

## **SANTA MARIA GORETTI PARISH**

(Italian Parish)

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**Mass Schedule:** Tuesday to Friday - 7:00 p.m.

**Weekend:** Saturday at 5:00 pm. Sunday: 9:30 am (*English*) and 11:30 am (*Italian*)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. before Mass or by appointment

**Adoration:** Every Friday at 6.30 pm. **Rosary every evening: 6:20 pm.**

**Baptism:** Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 11:30 am. Please contact parish office for scheduling Baptism.

**Marriage:** Contact the Priest at least 6 months prior to the Wedding.

(A Catholic Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement.)

**Mezz'ora Con Voi (Italian Radio Program):** Sunday at: 8:30 a.m. on 101.7 FM

## **22 Agosto 2021**

### **XXI Domenica del Tempo Ordinario / B Tu hai Parole di Vita Eterna**



La ricerca di maestri e di modelli è una costante nella vita umana, non solo nel periodo giovanile, ma in ogni sua fase, pure quando si è adulti o anziani. Anche Gesù si propone come maestro, non con la pretesa di suggerire solo modelli morali o intellettuali, ma proferendo parole che sono “spirito e vita”. Egli è infatti l’effusione stessa dello Spirito che vivifica attraverso il dono della sua vita. Accettare la proposta di Gesù è entusiasmante se la si considera in maniera asettica e generale; è invece una vera e propria sfida se ci si lascia coinvolgere dalla sua vicenda e dall’esito di passione e morte. Per questo il suo messaggio anche oggi resta sconvolgente e non sono pochi coloro che, come molti discepoli di un tempo, si allontanano da lui. Pietro comprende però che, nonostante il linguaggio di Gesù sia duro, la promessa di vita che egli annuncia può sempre dare rinnovate energie, perché lui ha “parole di vita eterna”, chiede una scelta radicale, che in strada verso un’esistenza pienamente realizzata e definitiva. La scelta è netta: vivere secondo lo Spirito o lasciarsi dominare dalla carne!

*Don Tiberio Cantaboni.*

## **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The words proclaimed today in the Gospel are extremely important to our faith and tradition as Catholics. After he feeds the crowd and walks on water, Jesus tells his disciples that unless they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will not have life. In the face of this seemingly gruesome teaching, many disciples decide to walk away. When the twelve are given the opportunity to leave, Peter’s response is one of faith. Instead of backing away from the difficult teachings given by Jesus, he responds with absolute trust, remembering that the one who speaks these words is the Holy One of God. Sometimes we do not understand what God is telling us, or why we are going through a difficult situation. Sometimes the truth is inconvenient or too difficult to digest and we are tempted to walk away from God. We are invited today to have a faith like Peter’s – to trust in God, no matter how mysterious his ways. In fact, the communion we are about to share is an act of faith: we believe in the true presence of Jesus in the bread and wine. As we go back into the world after taking part in the Eucharist today, let us remember that we are carrying the life of God within us. May his life shine brightly through us!

*Myriam Dupuis.*