



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024

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 22nd – 26th

- Monday: 8:00 Patricia Smith+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Ronald Campos+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Ligia Andrullo+
- Thursday: 8:00 Helene Plotken+
- Friday: 8:00 Christine Rennie+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mike Abell, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	Plate
July 14, 2024	\$10,594.00



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptism of:

Joni Sadako McNutt, daughter of Kathleen Ikuta and Benjamin McNutt.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



The Lord is my SHEPHERD.

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).

Mission!

God has created me to do some definite service. God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I have a mission.

-- John Henry Newman

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

Christ's Presence in the World!

There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world.

Hospitality!

Coffee and donuts will begin after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, August 4th. Come and enjoy the treats and chatting with your fellow parishioners!

Treasures From Our Tradition!



"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place 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.

When Catholicism encounters a culture, it tends to approach the culture with a measure of respect for its key customs, especially those touching family life. Around the world, these long-established customs are often received into the liturgy, sometimes with a new level of interpretation. From Old Mexico, the custom of the *lasso* ("cord") has migrated across borders, and is now firmly established in the marriage liturgy of Spanish-speaking Catholics in the United States. It's a large cord, sometimes resembling rosary beads, looped around the necks of the newlyweds in a figure-eight shape. It is a great honor for a person, normally a godparent or close relative, to place the *lasso* around the shoulders of the couple, groom first. The *lasso*, a symbol of profound unity, remains in place throughout the liturgy until removed, usually by the priest. The bride keeps the *lasso* as a memento of the day, a sign of her ties of love to her husband in heart and home. The tender ministry of the godparent in this ceremony clearly links this sacrament of vocation with baptism. It's not unusual to see the *lasso* made of fragrant orange blossoms, harking back to very ancient pre-Christian rituals seeking the blessings of fertility and happiness.

**Readings For The Week
July 22nd -- 27th**

- Monday: First Reading Song of Songs 3:1-4b;
Psalm 63;
Gospel John 20:1-2, 11-18
- Tuesday: First Reading Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;
Psalm 85;
Gospel Matthew 12:46-50
- Wednesday: First Reading Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10;
Psalm 71;
Gospel Matthew 13:1-9
- Thursday: First Reading 2 Corinthians 4:7-15;
Psalm 126;
Gospel Matthew 20:20-28
- Friday: First Reading Jeremiah 3:14-17;
Responsorial Psalm Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd;
Gospel Matthew 13:18-23
- Saturday: First Reading Jeremiah 7:1-11;
Psalm 84;
Gospel Matthew 13:24-30

Fatima, Lourdes and Shrines of Spain Tour!

Starting from picturesque Lisbon, visit some of the world's most treasured Marian shrines, pilgrimage sites, and spiritual places of Portugal, Spain and France. Hear about the apparition of the Blessed Virgin to the shepherd children in Fatima; learn about the journey taken by pilgrims from all over the world into Santiago de Compostela; and visit Loyola and Manresa to get inspired by St. Ignacio's Jesuit Mission. In Braga, walk the monumental steps of the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte; and in Burgos, marvel at the majestic Cathedral. Join the nightly Rosary and candlelight procession in Lourdes. Spend one night by the inspiring Montserrat Sanctuary, where you will also attend Mass. End in Barcelona with time to celebrate life, reflect and rejoice. This twelve-day group tour includes hotels, guides, historians, land transportation, and eleven Breakfasts and seven dinners. Price starts at \$2,529, per person, based on double occupancy. For more information and to make a reservation, contact Catholic Cruises and Tours at (860) 399-1785.

Saints and Special Observances!

- Monday: St. Mary Magdalene
- Tuesday: St. Bridget, Religious
- Wednesday: St. Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest
- Thursday: St. James, Apostle
- Friday: Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary