

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 18, 2021

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

— Jeremiah 23:5a

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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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).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$1,429.00	\$966.00
Number of Families contributing	62	48
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (25 Weeks)	\$87,008.00	\$88,532.00
Received to Date	\$75,381.00	\$58,569.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$11,627.00	\$29,963.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$197.00	\$5,390.00

Eighteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$10.00	\$87,635.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$10.00.

7 CHILDREN contributed \$66.00.

BAA totaled \$30.00.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

A young monk had questions about his order’s motto: “Pray and work.” So, one day the abbot invited him to row across the lake with him. The abbot rowed first—but with one oar. As a result, the boat went in circles, and they made no progress.

The young monk said, “Abbot, unless you row with both oars, you won’t get anywhere.” The abbot replied, “You’re so right, son! The right oar is prayer; the left is work. Unless you use them together, you just go in circles.”

What balance do I try to keep between work and prayer? How do I know when the balance is correct?

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

—Saint Francis De Sales

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Black Pete’s Winnie Ann in loving memory of her on the 3rd Anniversary of her death;
2. Mary Martha and Family in loving memory of Jimmy Whip Jones on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

DO YOU KNOW?

PEOPLE WHO REGULARLY HELP OTHERS TEND TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY HAPPIER AND LESS LIKELY TO BECOME DEPRESSED AS THEY GET OLDER.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, St. Rita and St. Expedite.

ONE GREAT THING

We come with nothing, we go with nothing, but one great thing we can achieve

in our beautiful life is:

A little remembrance in someone’s mind and a small place in someone’s heart!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held this Monday, July 19th thru Friday, July 23rd. Please bring your children to 10:00 A.M. Mass. After Mass they will proceed to the New Hall. Please pick your children up by 12 Noon. If your child has any food allergies, please let Sandra or Natalie know.

GOD KNOWS BEST God’s creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

GOD SAYS

Money says earn me.

Calendar says turn me.

Time says plan me.

Future says win me.

Beauty says love me.

But God simply says,

“Work hard and trust me.”

LOVE, CARE, & SHARE

People are not beautiful for the way they look, walk or talk.
They are beautiful for the way they
LOVE, CARE, & SHARE.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A man made his first visit to an attorney and cautiously asked him, "What are your rates?"
"That's simple," the lawyer answered. "I will answer three questions for \$100."
"Isn't that a little steep?" the prospective client asked.
"Maybe," said the lawyer. "Now what's your third question?"

GOOD PEOPLE & HEARTBEATS

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD PEOPLE IN OUR
LIFE IS JUST LIKE THE IMPORTANCE OF
HEARTBEATS....
IT'S NOT VISIBLE BUT SILENTLY SUPPORTS OUR
LIFE

EARTH ANGELS

Some people appear in your life when you need them most. They love you and lift you up, reminding you of the best, even when you're going through the worst.
These people are not just friends, they are
"EARTH ANGELS".

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene
Friday: St. Bridget
Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhlof

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For Pat Gorman on his Birthday.
Tuesday: For John Damon on his 15th Birthday.
Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Black Pete's Winnie Ann on the 3rd Anniversary of her death and in honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and holy souls.
Thursday: In thanks to St. John Paul II.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Pat L.'s Ann Marie on the 5th Anniversary of her death.

FAMILY

*A family is a wondrous thing
Bringing joy to hearts;
In trials it can comfort bring
As love it does impart.*

*A family means belonging
And standing by always.
We know we are never alone
And together we can pray.*

*Our earthly family is a gift
To be treasured with Your Love;
'Tis a vision of the family
We'll share in Heaven above.*

READERS

Sat., July 17th, 4:00 P.M. Sun. July 18th, 10:00 A.M.
Natalie & Mary Martha Jimmy Joseph & Monroe
Sat., July 24th, 4:00 P.M. Sun. July 25th, 10:00 A.M.
Christina & Julie Ann Jimmy Joseph & Monroe

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Natalie
Tuesday - Joy
Wednesday - Julie
Thursday - Bryce
Friday - Taneil

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday - Cathy Pole
Tuesday - Nora
Wednesday - Catherine Ann
Thursday - Rita Weaver
Friday - Joy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. July 17th
Front Winnie Ann
Right Cathy Pole
Left Catherine Ann
July 18th July 24th
Rose Marie Rose Marie
Mary Cat Mary Cat

INTERESTING THINGS

- Appreciate those who love you, help those who need you, forgive those who hurt you, but forget those who leave you.
- Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout trouble.
- Ponder over the way Anitabh Bachchan has achieved harmony: "I don't ask God for too much, and He never gives me too little."

4 PHASES OF MAN

- 1.) After Engagement - Superman.
- 2.) After Marriage - Gentelman.
- 3.) After 10 Years - Watchman.
- 4.) After 20 Years - Doberman.

HARDEST TIMES

YOUR HARDEST TIMES OFTEN LEAD TO THE GREATEST MOMENTS OF YOUR LIFE. KEEP GOING. TOUGH SITUATIONS BUILD STRONG PEOPLE IN THE END.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

**FOR DECEASED PARENTS**

*O God, who commanded us to honor our father and our mother, in Your mercy have pity on the soul of my father (of my mother), and forgive him (her) his (Her) sins. May I see him (her) again in the joy of everlasting brightness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*