

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 23, 2020

St. Joseph of the Valley: 31151 207th Street, (Rural) Leavenworth, KS 66048
St. Lawrence: 211 West Riley, Easton, KS 66020
Parish Mailing Address: P.O. Box 129, Easton, KS 66020

Father Francis Bakyor, Pastor
Easton Rectory Phone: 913-773-5712
Father's cell: 913-235-6837
Father's Email: francis.bakyor@yahoo.com

Website: www.sjslparish.org
St. Joseph of the Valley Hall: 913-758-9225
St. Lawrence Hall & Fax: 913-773-8401
“LIKE” us on Facebook for new announcements

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Aug. 25	07:00 pm	STL	For Faith, Hope & Love
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m. - CANCELLED				
THUR	Aug. 27	07:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL
SAT	Aug. 29	05:00 pm	SJV	Richard Heim †
SUN	Aug. 30	09:00 am	STL	Charles Abel Sr. †

Confessions: SAT-4:30 pm at SJV; SUN-8:30 at STL

PLEASE NOTE:

Attendance for Masses - limited to 25% of the building's seating capacity— 30-75 at St. Lawrence and 30-45 at St. Joseph of the Valley. We will be offering four Masses per week. Please do not feel obligated to attend weekend Masses — weekday Masses will work just fine if it fits into your family's schedule. You may sign-up for Masses online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4AA9AB2AA1FA7-stjosephst>. Please see online info for restrictions and guidance.

Please pray for the sick, especially: Phil Bell, Deacon Guy Berry, Susie Beying, Jennifer Brushwood, Glenn Coffey, Carl Davidson, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, Ronnie Gast, Alan Halstead, Marly Heim, Frank Heintzelman, Jim Heintzelman, Lydia Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Mark Hund, Arlene Jennings, Wendi Johnston, Michael Jones, Elmer Karczewski, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long, Joyce Lowe, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Don Navinsky, Kay Nocktonick, Dannie Phillips, Adam Pineau, Mike Pursel, Mary M. Ruhlman, Kim Sachse, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Jim (Poly) Sloan, Gary Stafford, Aaron Welch, Louise Wistuba and Nick Yuska.

Prayer List for Our Soldiers: ARMY: 1LT Daniel Broaddus, Pvt. David Crook, Lexi (Skaggs) Hargis, Major Bryan Herken, SPC Derrick Hunt, SGT Colby Seifert, William Stradley. AIRFORCE: E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT Scott Loecher, E-3 Connor Schuler, A1C Noah Tattershall. NAVY: ADDA Jason P. Herken, YNS1 (SS) Kevin Lansing.

Prayer for Vocations: Brother Seelos (Tyler Lunsford).

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collections received this week were \$768. Last week's on-line collection was \$429.22. Thank you for your generosity.

DO YOU WANT TO DONATE and not sure how during this time? In Father's letter of March 24th, he wrote "I know many families are going through hard times this period. I would still like to encourage everyone to continue giving your weekly the upkeep of the parish through online or mail services. God loves a cheerful donations for giver." **Any donations during this difficult time will be greatly appreciated.** You can mail in your donations to: St. Joseph-St. Lawrence, P.O. Box 129, Easton, KS 66020 or deposit online by visiting our website at <https://www.sjslparish.org/home/donations> to click on the link to donate on-line! Thank you! We wish everyone good health. Blessings to all!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Our 2nd graders are finally getting to receive their First Holy Communion. They will receive the Eucharist in small groups on **August 15, 16, 22 & 23rd**. All the masses will be celebrated at St Lawrence.

Our first group, celebrated last weekend, included: Lane Coppinger, John Paul Peltzer, Addalee Shoemaker & Kohen Urban, as well as Gunnar Pohl, Abe Heim & Broxton Navinsky.

Our second group, this weekend: on Saturday, **August 22nd** will include: Harper Schmalstieg, Natalie Heim, Kevin Adaline, Mitchell Waters, & Lily Bryan. For Sunday, **August 23rd**- Jax Martin, Blayke Roggenkamp & Lane Green.

Please pray for them on this important occasion.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

CHRIST'S PEACE PRAYER GROUP: WEDNESDAY'S AT 6:30 PM

This is a special announcement for St. Joseph/St. Lawrence Parishioners: The Lord wants to speak to you. Do you know how to listen to his voice? Join us this summer on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm as we prayerfully read the gospel for the upcoming Sunday and learn to listen to the Lord. The meetings will take place at Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meagher Rd, Easton, KS 66020. RSVP 913-773-8255.

WHAT CAN I DO? – MATTHEW 25:45 The Bible commands us to help "the least of these, my brothers and sisters..." Matthew 25:45. In our culture of death, no doubt "the least of these our brothers and sisters" are the defenseless, innocent children in the womb who are so incredibly vulnerable. So, here are some ideas of what we can do to make a real difference:

- ◆ Join or Support the Respect Life Committee in your Parish
- ◆ Start or Support a Gabriel Project in Your Parish
- ◆ Meet with and write to your Legislators as a Constituent, Communicating the Catholic Church Position on Life Issues
- ◆ Support Local Pregnancy Centers by donating Your Time, Talents, and Treasure
- ◆ Tell Others about Project Rachel, a Post- Abortion Reconciliation/Counseling
- ◆ Pray for Those Who Have Been Involved in an Abortion
- ◆ Pray for the life of all, particularly giving witness outside our local abortion clinics

"From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent human being to life."

ATTEND THE FOSTER MINISTRY FAIR to help vulnerable children and the families who care for them! We all have heard how the Kansas foster care system is overwhelmed. There are currently 7,500 children in care and only approximately 2,000 foster families. Unfortunately, the need is expected to grow due to effects of the pandemic and as vulnerable children come back into the public eye when schools open again this fall. The Church is the solution to this crisis! We are confident our Catholic community will respond once we all become aware of the need and the many ways to help. Join parish leaders and members to learn more about the resources available to make a difference in the lives of so many children in our communities. **Foster Care Ministry Fair:** Thursday, **August 27**, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Offered via Zoom AND in-person at: Savior Pastoral Center, Keleher Conference Room, 12601 Parallel Pkwy, KCK. Zoom registrants will receive a link before the event. Registration is required for both in-person and virtual participation: <https://archkck18.wufoo.com/forms/r18111q0mpkg57/>. Please visit our new website at www.archkcks.com/foster to learn more and see the resources available. Contact Debra Niesen at dniesen@archkck.org with any questions.

BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & TRAINING Birthright Volunteers offer hope, understanding and love to women distressed by pregnancy. We help them evaluate their situation, look at resources and discover how they can give life to their babies. For 34 years Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. has been helping women in this area carry their babies to term. If you are interested in being a Birthright Volunteer, we will be having a training wearing masks or social distancing when appropriate. We are practicing safety measures at the Birthright center. For more information or to sign up for orientation call Margaret McNamee 913-991-7660.

ST. BENEDICT WORK AND HOLINESS RETREAT: Conferences about the rule and life of St. Benedict, **Sept. 11th -13th**. There will be conferences, time to work on various projects around the retreat center, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/courtyard rooms, \$170 single; \$250 couple or single guest rooms \$100 (meals included). To attend, send an email to info@christspce.com or call 913-773-8255.

FATIMA MOVIE RELEASE: The new movie Fatima, Inspired by the True Story is scheduled to be released on August 28. A powerful and uplifting drama about the power of faith, Fatima tells the story of a 10-year old shepherd and her two young cousins in Fatima, Portugal, who report seeing visions of the Virgin Mary. Their revelations inspire believers but anger officials of both the Church and the secular government, who try to force them to recant their story. As word of their prophecy spreads, tens of thousands of religious pilgrims flock to the site in hopes of witnessing a miracle. What their experience will change their lives forever. You may view the trailer at www.fatimathemovie.com.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Fertility Care Center is planning to hold their next Creighton Model Education Class in August (EPI) & March (EPII). They will provide the class over two extended weekends to help accommodate everyone's busy schedules.

The dates are:

Education Phase One: **August 21-24 & August 28-31, 2020**

Education Phase Two: **March 6-8 & March 13-15, 2021**

The link to their website with all the information needed to apply is

<http://www.fertilitycarekc.com/fertilitycare-practitioner-training.html>

Questions can be referred to admin@fertilitycarekc.com or pwhite@fertilitycarekc.com.

PLEASE – There are a large number of other Archdiocesan announcements that could not fit in the space available. They will be posted on our church website listed above as a 2nd page to this bulletin.

Bulletin Items: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email Sisparish@gmail.com. Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well. MUST SUBMIT BY 9 pm TUES FOR INCLUSION.

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH
“Two Churches, One Parish”
Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
August 23, 2020

PAGE 2 – bulletin
(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)

PROJECT CHRYSALIS is a ministry offering hope through Sacred Scripture and community to parents/grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. While this ministry is not a bereavement group, our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture in a time of transformation. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday **August 25** from 7:00-8:15 p.m. both in person and online via Zoom. Msgr. Tom Tank will be our guest speaker. We will meet in the St. Mark Room in the lower level of Church of the Ascension, 9510 W. 127th St in Overland Park. For those joining us online, we will email each of you with the Zoom link and assist you in getting set up for our meeting. For more information, contact Dcn. Ken Billinger at 913-634-4210 or email kbillinger@archkck.org. The group is open to parents or grandparents who have lost a child.

ONLINE AD ALTARE DEI CLASSES, NOW FORMING FOR CATHOLIC BOYS AND GIRLS (ages 13-18) IN NON-CATHOLIC CHARTERED TROOPS FOR FALL 2020! In a special outreach ministry delivered through live, online classes (via Zoom), the Catholic Committee on Scouting in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, is offering the opportunity to Scouts in non-Catholic units throughout the Archdiocese to fulfill his or her Duty to God and earn the Catholic Religious Award. We are very excited to offer this first-of-its-kind class. To learn more, and to register, visit www.archkck.org/scouting-home. Classes start in September.

VENERATION OF THE RELICS OF PADRE PIO

Divine Mercy Parish, 555 W Main Street, Gardner KS will host the veneration of the relics of St. Pio on Tuesday, **September 1, 2020**. The Rite of Reception of the relics will begin at 7am and veneration will continue until 6pm. The veneration will be closed between 3pm and 4pm for a private veneration for priests. There will be a Mass at 6pm in honor of Padre Pio. St. Pio was a very pious priest who offered up tremendous suffering as he endured the "stigmata" of the crucifixion wounds of Our Lord. He bore all pain in humbleness - while in continuous prayer - for the forgiveness of sins (by all humankind). He is the Patron Saint of: Adolescents, Stress-relief and Civil defense volunteers. His Feast Day is: September 23rd - what a perfect opportunity to begin the month of September in his honor. Due to COVID 19 restriction, guests are required to wear masks upon entering the church, and disinfect hands with hand sanitizer, and respect social distancing during the veneration and Mass. Attendance at the veneration of the relics of Padre Pio and the Mass in his honor is free.

LIFE & HOPE BANQUET – A BENEFIT FOR WYANDOTTE & OLATHE PREGNANCY CLINICS: Thursday, **September 3** – 7:00 pm. Join us ONLINE for our 2020 Fund a Need virtual event. Watch and donate from the comfort of your own home! Register on your own, or be a home host and gather friends and family to join your team. Sign up at www.wyandottepregnancyclinic.org. For questions, call 913.287.8287. Making abortion unthinkable, one life at a time, serving families facing an unplanned pregnancy with Christ-like compassion, we meet women where they are and offer them love and support.

KANSAS CITY MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF ABORTION

Saturday, **Sept 12**; 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, 126th St. & Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS. Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, will provide a reflection. Service will be in the chapel followed by a short procession to the memorial site at the cemetery. Solemn prayer services will be held nationwide to honor the memory of more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion. This is a national event. Local sponsors include Planned Parenthood Exposed, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, KC Coalition for Life and LIFE Runners. Local contact: Tina Jinkens, 785-615-8373, tmjinkens@gmail.com

THE VITAE FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL KANSAS CITY PRO-LIFE EVENT

Wednesday, **September 16, 2020** – 7:00 pm at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel. The featured speaker is Jason Chaffetz, former congressman from Utah who is an ardent supporter for life! He rose to Chairman of the powerful House Oversight & Government Reform Committee. Chaffetz is currently a Contributor on Fox News Networks and a Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School, Institute of Politics. Dinner and program begin at 7 p.m. Registration is \$100. Social distancing guidelines are to be followed for safety of all. Livestream option is \$25. For more details and to reserve your seat, visit our website at www.VitaeFoundation.org/events or call 573-634-4316.

“COPING WITH LIFE ALONE” - PEER-TO-PEER GRIEF SUPPORT

– NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE! Easy - requires Internet access to join! "Coping with Life Alone ®" is a Beginning Experience ® grief support program that meets each week for 8 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. Upcoming program dates: Saturdays, **Sept. 12th through Oct. 31st**, from 1:00 to 3:00pm. This session will be held online using Zoom. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for more information and required **registration by September 1st**.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, **Sept 18th - 20th**. This will be a traditional, in-person, experience at the Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. The option for a Virtual Weekend Experience, Nov. 13th - 15th, will be offered in conjunction with the scheduled traditional, in-person weekend. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.me4youandme.org, or call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net.

AMAZING PARISH: Registration is filling fast for the upcoming Amazing Parish Conference hosted by our Archdiocese on **Oct. 19-21st** at the

Overland Park Convention Center. Parish teams from around the country have already signed up to take part in this valuable training! Register Here: <https://amazingparish.org/>

What does an Amazing Parish look like? If you're ready to build an effective leadership team and improve the organizational health of your parish, we hope you'll join us. Amazing Parish gives busy pastors and their teams the tools they need to transform their parishes - moving from maintenance mode to mission communities that are truly alive! For more information: Parish Journey – A Pastor's First Steps, <https://amazingparish.org/get-started/#firststeps> or call the Office of Evangelization at 913-721-1570

 **RESOURCES** 

PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us. He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

“THE HISTORY & LEGACY OF IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL” is now available for purchase from the publisher, Lulu.com. Access the link to order from Facebook pages “Forever Raiders”, “Immaculata High School Alumni” or “The History & Legacy of Immaculata High School”. Direct link is:

<http://www.lulu.com/shop/mary-ann-sachse-brown-and-marti-sachse-judson/the-history-legacy-of-immaculata-catholic-high-school-in-the-first-city-of-kansas/hardcover/product-24157407.html> This is a keepsake hardcover 120 page book with nearly 300 images. Available in color (best quality) or black and white.

NEW FOSTER CARE WEBSITE: You can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children in Kansas! Sadly, every day in Kansas, children are removed from their homes by no fault of their own for a variety of reasons. Each of these children is a precious, unique gift from God who deserves a loving and safe environment where he or she can THRIVE! Because care of the orphan and works of mercy are part of the mission for all baptized Catholics, the Church is the solution to an overwhelmed Kansas foster system which is facing increased needs due to COVID-19.

Please visit the new Archdiocesan Foster Care Ministry Website at www.archkcks.com/foster to learn how you can help vulnerable children in our community and support the families who have answered the call to love and protect these children. If you are currently fostering or have adopted your child/ren from foster care, we want to connect with you to support you on your journey! Please join the Archdiocesan Foster Family by registering here: www.archkck.org/fostercaredatabase

NEW END-OF-LIFE RESOURCE GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Ethics Council that serves Archbishop Naumann has produced a comprehensive resource for end-of-life planning titled “Catholic Guide For-End-Of Life and Establishing of Advance Directives”. The purpose of the guide is to assist the faithful in making wise decisions about complex treatments in grave illness or as life's end approaches in accordance with the teachings of our Catholic faith. It also includes two Appendices for a Durable Power of Attorney and an Advance Directive form. For a free digital copy of the Guide, visit www.archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM - ADULT TRAINING (VIRTUS)

Effective Immediately In light of the current health conditions, one prudent and preventative measure we are taking is to make the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults training available Online as an option. Effective immediately, due to COVID-19, the Archdiocesan requirement for attending a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults workshop live session will be suspended and the option of the online version of the module can be offered in lieu of live training. This is a temporary safety precaution, and parishes may still offer the live training session available as an option if they prefer as long as the local county and state ordinances in effect at the time of the event are followed. Please note, the training must still be completed prior to participants working around youth, but the requirement may now temporarily be met by completing the online Protecting God's Children module. Individuals needing to attend a session will be offered the option of the online module at the time of registration. They will still need to follow the background screening and policy completion process at the time of registration. Individuals who are already currently registered for an upcoming live session, may log back into their account and change to the online module. These procedures will be reviewed and updated periodically as needed and are in place to protect you, those you work with, and your family. Please stay safe and healthy and continue to pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ! We are praying for all of you and your families. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Vielhauer at svielhauer@archkck.org or Jenifer Valenti at jvalenti@archkck.org. May God bless you and keep you safe.

PLANNED GIVING BRIEF: Our Catholic Church has spanned the centuries and the globe and through all previous pandemics and disasters has been a source of charity to all through its parish priests and religious. We invite you to make a grateful response to God for these gifts by planning a deferred gift to your parish. Visit CatholicPlannedGiving.org to learn how to accept this invitation.

21st Sunday in ordinary Time, Year A (8/23/2020).

Texts:

First Reading. Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading. Romans 11:33-36

Third Reading. Matthew 16:13-20

Theme: "Who do you say that I am?"

Congregation: St. Joseph of the valley- St. Lawrence Parish, Easton/ Kansas.

1. Daily life:

One of the greatest fears of many parents is: if some misfortune will come in your life like a serious sickness or death, will what you have put in place like farming, business ventures, will be continued by you children or workers. If you have some fears or doubts about the continuation, you wonder if you will leave behind any legacy. All that you have started will be in vain.

Jesus had the same fears after sometime in his ministry. Will there be anybody to acknowledge and continue on with his mission. He wants to be certain, so he is asking his close friends/disciples: "Who do you say that I am"

Every day we ask people all kinds of questions: Where did you go? Why do you do that? When will you come? How did this happen? etc. And of course, people ask us questions as well. Questions are very much a part of our daily life and conversation.

When we hear a question addressed to us, we know that we will have to answer. We can answer: "Yes" or "No", or give a longer reply, but we must say something. The person asking is there looking at us and waiting for some words from us. Most times he/she will not accept silence as a reply but will repeat the question to hear what we have to say. Is it not so?

2. God's Message:

Today, you and I are asked a question- a very important question. The one asking is not one of our friends or neighbors. We are not asked by a teacher or any of our fellowmen. The question is not brought to us by an angel either. It is God Himself who speaks to us through His own Son Jesus Christ. Yes, today Jesus asks each one of us:

"Who do you say that I am"

We have heard those words just now as we listened to the gospel reading. There we have seen the words addressed to the Apostles, Jesus' friends. At first, Jesus had asked them what other people say of Him. All the many people He had cured of their diseases. What do they think of Him? Who is he in their eyes?

The Apostles reported what people are saying. Some think Jesus is a prophet. Some even believe He is one of the former prophets risen from the dead, like Elijah or John the Baptist. Having heard those answers, Jesus now looks at his friends and asks theme: "But you, who do say that I am"?

Jesus wants his friends to think for themselves how they themselves see him. It is not enough to repeat what others think and say. He wants the Apostles to become aware of how they see Him, of who He is for them. Peter will be the one who answers. He answers in the name of all and He says:

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”

Jesus congratulates Peter for his answer but He makes it clear that Peter did not find this answer by himself alone but it was “revealed” or, shown to him by “the father in Heaven”. In other words, Jesus is telling Peter, and the other Apostles listening, that to know Him, Jesus, is a gift from God. It is not something we can get by ourselves alone. We must receive this knowledge of Jesus from God.

And today, the same question is addressed to us here. Jesus looks to you, and you, and you, and He asks you personally: “And you, who do you say that I am?” Just close your eyes for a moment and see Him there before you, asking you this question. What would you answer Him? Some among us may say:

Jesus, you are my Lord;

you are my master;

you are my savior;

you are my friend;

you are judge;

And perhaps some of us will have to admit: Well, I had never thought of this question before! Perhaps you have never asked yourself before now: “How do I look at Jesus, what is he for me?” As you think about it just now, the picture of Him as a crucified Savior may come to you. Or, the picture of the Risen Lord. Or, again, the picture of a faithful Friend. Or, perhaps the picture of a Judge.

After asking yourself how you see Jesus, it would be good to ask as well what does He want to be for you. This answer He will give to you in your own heart. By there is one thing that is clear and certain: He is Someone who loves you more than any one can ever love you. He has given his own life for you. He wants your friendship very much. And He is always there near to you, ready to protect you, help you, comfort you.

I have said just now that He Himself will tell you who He is, and what He wants to be for you. How and when? Mostly through prayer. When you take time to sit quietly to become aware of his presence with you. Then, slowly, He will show Himself to you. If you try to close your eyes and your ears to the sights and noises around, and just try to be attentive to Him. If you try to listen to Him, He will speak to you.

You can also come to know Jesus better by reading the gospel. There, you will find the story of his life. What He said and did. How He was with people, how He cured them, gave them comfort in their pain, and forgave their sins.

As you look at Him, and listen to His teaching, you will come to understand what kind of a Person He was. You will discover His mercy, His gentleness, His compassion, His love. And to understand also that He is the same today for you and me as He was then.

We can learn more about Jesus in sharing our faith in our Christian groups in the Parish different activities. There also you can get to know Jesus better. And of course, as you come to Church every Sunday, you can hear the preaching that is given as you are doing now. In all these ways, your knowledge of who Jesus is can become clearer and deeper at the same time.

3. New Life:

Today, you have heard Jesus' question. Perhaps you were surprised by it and you were not too sure how to answer it. Perhaps you would have liked more time to think about it. Well, why not take some time, this coming week to think about it? Ask yourself again:

Who is Jesus for me?

What does He want to be for me?

And why not buy your own copy of the gospel, and read some of it every night when you are less busy. Then, after a while, you might feel you can answer better the most important question that can be asked of you:

"Who do you say that I am"

Fr. Francis Bakyor