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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 2018

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.

-- Jeremiah 23:5a



Daily Mass

Week of July 23rd – 28th

Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Tuesday: 8:00 Rev. Albano G. Oliveira+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Ray & Verna Van Deusen+
 Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Johnnie Glaze
 Friday: 8:00 David Edgerly+
 Saturday: **No 8:00 a.m. Mass**



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Fr. Dan, Ed Heinemann, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos, Juanita Estrelles, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.



Summer Hours: The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays during Summer through August 31st. We will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Have a fun and safe summer vacation!

PLEASE NOTE!

There will be no daily Mass on this coming Saturday, July 28th, only a Communion Service.



Today's Readings

First Reading -- I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm -- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading -- In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel -- When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the next seven weeks when we gather together for Liturgy, the second reading will be from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians. Because we will be reading extensively from this letter, I think that it will be helpful over the next few weeks to share with you an overview of its message.

This week, I would like to begin by clarifying a couple of points. Scripture scholars believe that the letter was probably written in the 80s or 90s of the first century A.D. They base their conclusion on the issues that are mentioned in the letter. The use of vocabulary and the way the letter is constructed suggests that it was written by a disciple of St. Paul twenty to thirty years after the apostle's death. This was an acceptable practice in the early years of the Church. The letter was not written to the local community living in the city of Ephesus, but was circulated among all the churches of Asia Minor (present day Turkey).

Like all the letters written by St. Paul or his disciples, the Letter to the Ephesians addressed issues that were creating problems for the community of believers in the area. Next week, I'll share with you some of the insights and recommendations that "St. Paul" made to the Church of Ephesus.

Love, Fr. Leo

Readings for the Week!

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Solitude!

Settle yourself in solitude, and you will come upon God in yourself.

-- St. Teresa

Invitation to the RCIA Program

Are you searching for a faith tradition that you can call home without having to check your intellect at the door? Have you ever had the slightest inkling to explore becoming Catholic? Are you already Catholic but you have never received your First Communion or Confirmation? If so, the RCIA program might be right for you. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process of exploring the Catholic faith while developing a deeper spiritual and faith life. There are plenty of opportunities to learn and experiment with different forms of prayer and share spiritual questions, doubts, hopes and experiences. It is also a chance to learn about the broad themes and teaching of the Catholic Church, with plenty of time for questions and discussion. If you are interested in learning more about this process, please contact Ann Naffziger at 521-8011 or: ann@gospelliving.org.

What Do You Want To Learn About?

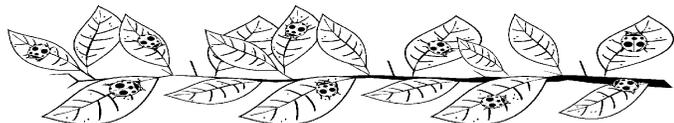
Beginning in the fall, Corpus Christi will be offering monthly morning and evening sessions for adults who want to learn more about the Catholic faith tradition. Whether you are a long-time parishioner, new to our Parish or someone simply interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church teaches, we want to hear from you. What are your questions? What topics are you most interested in learning more about? Please fill out a survey, located on the credenzas at the entrances to the Church and drop it in the box provided.

Treasures From Our Tradition!



"Come away by yourselves and rest a while" must have been chosen for this summer season by a committee eager for a vacation. For the apostles, the promise of rest was foiled by the needs of the people who discovered their hideaway and pressed them into ministry. Some people do indeed use their vacation for ministry and mission, giving an intensity of service otherwise not possible. For most of us, vacation is a time when we can grow more aware of God's plan, and can renew the bonds of love with family and friends in times of play and leisure.

The disciples learn today that there is no place so out of the way that the life of worship and ministry is disengaged. Giving yourself to summer worship will enrich you, delight you and give you a sense of the word of God's progress in your heart. In today's world, summer is the time when we are most acutely aware of the beauty of the world. Gratitude and wonder are fertile soils for God's word to take root and prosper. Welcome the visitor today; and resolve that when you travel, you will be faithful to Sunday worship.



Infant Clothing for Visitation Center!

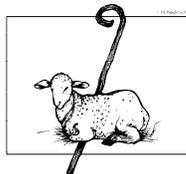
Clothing Drive

The Outreach Committee will be collecting clean, gently-used infant clothing, sizes one year to three years old, and also diapers in all sizes. The collection will be from June 1st to July 31st. All items will benefit moms and babies served by the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Many thanks!

Saints and Special Observances!

- Monday: St. Bridget
- Tuesday: St. Sharbel Makhlûf
- Wednesday: St. James
- Thursday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

The Days Are Coming!



Separation, isolation and hostility are terrible things. We are, sadly, too familiar with all of them in our modern life, whether we look at world events or events in our own neighborhoods and families. All three readings today refer to these same sad human conditions. The prophet Jeremiah describes world conditions as if the people of his time were sheep who had been scattered by poor leadership and corrupt shepherds. But, "the days are coming," he assures us (Jeremiah 23:5), when a new shepherd, a just king, will come. We meet that king in the second reading and the Gospel. Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Ephesians that all divisions can now cease in Christ Jesus, who has brought us together through his blood. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus himself, looking with pity on those searching for him as if they were sheep without a shepherd.

Summer!

In summer, the song sings itself!

-- William Carlos Williams

