

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021



COMPASSION

If we were to use one word to describe the scriptures for today, it would be "compassion." In Jeremiah, God rails against those who have scattered the sheep, and vows to "gather the remnant" personally. We also hear the prophecy about the coming Messiah. In Ephesians, Christ is breaking down the walls of division between peoples and drawing them to be reconciled with God in peace. In Mark, Jesus calls the tired disciples away to rest and have some "me time," but even then the crowds persisted. Jesus saw their spiritual hunger and neediness and was "moved with pity." All three situations involve looking beyond one's own agenda to see the needs of others and respond. God models how to empathize with others. May we continue to learn to be kinder, gentler, and more caring for each other.

TIME FOR A TEAM MEETING

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.

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.

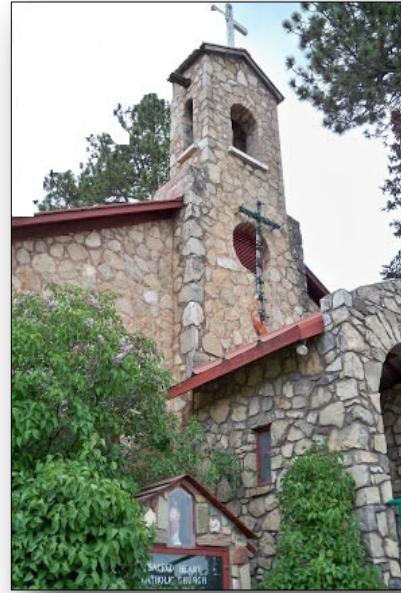
TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

THE APOSTLES REPORTED ALL THEY HAD DONE AND TAUGHT. JESUS SAID TO THEM,

MARK 6:30, 31

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."



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Pastor: Very Rev. Martin Cornejo

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Deacon: Gary Perkins

Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Confessions prior to Mass

Wednesday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Rosary: Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Anointing of the sick: On the

First Wednesday of the month

16th. SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

— Jeremiah 23:5a

Sunday July 18, For the intentions of
Pope Francis.

Wed. July 21, For all the souls in
purgatory.

Church Committee Members

Chair - Joe Barcevac
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Please remember to notify Teresa Stevenson or John Conner if you are unable to serve as
Scheduled, even if you have arranged for someone to take your place.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Jennifer Madl, Ceci Borunda, Leonor Rubalcava, Phyllis Madin, Helen Rigger, Yvett Tomeo, Margaret Bevins, Ann Blanchard, Dieter deBeyer, Velia Perea, Lynn Skinner, Carol Aberg, Mike & Lourdes Blette, Brendan Cronander-Ford, Susan Whalen, Robert Langford, Manry Family, Bill Crouch, Joe Rogers.

St. Mary Magdalene Pray for us!

- Patron Saint of Women -

She was present at the Crucifixion
and the first to encounter
the risen Christ.

Feast Day: July 22

our parish
mission
statement

We are a community that comes together to model Jesus to all peoples by addressing physical concerns and spiritual matters, and to do as Jesus did, giving everything to bring people into a closer relationship with God, in celebration.

The Prayer Over the Offerings

In the liturgy of the 1570 Missal, this prayer was called the "secret" prayer. It was "secret" not because its content was mysterious, but because it was prayed in silence by the priest, who only recited the conclusion aloud: . . . per omnia saecula saeculorum. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, we again hear these rich prayers spoken aloud. They remind us to prepare ourselves for what is to happen in the Eucharistic Prayer, for it is not only the bread and wine that will be transformed.

The Prayer Over the Offerings is a prayer for transformation, an expression, in a few words, of all that we hope that the liturgy will accomplish in our lives. We ask God to accept the gifts we present, and to change us even as God hallows the bread and wine. As we listen carefully to the Prayer Over the Offerings, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy; to be drawn closer to God; to come to eternal joy, unity, peace, and salvation.

*My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them and they follow me.*

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

July 11,



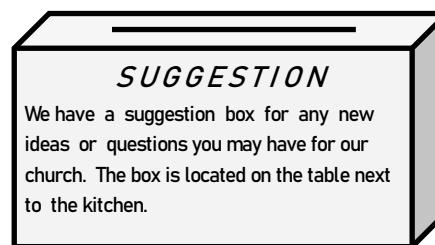
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San Patricio Retreat Center \$ 236.00

Today's second collection goes to
Building Fund.

Next week's second collection goes to
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SUGGESTION
We have a suggestion box for any new ideas or questions you may have for our church. The box is located on the table next to the kitchen.

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If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse, please call 911 Immediately.

To report known or suspected child abuse, contact:
Dial #SAFE (#7233) from a cell phone Or 1-855-333-SAFE (7233)
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Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces Victims Assistance Coordinator (575)523-7577
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