



**St. Cornelius
Catholic Church**



The Lord is kind and merciful!

Service Schedule

Monday	Mass - 5:00 pm
Tuesday	Mass - 5:00 pm Holy Hour - 7:00 pm
Wednesday	Mass - 5:00 pm
Thursday	Mass - 5:00 pm
Friday	Mass - 8:15 am Mass - 5:00 pm
Saturday	Rosary - 7:30 am Mass - 8:00 am Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm
Sunday	Mass - 8:00 am Mass - 10:00 am Mass - 12:00 pm

Livestream is available: Sat 7:30am & Sun 10am.
See our website for link to our YouTube channel.

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Jesus asked them,

**“BUT WHO DO YOU
SAY THAT I AM?”**



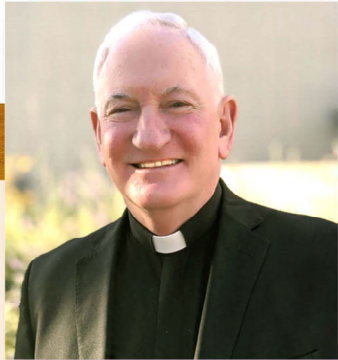
Peter said to
him in reply,

**“YOU
ARE THE
CHRIST.”**

Mark 8:29

TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021



Pastor's Corner

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Caesarea Philippi was in what we know today as the Golan Heights, a disputed area in the far north of Israel near the Lebanese border. It is at one of the headwaters of the river Jordan and was an ancient shrine to pagan gods especially Pan (reflected in the modern name of the place, Banias). It was also a shrine to the giant egos of Caesar who proclaimed himself a Son of God and of Phillip, the local Roman authority. It is in this place of worship to false gods that Jesus brings his apostles to ask them the key question "who do you say that I am?" In this place of self-indulgence, he will begin to explain to them, and to their dismay, that he must suffer and die and that to follow him is to 'deny one self, and take up his cross' and that "he who loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it". In this location celebrating militarism and self-indulgence Jesus wants them to know that his "way" and following his way is profoundly counter to the prevailing values, gods, and culture.

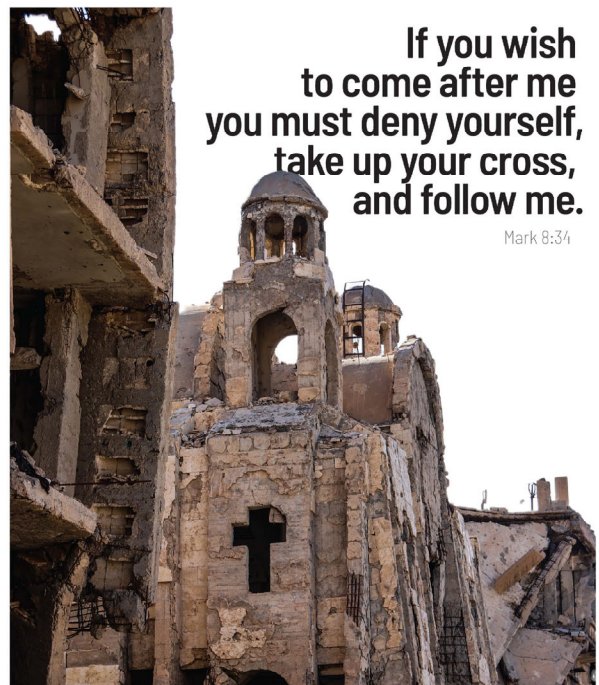
Today we begin a week planned as a welcome back and relaunch of our parish activities after the Covid interruptions. When we began to plan it, we thought Covid would be more under control than it has turned out to be. Still, this is a great opportunity to regather and invite people back. In our planning we wanted to highlight as parish values Prayer, Community and Service.

After each mass we will have a reception to rebuild community connection. During the week we have on Tuesday a wonderful evening of prayer and reflection with Sister Kathleen Burns, back visiting from Rome.

Wednesday will be especially directed to teens and young adults. On Thursday we acknowledge and remember in prayer all we have lost during Covid. Fr Jim Clarke will lead us in this ritual. Then on Friday evening we will have a musical concert outside featuring our choirs and others. We also have a project to support and serve children with needed supplies. We are excited about all these events and do encourage you to invite others to participate with you.

At the 10.00 am mass Bishop Marc Trudeau will be here to lead my much delayed and postponed installation as pastor. For the past year as I have been repeatedly sick you have pastored me with your support and prayers which I greatly appreciate. I pray that I can now get some time and health so that we can work together to build here at St. Cornelius a culture of prayer, community and service to the world beyond us.

Fr. Jay Cunnane



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to come after me
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and follow me.**

Mark 8:34



Sunday's Reflection



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SUFFERING, HOPE, AND LOVE

Our readings from Isaiah and from the Gospel of Mark confront us with the fact that the invitation to faith leads us into suffering. In Isaiah, the prophet accepts pain and shaming from others, as he trusts in God. In Mark, Jesus is blunt about this: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." When we embrace faith, we are confronted with our own fears about suffering and about losing comfort, status, and control over our lives. Life has plenty of suffering already, so why choose to add to it? Jesus points to a response: avoiding our fears and clinging to illusion and superficial comforts will not give us what we really want from life. Jesus offers a better, deeper life, a life grounded in God's love. It is lived in hope of resurrection and the final triumph of this love.

A DIFFERENT LIFE

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today's passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus' disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel's oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A "LARGE" FAITH

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today's passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one's faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a "large" faith is to move from apathy toward others' sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 50:4c-9a
Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

September 12, 2021

Twenty-fourth
Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Prayer

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MASS INTENTIONS

Please join us in praying with these families.

Sun. 9/12	8:00 am	† Ronald Payfair
		† Esai Esparza
		† Elizabeth Mendoza
		† Samuel Mendoza
10:00 am	† Judy Klenk	
	† Willie Miranda	
	† Margarite Pedroza	
Mon. 9/13	5:00 pm	SI Dr. Mario Curti & Family
		SI Dea. Gary & Christine Mucho
		SI Karen & Kyle Boggs
Tues. 9/14	5:00 pm	SI Caroline Alm
		SI Robert Zawada
		SI Karen Barry
Wed. 9/15	5:00 pm	† Antonia Alonzo
		† Raul Arellano
		† Orlando Urbina Villagran
Thu. 9/16	5:00 pm	† James Reinard
		† Joe Macey
		SI Jack Collins
Fri. 9/17	5:00 pm	† Joe Macey
		SI Mary Miller
Sat. 9/18	8:00am	† Rosa Querido
		† Danny Bolger
	5:00 pm	† Nieves Achilles
		† Thomas Pineda
Sun. 9/19	8:00 am	B Barbara Aquino
		† Sheila O'Rourke
		† Joe Macey
		H Elizabeth Gonzalez
		10:00 am
12:00 pm	H Elizabeth Gonzalez	
		† Cirila Gonzalez



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember these people in prayer

Michael Blackwell
Regina Vetiello
John Hogan
Flordeliza Dacer
Juanita V. Barte

If you would like a loved one or yourself included, please submit via the form on our website

stcorneliuslb.org.



Community

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Registration for Confirmation - high school ages

In-person confirmation classes will start Sept 12th. Registration will run from July 22nd - August 29th. Forms and packets will be available on our website stcorneliuslb.org or at the Faith Formation office both beginning July 22nd. Questions: contact Cristy Hull or Andres Cortez at (562) 420-7613 or drop a line to youthministry@stcorneliuslb.org. We look forward to the new year of youth ministry!

Registration for Faith Formation - elementary school ages

We are excited for your family to embark on the Pathways journey with us. The Pathways Program is a hybrid format, with meetings at the Parish campus and parent-led meetings at home. More information, calendar, and all resources will be made available to you upon registration and during the Orientation meetings. Forms can be found on our website; please return before September 12, 2021. Questions: contact our Religious Ed director, Ana López at (562) 420-7613 or faithformation@stcorneliuslb.org. Thank you for saying yes to the call to grow deeper in faith!

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - R.C.I.A.

Are you being called to become a fully initiated Catholic or are you interested in the Roman Catholic Faith? Join our new session of R.C.I.A. starting September 7th. Call the Parish Office at (562) 421-8966 to Register or for information about our class schedule.

St. Vincent De Paul.

We received a donation of Smart & Final gift card that we are able to give to seniors (60+) who need help with groceries. If you or anyone you know needs help please call St. Vincent de Paul at 562 421-8011.

Faith and Fiction - St. Cornelius Book Discussion Group.

The next meetings for book club will be held Sept 20th (American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins). All are welcome to join. Contact Katy Ellis for meeting location and time, kellislb@hotmail.com.

2021 FIESTA-SAVE THE DATE

Attention St. Cornelius Parishioners! We are happy to announce that our annual Fiesta will be held on October 1st, 2nd, & 3rd this year! Come out and show your support and enjoy all the great activities this event has to offer!! You can do some Wine Tasting in the garden, bid on Silent Auction items, enjoy Brunch on Sunday, and shop at the Craft Fair. There will be a variety game booths and inflatables for the kids and enjoy the live entertainment! And, as usual, there will be a variety of delicious food and desserts to fill you up! We look forward to a great weekend with a successful event and rejoice at the

2021 FIESTA- SILENT AUCTION NEEDS YOUR HELP!

In preparation for this year's upcoming Fiesta, we, on the silent auction committee, kindly request your donations of never used gift cards or admission tickets, vacation rentals, goods and any services or priceless experiences. We can also take cash which we will use to purchase Scrip gift cards which also benefits our school, so that's a win-win!! If you would like to donate, please contact Amanda Falkowski at silentauction@stcornelius.net or you can drop off your donation at the school office. Thank you for your support in helping to make this fundraising event a success for our school!!

SODA DRIVE

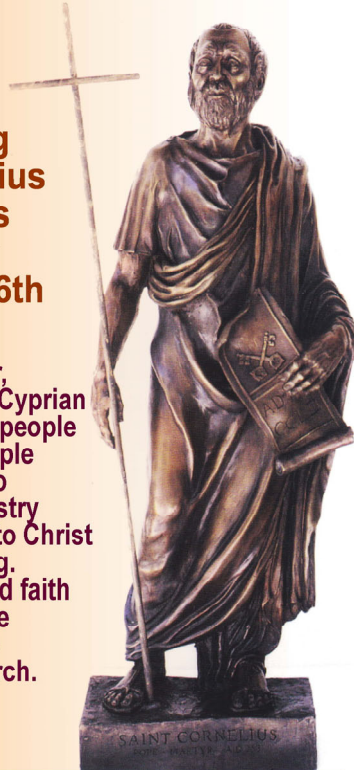
Participate in our annual soda drive be a part of Fiesta and contribute to its success! Your contribution helps increase the Fiesta's monetary support to the school. Soft drink donations of cans of Coke, Pepsi, Sprite, 7-Up and other brands: Regular or Diet, can be dropped off after all masses at the Rectory garage door on the following dates: August 28 & 29 and September 4 & 5. Your support of this worthy fundraiser is greatly appreciated!! Contact the Soda Chairs, Ryan and Maria Carbonara at 562-208-1679. Thank you and we look forward to a great Fiesta to come!!



Ministry

Celebrating Saints Cornelius & Cyprian's Feast Day September 16th

God our Father,
In Saints Cornelius & Cyprian
You have given your people
an inspiring example
of dedication to
the pastoral ministry
and constant witness to Christ
in their suffering.
May their prayers and faith
give us courage
to work for the
unity of your church.
Amen



Ministries & Fellowship Groups

Altar Servers	Roger Udabe	562-965-6485
Bereavement	Nancy Himes	562-928-2474
Book Club	Katy Ellis	562-607-1100
Cub Scouts	Shawn Kelly	714-713-2015
Boy Scouts	Bill D'Alvia	562-508-8900
Choirs	Joe Patolo	562-421-8966
Cursillo	Joe Hamamoto Jr.	562-572-3429
Eucharistic Ministers/		
Lectors	Michele Bradley	562-420-6481
Hospital Ministry	Frank Schmidt	562-225-7571
Knights of Columbus	Victor Magaña	562-420-3214
People for Others	Jenny Davidoff	562-420-3425
Project Achieve	Kathy Cabral	562-810-1473
RCIA	Loraine Moreno	562-421-8966
Religious Education	Ana Lopez	562-420-7613
Respect Life	Parish Office	562-421-8966
St. Vincent de Paul	Claudia Meza	562-421-8011
Safeguard the Children	Parish Office	562-421-8966
Ushers	Michael Moretine	562-420-4565
Weddings	Maria Carbonara	562-421-8966
Quinceañeras	Maria Eugenia Cortez	562-421-8966
Confirmation & Youth Ministry	Cristy Hull	562-420-7613

Stewardship Report Week of 9/12/2021

In-person Collection	\$18,127
E-giving (adj bi-weekly)	\$2,964
Total	\$21,091
Versus Budget	\$8,091

Clergy & Parish Office

Parish Office, M-F 10:30am to 5pm

Father Jay Cunnane - Pastor

Father George Reynolds - Associate Pastor

Deacon Joe Hamamoto

Deacon Rich Boucher

Deacon George Mora

Linda Ramirez - Receptionist

Maria Carbonara - Media & Projects

Erik Landesfeind - Business Manager

Nancy Hayes - School Principal

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Join in our Community Celebration!

Saturday, Sept. 11th

5:00 Mass - Wine & Cheese Reception

Sunday, September 12th

8:00 Mass - Fruit & Pastry Reception

10:00 Mass -

Fr. Jay's Installation Mass & Luncheon

12:00 Mass - cancelled until next week

Tuesday, Sept. 14th

7:00 pm - **Prayer Service,**

Adoration, community prayer, music & fellowship.

Guest speaker Sr. Kathleen Burns

Wednesday, September 15th

7:00 pm - **Evening for the Young Adults (14-25)**

praise, worship & social gathering. Guest speaker David Calavitta

Thursday, September 16th

7:00 pm - **Memorial Service**

honoring those lost during the pandemic, prayer & music, candle ritual, Memorial Plaque blessing. Guest speaker Fr. Jim Clarke

Friday, September 17th

7:00 pm - **Outdoor Concert -**

Evening of music & worship with our music ministries.

Bring your own chair & refreshment

Tuesday, Sept. 21st

7:00 pm - **Back Pack Service Project:**

Gather together to help organize and

fill backpacks for kids or families in need.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Sr. Mary Murphy
NOVEMBER 12, 1930 - JUNE 23, 2021

St. Cornelius Community has scheduled a Celebration of Life for our beloved Sr. Mary on Saturday, September 18th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Did you know?

September 11-12 || What to do if you are worried about family abduction

Family abduction happens when a child is taken or hidden by one family member from another, against custody or visitation rights. In some circumstances, family abduction is considered a crime, and can be prosecuted. If you are worried about a possible family abduction, you can take action. Have a valid custody agreement that outlines who can see or take your child, and when. Advise your child's school or daycare about custody arrangements, including who can and cannot pick up your child.

For more information, visit [@lacatholics.org/did-you-know](https://missingkids.org/theissues/familyabduction).

Reach out with updates or additions at ebulletin@stcorneliuslb.org. Thank you!

