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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 19	8:00 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff+
Tuesday, July 20	8:00 a.m.	Ron Gorges
Thursday, July 22	8:00 a.m.	Harold Smith +
Friday, July 23	12:15 p.m.	Private Intention (A.B.) (Eucharistic Adoration right after 12:15 Mass—5:00 p.m.)
Saturday, July 24	4:00p.m.	Thanksgiving For Rain
Sunday, July 25	9:00 a.m.	Private Intention (K.B.)

July 17, 4:00 p.m.	Gwen Waechter
July 18, 9:00 a.m.	Alvin Bergkamp
July 24, 4:00 p.m.	Tom Bachman
July 25, 9:00 a.m.	Fred Jones
July 31, 4:00 p.m.	Debbie Frederick
Aug. 1, 9:00 a.m.	Julie Kaps
Aug. 7, 4:00 p.m.	Gwen Waechter
Aug. 8, 9:00 a.m.	Mike Broeckelman
Aug. 14, 4:00 p.m.	Karen Burden
Aug. 15, 9:00 a.m.	K of C

Thank you so much for your ministry!

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. every Friday from 4:15—4:50 p.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— JULY 18, 2021

PSALM 23

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

Who are we? Are we people who look at the world around us and feel that we're heading down a dangerous path from which we can never return? Do we believe that things will just continue to get worse, that hearts will just become more hardened, that cynicism and suspicion and violence will continue to rule the day? Do we talk to others as if all hope is lost? Are we glad that we most likely won't be alive to see the changes that lie ahead?

Some people in the time of Jeremiah (in the late 7th and early 6th centuries B.C.) saw society moving down a dangerous path spiritually. Their reform-minded king, Josiah, had been killed, and many people slid back into their old ways of doing whatever they wanted --- immorality and idolatry and the like. Jeremiah tried to warn them --- but many turned a deaf ear.

But, miraculously, it wasn't. There were some --- a "remnant" --- who remained faithful in the midst of all of it, even during their time in captivity (which lasted about fifty years). They held tight to what they believed was good and holy and true. And they held out hope and trusted that God would deliver them as he had in the past --- that somehow their faithfulness would yield good fruit.

Do we believe that we can be remnants --- that each of us can (in faith) remain compassionate and hopeful and generous and loving --- no matter what is going on around us? And do we believe that how we act right now --- in the midst of a challenging and changing world --- will help determine the path ahead, will affect the world of ten, fifty, or one hundred years from now? As you know, it's how we act during the tough times that speaks volumes about who we are. Well, who are we? And who will we become in the years ahead? Are we remnants? Can we continue to love even if others choose not to? Or have we kind of "given up" on the world and maybe God? Something to think about. Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for July 11, 2021: Envelopes: \$550; Loose: \$219; Online Giving: \$1515.40. Total \$2,284.40; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under (+523.23)

Thank you so much to your faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and worldwide Church.

CONGRATULATIONS We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, Zariah Lizette Leal, daughter of Jake Leal and Vanessa Mota who was baptized on 10th of July, 2021; and Kash Nicholas Bamberger & Knox Michael Bamberger, sons of Chris and Lacey Bamberger who were baptized on 11th of July, 2021. Welcome to God's family in the Church! May our Loving God continue to pour down His abundant blessings upon Zariah, Kash, Knox and their families.

MEETING: Finance Council at 5:30 pm –July 27th.

RUMMAGE SALE The Rummage Sale this year is to be on August 7th. We would like to start collecting items. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact any of the following:

Jana Jenkinson	290-5201	Janet Rooney	640-1946	Tressa Power	260-6247
Jane Sullivan	355-5118	Carolyn Robertson	290-5569	Gwen Waechter	272-1030

BUDGET SHOP REMINDER our church is scheduled to work at the budget shop every four weeks. We always appreciate all your help. We will be working on July 31st, August 3, 28th, and 31st and on September 25 and 27th. Please put these dates on your calendar. Your children can qualify for a very good scholarship from the Budget shop by volunteering 12 hours a year. So encourage them to work also. Thank you.

VOCATION VIEW "I will appoint shepherds for my people." The call to priestly and religious life is to be a shepherd after the heart of Christ, to give of yourself so that others may live. (Jeremiah 23 and Mark 6)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (—Adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa) "O good Shepherd, it is but one sheep, this entire human race, whom you lift onto your shoulders. Show me where there are green pastures. Let me know restful waters. Lead me out to nourishing grass and call me by name so that I can hear your voice. Through that voice calling me, give me eternal life. Amen."

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Mark 6: 30-34)

Apostles Apostle comes from the Greek word for sent. The word refers to someone who's been sent on a mission. In 6:7-11 Jesus sent the Twelve to preach, heal, and cast out demons. Although Mark refers to the Twelve as disciples for the rest of his Gospel, here he calls them apostles in order to underscore the mission they've just completed.

Rest When Jesus invites the Twelve to rest, he recalls the Promised Land of the Old Testament. There, in that new homeland, God's people could rest, that is, live in relative safety and prosperity (Deuteronomy 12:10, Psalm 95:8-11). Rest also refers to the peace that God brought to Israel during the reign of King David (2 Samuel 7:1). In the New Testament the term takes on new meaning. The author of the sermon to the Hebrews urges his listeners to remain steadfast in faith so as to enjoy their rest, that is, eternal life with God (Hebrews 3:7 – 4:11).

Desolate/deserted places Jesus leads the Twelve into an uninhabited and uncultivated area. Such wilderness recalls the Sinai desert, where God led his people after freeing them from slavery in Egypt. At Mount Sinai God gave the Israelites his laws or teaching. God also fed his people with manna.

Teaching and feeding In this Gospel passage God's people are once again in an uninhabited place, awaiting God's word. Jesus teaches them, though not as Moses did by handing on what God told him, but with his own authority. After teaching the crowds, Jesus feeds them (v. 35f). Feeding is a metaphor for teaching. In the Old Testament God's wisdom, personified as a woman, feeds people (Proverbs 9:1-10, Sirach 24:1,18-22). The link between feeding and teaching is emphasized in John 6, as we'll hear in the coming weeks. (www.oursundayreadings)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Jeremiah 23:1-6)

Evil shepherds, scattered sheep The shepherds represent the kings of Israel who failed to rule as God intended. Jeremiah prophesies that great distress (woe) will come upon them. Under their poor leadership, God's people were invaded first by the Assyrians and then by the Babylonians. The sheep are God's people who were driven away by these attacks.

Good shepherds, gathered sheep God promises to gather all the people who survive the Babylonian invasion (the remnant of the flock) and to give them a king who will rule as God wishes. This king will be a shoot, or new growth, on the family tree of King David. God had promised David that his descendants would always reign over Israel (2 Samuel 7:12-16). The king who will reign at an unspecified time in the future will be called the LORD our justice. Unlike one of the weak kings whose name literally meant my justice is the LORD, the king whom God will set over his people really will lead them with wisdom and justice. (www.oursundayreadings)

QUOTE "We are called to solitude where we can struggle against our anger and greed and let our new self be born in the loving encounter with Jesus Christ. It is in this solitude that we become compassionate people, deeply aware of our solidarity in brokenness with all humanity and ready to reach out to anyone in need."

—Henri Nouwen

QUESTION AND ANSWER



Question:

I don't understand how mere humans are supposed to forgive everyone everything, but we are taught that God/ Jesus only forgives us if we are repentant. How are we supposed to be more forgiving than he is? — Nancy

Answer:

I am not sure where you learned that the Lord Jesus only forgives if we are repentant. This is quite contrary to what he did on the cross. With the exception of John, Mother Mary, and several other women, we collectively mocked him, scorned him, and thought nothing of his sufferings. Yet in our most unrepentant moment, he said, "Father, forgive them."

The Scriptures also say, "But God shows his own love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son" (Rom 5:8,10).

Perhaps you have in mind the judgment we will face. Many do think of the Last Judgment as God withholding forgiveness. However, the Lord makes it clear: "As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ez 33:11). Also, God "desires all men to be saved" (1 Tm 2:4).

The Last Judgment is not about God's desire to condemn, or his refusal to forgive. Rather, the judgment in question is more about our final answer to the invitation of God to receive his offered mercy and accept the values of his kingdom. There are some who mysteriously reject the Kingdom and its values, who refuse the offered mercy of God or their need for it. Without pleasure, God accepts the final and lasting choice of some to dwell apart from him.

For us, forgiveness should not be seen so much as an imposed obligation, but as a gift to seek and receive from God. Forgiveness does not always mean we can go on in close relationships with people who may cause us great harm. It does not always mean that there should be no consequences for sin. Rather, forgiveness is letting go of the need to change the past. It is a gift from God that helps us to put down the weight of anger, resentment, and the desire for revenge that can consume and destroy us. Forgiveness is for us, not against us. (Catholic and Curious—Msgr. Pope)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Help others find their way

What makes you sad? For Jesus, the ignorance that governs so many lives is the saddest sight there is. Even when he was personally exhausted, shepherd-less masses awakened in Jesus the desire to offer guidance. Today, our Jewish friends memorialize their saddest day, Tisha B'av, the day when the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed not just once, but twice in history. The despair of being without moorings is acute for any displaced people. Consider offering aid to today's refugees to help them find their way. (Prepare the Word)

DÉCIMO SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Ayudar a otros a encontrar su camino

¿Qué te entristece? Para Jesús, la ignorancia que gobierna tantas vidas es el espectáculo más triste que existe. Incluso cuando estaba personalmente exhausto, las masas sin pastor despertaron en Jesús el deseo de ofrecer orientación. Hoy, nuestros amigos judíos conmemoran su día más triste, Tisha B'av, el día en que el Templo de Jerusalén fue destruido no sólo una vez, sino dos veces en la historia. La desesperación de estar sin arraigos es aguda para cualquier pueblo desplazado. Considera la posibilidad de ofrecer ayuda a los refugiados de hoy para ayudarles a encontrar su camino.