday, 9/3 † Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

7:30am: Addie

9am: A. S. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Peg & Chester  
Potempa

11am: Parishioners

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the office will be  
closed on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**This week at SS. C & M & All Saints**

Mon., Aug. 28 – 6:30pm -SVDP, Parlor

Wed., Aug 30 – 7pm: Synod Mtng. at All Saints

Thurs. Aug. 31 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs. Aug. 31– 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sun., Sept. 3 – 9:30am – Religious Education

MISSING: Does anyone know the whereabouts of the  
bingo number tumbler that is usually stored in the  
parlor?

Reminder, This Wednesday's (August 30) 6pm Mass  
will be held at All Saints with the Synod Meeting  
immediately following at All Saints Hall.

A Heartfelt Thank You to all who participated in  
the Mass, Parish Picnic & games at the park this  
past Saturday.  
A special Thank You to Bishop McClory for  
joining us.  
Also, a huge Thank You to the Parish Life  
Committee for taking care of the food, drinks and  
table arrangements for the picnic, realizing what  
a task it was, and to Mary Ann Milo for cooking  
all of the brats & hotdogs & Jim Roper for  
preparing the delicious chicken & the  
parishioners for all of the great side dishes &  
desserts.  
Also, to the team responsible for the games.

Oh! By the way, this Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> is  
Father Terry's Birthday!!

*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" -Romans 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

## Dear Padre

August 27, 2023

**Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?**

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter's leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.

Nevertheless, "numerous elements of sanctification and truth" are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and "the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation" (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith. ●

DearPadre.org

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# Good News!

August 27, 2023

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

Isaiah 22:19-23 / Romans 11:33-36 / Matthew 16:13-20

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**Over the years I've asked many people what they believe about Jesus and who he is for them. I've always nudged them away from the expected answer simply because I was interested in who he was for them down deep in their spirits. It's been a whole wheelbarrow full of answers, yes it has, a full and varied garden.**

Some said they thought he was a very good human being, though they hedged when I asked if they thought he was also of God. Others thought he was a prophet, though they also backed away from anything that hinted of the divine. For some, Jesus was God dressed in human skin, as if he were simply playing at being human. Some labeled him a reformer and others a teacher. None of them dismissed Jesus as irrelevant or a remnant of the past. And for many, Jesus is the truth professed by Peter, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." He is the Word made flesh, the wisdom of God among us, the one who lives.

In one way or another all of us must answer the question Jesus asks of his disciples in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" The question is just as relevant today as it was when Jesus asked it. For some, their yes is without doubt. For others, it is a questioning journey of coming to faith. All of us are faced with that question: Who is Jesus for us today in the way we live our life? ●

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Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

**Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

## **'Like a miracle': Catholic church untouched by Maui wildfires as surrounding buildings burn down**

'For us, it's like a miracle,' Msgr. Terrence Watanabe, the vicar of Maui and Lanai, told the *Star Advertiser*. 'When we saw the news and saw the church steeple rise above the town, it was a great sight to see.'

LAHAINA, Hawaii ([LifeSiteNews](#)) Aug 14, 2023— A Catholic church in Maui, Hawaii, appears to have been spared by wildfires that destroyed most of the surrounding town.

A viral [video](#) posted by a local man on TikTok shows the Catholic church Maria Lanakila ("Victorious Mary" or "Our Lady of Victory") and its rectory still standing. At the same time, the surrounding buildings in the town of Lahaina on the island of Maui were burnt to the ground by the wildfires.

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"Nothing else but Maria Lanakila," the man filming the viral clip said in the TikTok video.

Other users also [posted pictures](#) online that show the intact church of Maria Lanakila.

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Watanabe [told](#) *The Pillar*, "Basically what we know is the fact that all of Lahaina Town has been consumed by fire. It's all gone."

"The church, Maria Lanakila, is still standing, as is the rectory. The school's been a little bit affected," he continued.

While the Catholic church was still standing after the intense wildfires, the Protestant Waiola Church, which had just celebrated its 200-year anniversary, was razed entirely, according to *Star Advertiser* and other media reports.

"It's gone, the social hall, the sanctuary, the annex, all of it," lay minister Anela Rosa [told](#) *USA Today*. "It is totally unimaginable."

The recent wildfires have destroyed hundreds of buildings and killed dozens of people. [Aerial pictures](#) of Lahaina show the flames engulfed most of the town's buildings.

[According to the \*New York Post\*](#), as of August 12, over 1,000 homes and other structures have been destroyed, and at least 67 people have been confirmed dead, while the safety status of more than 1,000 residents remains unclear at this point.

## Researcher defends study showing teens being pressured into transgenderism after LGBT pushback Sep 10, 2018

September 10, 2018 ([LifeSiteNews](#)) – The author of a new study on transgender teens that’s been censored by Brown University is responding to critics of her work, which suggests gender-confused teens are significantly influenced by outside pressure to “identify” as a different sex.

Last week, [LifeSiteNews](#) reported that the study, authored by Brown University behavioral scientist Lisa Littman and published last month in the Public Library of Science’s journal *PLOS One*, found that 87% of the teens reviewed (via questionnaires to 256 parents) belonged to a friend group characterized by some degree of “social influence” on gender, such as other gender-confused teens; and that 63% of the teens had been diagnosed with at least one mental health disorder or neurodevelopmental disability before deciding they were a different gender.

Littman’s findings suggest that what she calls “rapid-onset gender dysphoria (ROGD)” is an effort to conform to one’s social circle, rather than an act of individuality or “authenticity.”

“To be heterosexual, comfortable with the gender you were assigned at birth, and non-minority places you in the ‘most evil’ of categories within this group of friends,” one parent said. “[My child] couldn’t face the stigma of going back to school and being branded as fake or phony [...] or worse, a traitor or some kind of betrayer,” another revealed.

Following publication of that report, Zinnia Jones of the Hazel Trans Research Collective contacted [LifeSiteNews](#) to share an article critical of the study. Jones is a radical trans activist who has openly fantasized about “roving gangs of trans women beating the shit out of transphobes,” and written tips for teenagers seeking cheap alternatives to standard puberty blockers.

Jones accused Littman of citing a vague summary of her work as an example of “vague and nonspecific” gender dysphoria symptoms, rather than grappling with Jones’ more detailed treatment of the subject. “The author either neglected or refused to acknowledge this, and does not appear to realize this is a real condition experienced by trans people,” she wrote.

“There is an abundance of advice given to youth exploring gender on Tumblr and other social media sites, samples of which I excerpted in Table 1 of my study as background information. No specific source of advice was defined as a singular cause for all gender dysphoria nor was the sampling presented as a comprehensive list,” Littman responded in a statement to [LifeSiteNews](#).

“Regardless, teens who are experiencing concerning symptoms (including but not limited to symptoms of depersonalization) deserve to be evaluated by trained mental health professionals rather than relying on advice from Tumblr, online blogs or other social media sites,” she continued.

The *Wall Street Journal* reports that Littman’s critics also say her findings are skewed because she recruited participating parents from three websites – 4thWaveNow, Transgender Trend, and Youth Trans Critical Professionals – where parents and professionals gather to discuss their

concerns with such issues. Her study acknowledged that findings “may be different from populations viewing websites that promote a ‘gender-affirming’ perspective,” but Littman maintains “it’s not uncommon” to begin such efforts with targeted recruiting. The study also notes that it accounted for this concern by also asking respondents about their broader LGBT views.

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“[R]espondents were asked specifically whether they believe that transgender people deserve the same rights and protections as others and 88.2% of respondents gave affirmative answers to the question which is consistent with the 89% affirmative response reported in a US national poll,” it says. “Therefore, there is no evidence that the study sample is appreciably different in their support of the rights of transgender people than the general American population.”

86% also said they favor legal recognition of same-sex “marriage,” further undermining suspicion that these parents were predisposed to give “anti-LGBT answers.” Despite their politics, 77% of the parents believed their children’s declarations of having a different “true” gender were wrong.

Nevertheless, pro-LGBT voices successfully pressured Brown to delete the study from its website, just five days after its publication. The *Wall Street Journal* adds that *PLOS One* editor-in-chief Joerg Heber has announced it will be subjecting the study to “further expert assessment,” as well.

Jeffrey Flier, the former dean of Harvard Medical School, writes at *Quillette* that he has “never once seen a comparable reaction from a journal within days of publishing a paper that the journal already had subjected to peer review, accepted and published,” and that Brown’s quick abandonment of Littman “raises serious concerns about the ability of all academics to conduct research on controversial topics.”

“The right of university faculty to pursue questions that interest them, free from control or harassment, is a core element of academic freedom,” he argues. While it is “well and proper” to scrutinize papers after their publication, “that is not what has happened in regard to Dr Littman, whose critics have not performed any systematic analysis of her findings, but seem principally motivated by ideological opposition to her conclusions.”

“For centuries, universities struggled to protect the ability of their faculties to conduct research seen as offensive—whether by the church, the state, or other powerful influences,” Flier concluded. Brown’s “leaders must not allow any single politically charged issue—including gender dysphoria—from becoming the thin edge of a wedge that gradually undermines our precious, hard-won academic freedoms.”

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