

We welcome newcomers to our church!  
 If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please complete one of the blue registration forms, which you will find on the table near the front door of the church. You can bring the form to the office during business hours or put it into the collection basket.

## August 1, 2021 The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SAVE the DATE!** Our Ministries Fair is returning the weekend of August 28 & 29.  
 All of our parish ministries will display their activities in the hall after both Masses!  
 Please plan to attend!

### Mass Intentions

- 8/1/21 For the People of the Parish
- 8/2/21 Edward Martin Waggoner
- 8/4/21 Theresa and J.C. Giglio
- 8/5/21 Lynda Davis
- 8/6/21 For the Canonization of Fr. Antonio Margil Jesus, O.F.M.
- 8/7/21 Austin Garcia

August 6 marks the 295<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the **Venerable Padre Antonio Margil de Jesús**, the “Apostle of Texas.” Padre Margil joined the Franciscan friars and left his native Spain to serve in colonial Mexico. He called himself, *La Misma Nada*, i.e., “Nothingness itself.” He travelled barefoot throughout Mexico, Central America and Texas to bring the message of God’s saving love to the indigenous people. While in Texas, Padre Margil founded several missions, including Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de los Nacogdoches (Our Lady of Guadalupe of Nacogdoches). It was in the summer of 1718 that Padre Margil worked his most famous miracle. A terrible drought had ruined the natives’ crops, causing the Lanana and Banita Creeks to dry up. Padre Margil struck the rock above the Lanana Creek and brought forth two streams of fresh water which still flow to this day. The miracle of these *Ojos de Padre Margil*, “Eyes of Father Margil,” allowed the natives and Spaniards to survive and remain at the mission. On August 6, 1726, in Mexico City, **Padre Antonio** finished his labors and went to greet the Lord whom he had faithfully served. In 1836, Father Margil was granted the title “Venerable” by Pope Gregory XVI. May Padre Margil be known someday in the future, God willing, as San Antonio Margil.



### Week of July 25 – July 31, 2021

Income \$1,795.00  
 CCD \$51.00  
 Expenses \$4,385.52

August 6 is the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**. In his sermon on the Transfiguration, Anastasius of Sinai proclaimed: “Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to his disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them he had spoken of the kingdom and of his second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, he gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of his glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven.” – *from the Liturgy of the Hours*

### Birthday List

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| Barbara Blanchette | 8/1 |
| Flora Leger        | 8/1 |
| Kristin Laventry   | 8/3 |
| Luis Lopez Jr.     | 8/3 |
| Robert Rubio       | 8/3 |
| Judy Callahan      | 8/4 |
| Jake Tortorice IV  | 8/5 |
| David Tolin Sr.    | 8/7 |

The miraculous multiplication of loaves is over. Now men pursue the Wonderworker so that they can continue to be fed by him. It is just like the Samaritan woman at the well: “Give me this water so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” (John 4:15) This too is understandable from a human perspective. Jesus instructs them to “work” for something else: food that endures for eternal life, which obviously is God’s doing. Hence the follow-up question: “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” (Jn 6:28) They do not realize that they are giving voice to a contradiction: man cannot “do” the works of God. Jesus points out the contradiction and shows how to overcome it. God’s work is that man believes rather than achieves, that he offers himself, and that he offers himself to the One sent from God. Here the people insist on a sign as a basis for belief – they still imagine faith as a work. Now Jesus links himself, the true Bread from heaven, to the manna – something one can gather up. Intellectual hunger cannot be better quieted than by believing acceptance of Jesus, whom God has sent to the world as the “true Bread from heaven.” (Jn 6:32c) The believer must also work, but he does so solely out of faith rather than in order to believe. For, instead of being a human accomplishment, faith is a complete giving of oneself to God who accomplishes things. – *from Light of the Word, by Hans Urs von Balthasar*



Lequita Baldwin, Barbara Allen, JoAnne & Travis Harris, Martin Brantley, Wanda Brantley, Daniel Begnaud, Alice Loftin, Fred Blanchette, Castro Family, Vivian Lopez, Maylee Converse, Cody Warner, Denise Tremonte, Phyllis Rhodes, Linda Brown, Sue Dickey, Sandra Dugan, Jim Kaiser, Woodrow Guidry, Dora Robinson, Annie Marino, Kelcey Converse, Jo Frances Manuel, Mary Rogan-Reeder, Joseph Reeder, Steve Morris, Karon Preiss, Roy Harmon, Ann Crain, Cece Cobb, Patsy Bobo, Aprille McLaughlin, Norman Lytle, Sami Thibodeaux, Mrs. Martha, Melanie Pickering, Janet Swearingen, Larry Britain, The Men and Women of the USS Makin Island, Sara Spikes, Leah & Natalie Spikes-King, Abril Spikes, David Ready, Martha Waggoner, Ernie and Shirley Brown, Jennie Beeve, Donna Collier, Joe Wheaton, Kelvin Wheaton, Ray Shawn Wheaton, Erica Redmon, Yvonne Guidry, Linda and Paul Gantz, Carol Marsh