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MARK 6:34

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021



In last week's Gospel, Jesus sent the apostles out two by two. Today we see him bringing them back together, reporting "all they had done and taught." A lot has happened between then and now and in this time the disciples experienced many things. They would have grown in their ministry and their ability to heal and preach, but they probably also ran into frustrating times and encountered their limitations as human beings. If human nature prevailed, their partners were driving them nuts! So now after all this sharing, Jesus called for some balance in their lives. It was time to come away and rest. Between family and friends and social media, many of us have lost this ability to "be by ourselves" as we have become accustomed to filling every day and every moment with distractions. Perhaps one of the gifts and challenges of "sheltering in place" these last months is that we celebrated moments of joy and hope and peace but were also forced to listen to and name those voices of anger, loneliness, and fear.

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WELL-LAID PLANS

It is important to have balance in our lives, and Jesus was indeed trying to teach this to the Apostles, but when they got to their intended place of repose, they encountered so many people Jesus was filled with compassion. No doubt he went about feeding them spiritually and physically; it would have been important for him to be hospitable. But at some point in time, I'm guessing that he still pulled the apostles aside and told them "Okay, people are settled now, so let's leave all the excitement, delegate the job to somebody else, and find some peace and quiet." None of us is any good at our prayer, our ministries, our lives, unless we take the time to find the quiet and go back to replenish our own wells. There is no way we can give to others unless we do. That is why we return to church each week, to rest and be nourished and renewed. And none of us is so important that we can't take time away to take care of ourselves. So be gentle with yourself and with others this week.

Today's Readings: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

PASTOR: Rev. Michael T. "Mike" Snider

Celebration of the Sacraments:

Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six
(6) months prior to the
anticipated date 903-769-3235

Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. **Please come again!***

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We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Rick & Teri Jackson. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. John Gillespie. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Daniel Corrigan. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Valerie Branch. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Yvonne Scott. Bollinger Family. Kate Guthrie. Charlie Parker. Molly Dunn. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Diane & Gary Laudt. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Ed Stanley. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazzio. Marsha Blahitka. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: David Schindler, husband of Jan Schindler.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Dawn Quinn, US Army PVT 2nd Class (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

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: 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).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 7/17 Mel Mulder (M/M Murfin)

Sun 7/18 Diane Stanley+ (Folzenlogen Family)

Tue 7/20 First Responders

Wed 7/21 Government

Thurs 7/22 Active Duty Service & Veterans

Fri. 7/23 Diane Stanley+ (M/M Laudt)

Sat. 7/24 Carolyn Bonicard (David Bonicard)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the month of June, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,882

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 4,176

Attendance 7/10 Saturday 54 7/11 Sunday 52

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.

Approximate Payoff:

Rectory: \$ 39,827

Parish Hall: \$ 114,912



Pope's Intention for July:

Social friendship. We pray that, in social economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

GOD WITHIN

God dwells in a secret and hidden way in all souls, in their very substance, for if God did not, they could not exist at all.—St. John of the Cross

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.

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Would you be interested in spending an hour with our Lord in adoration?



Please contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.



Patriotic Rosary for Peace in America
 Due to conflicting summer schedules there will be no Patriotic Rosary in July, Aug. &



Sept. We will start back on Saturday, October 2nd at 9:00am.

To those blessed souls out there contemplating Scripture Study. You are listening to the Holy Spirit; now, I hope you open your heart to His invitation. The greatest relationship I have enjoyed in my entire life has been with My Father, My Savior and My Holy Spirit; and, in some cases, great moments of understanding and clarity have resulted from the investigation (casual or formal) of various Scriptures. **The Holy Spirit is AWESOME!** The Scripture study, I would like to propose to those who respond, will be “structured” for research and investigation, while still aligning with The Magisterium. Many discoveries will be made through the participating and sharing of those who attend each session. *WE will benefit from The Word of God as shared by the Holy Spirit. God is good.*

Randy Munoz

July Second Collections:

24th & 25th: “Church in Africa.”

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary— Pilgrim Statue: Thanks to a couple of parishioners, Our Lady of Fatima Statue was not in lockdown during Covid. **Now She is ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749 or Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953.** The Statue will be delivered to your home on the day of your choice and picked up at the end of one week. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget’s office. We are in the need of pudding, jello and fruit cups; pasta; canned vegetables and sauce.



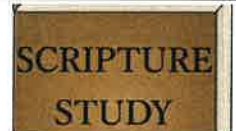
Thank you,
 Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd;
 Stan & Terry Evans
 Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team

NEW FAMILIES:

Please call the Church Office 903-769-3235 or email: holy.spirit2@yahoo.com to register as soon as possible. Active Membership is determined by three things: 1. Being registered in the parish 2. Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays & Holy Days 3. The support of the parish through time, talent and treasure.

So, do you ever wish God would just talk to you sometimes?

You do? Great! Let’s get together and talk about it. (He already talks to you, you know. One way is through our Bibles.)



We would like to offer a weekly, on-ongoing course of Scripture Study for men only; women only or co-ed. And we need your input to determine exactly how, what, and when we will make this available to you. Please fill out the mini form below and drop it into the collection basket or email me (email address below). Please do not fill out the form unless you are serious about participating. After we tabulate and collate the information you provide for us, we will report our finding and offer suggestions for the “preferred” Scripture Study. The sooner we receive your input, the sooner we can announce your preferences and our plan to accommodate them. If you require any additional information please feel free to contact randymunoz80@hotmail.com. **Fill out the following info with your**

NAME: _____ **phone #** _____ **Place in collection basket or email Randy Munoz.**

When would you like to meet? (Check one day and one time)

Sunday _____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____
 Morning _____ Evening _____ **When Would You Like To Start Scripture Study** In July 2021 _____ Aug. _____ Sept. _____

Men only _____ Women only _____ Co-Ed _____

What would you prefer for a format? Structured (specific scriptures and formal study guides – Little Rock, etc.) _____
 Unstructured (pick a book and go) _____

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The Holy Spirit

(From: <https://mycatholic.life/the-my-catholic-life-series/My-Catholic-Faith/the-holy-spirit/#:~:text=Jesus%20established%20the%20Church%20and%20bestowed%20the%20Spirit,Apostles%20in%20the%20upper%20room%20behind%20closed%20doors.>)

(Continued from last week. Part 2 of a 4-part series...)

It is the Holy Spirit who is given to us in baptism. At that time, we are made adopted children of the Father, we are made one in Jesus the Son, and we are filled with the Holy Spirit to live out our new Christian calling as sons and daughters of God in Christ Jesus. ... It is the role of the Holy Spirit to enkindle within us the grace we need in order to know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and to know the Father as our Father. The Holy Spirit makes us who we are as Christians. The Holy Spirit also has the unique role of animating the Church in our day and age. The "Church" here means everyone who is alive in Christ. Everyone who has grace in their lives. Everyone following the will of the Father and living out their Christian dignity as sons and daughters of God. The Holy Spirit makes this happen in a perfect and orchestrated way. As we look at the workings of the Holy Spirit, we see various ways that He has and continues to work in our lives and in the life of the Church. ... The human author of each book of the Scriptures, as explained in Chapter 1, is a true author of the Holy Scriptures. Through that person, each particular book of the Scriptures was written. The human author's unique personality and experiences shine through. But the human author is not the only one writing the book or letter. We also profess that **the human author wrote under the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit!** It was the Spirit who guided each word revealing what He wanted written. It was a joint effort and 100% of both their works. This shows the power of the Holy Spirit to act in us and to use us as instruments. Yes, He acted in a very unique and powerful way when He inspired the human authors of the Scriptures in their writings. This is not something the Holy Spirit will do again, inspiring more Scripture to be written. But the fact that the human author was inspired and was used as such a powerful instrument should tell us not only much about this wonderful gift of the Bible, it should also tell us much about the fact that the Holy Spirit wants to use us humans for divine work. He wants to inspire each and every one of us for a powerful work He has given only to us. Not in the same way that He once inspired the books of the Bible, but certainly in powerful ways nonetheless. When this is properly understood, we should be in awe and greatly anticipate what God has in mind for us while we travel this pilgrimage on earth! ... (To be continued.)



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