

Follow the Leader

This is not simply the name of a childhood game.

It is actually an essential directive for living. We learn so many things in life because we followed someone. That is how we learned to read, to play a musical instrument, to speak another language, or to understand social behavior.

Many nations at the time of Jeremiah represented their kings as shepherds, leading the people to verdant pastures and restful waters. We see this in the art they left behind. However, many of the kings of Jeremiah's day were not good leaders—not attentive shepherds, nor faithful to God, who had entrusted the people to their care. Consequently, God stepped in to be their shepherd. This is the image of the divine shepherd found in the responsorial psalm. Jesus also characterized religious leaders as shepherds. He was distraught that the people were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34).

Is this situation different today? Many are eager to follow a leader, but which one? Ours is a multicultural, pluralistic, international society with innumerable viewpoints. Voices cry out from many corners, demanding to be heard. But which voice should we heed? Which worldly leaders should we follow? It's apparent that our leaders, both civic and religious, disagree on certain matters. What are we to do? The issue is not “with whom do I agree?” but rather “whose point of view makes me a better person? More compassionate? More understanding? More selfless? More *Christlike*?” Are we following the right leader?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *Our Shepherd never pits us against each other but brings us together. Is this reflected in the way we live in society?*
- * *Our Shepherd cares for all, not just those whom society has privileged. Do we?*

I will raise up shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear or be terrified; none shall be missing.

JEREMIAH 23:4



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July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear brothers and sisters,

Obviously, we have been blessed with beautiful grounds here at St. Joseph. Whenever I post pictures of the grounds buzzing with eco-life, with birds and squirrels, with bunnies and deer with their fawns, I am moved by the feelings of serenity they elicit. On my most recent post, a parishioner commented: "what a blessing to have God's beautiful creatures right there at your window! Let us know if you need some corn for the deer!", to which I replied, "I have deer corn from Truman Dixon that I am currently using. Actually, took those shots last evening when I went to drop corn." And a soul-lifting comment from another parishioner: "You have your own Garden of Eden."

Amid the beauty and peacefulness of our surroundings, our scripture this weekend uses the images of green pasture, good shepherd, and flock to speak to us of God's care. May the contemplation of these readings and the renewal they promise nudge us all toward the peace the Good Shepherd offers and into wholeness from the things that still limit us, moving us in the words of St. Francis, from:

From judging to understanding,
from anticipating to participating,
from fear to trust,
from controlling to including,
from feeling overwhelmed to gratitude for my full life,
And from anxiety to your peace."

"In green pastures you let me graze; to safe waters you lead me ... Only goodness and love will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come," (Psalm 23).

A reminder that next Sunday there will be a simple farewell reception for our Seminarian, Fred Williams, for his ministry among us this summer.

Peace and blessings!!

Fr. Daniel Melaba

18 de Julio, 2021

Domingo Dieciséis del Tiempo Ordinario

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Obviamente, hemos sido bendecidos con hermosos terrenos aquí en St. Joseph. Siempre que publico fotos de los jardines llenos de vida ecológica, con pájaros y ardillas, con conejitos y ciervos con sus cervatillos, me conmueven los sentimientos de serenidad que provocan. En mi publicación más reciente, un feligrés comentó: "¡Qué bendición tener las hermosas criaturas de Dios allí mismo en tu ventana! ¡Háganos saber si necesita maíz para los ciervos!", A lo que respondí: "Tengo maíz para ciervos de Truman Dixon que estoy usando actualmente. En realidad, tomé esas fotos anoche cuando fui a tirar maíz ". Y un comentario conmovedor de otro feligrés: "Tienes tu propio Jardín del Edén".

En medio de la belleza y la tranquilidad de nuestro entorno, nuestra escritura de este fin de semana usa las imágenes de pastos verdes, buen pastor y rebaño para hablarnos del cuidado de Dios. Que la contemplación de estas lecturas y la renovación que prometen nos empujen a todos hacia la paz que ofrece el Buen Pastor y a la plenitud de las cosas que aún nos limitan, moviéndonos en las palabras de San Francisco, de:

De juzgar a comprender,
de anticipar a participar,
del miedo a la confianza,
de controlar a incluir,
de sentirme abrumado a agradecimiento por mi vida plena,
Y de la ansiedad a tu paz ".

"En verdes pastos me dejas pastar; me llevas a aguas seguras ... Sólo el bien y el amor me perseguirán todos los días de mi vida; En la casa del Señor habitaré en los años venideros," (Salmo 23).

Un recordatorio de que el próximo domingo habrá una sencilla recepción de despedida para nuestro Seminarista, Fred Williams, por su ministerio entre nosotros este verano.

¡¡Paz y bendiciones!!

P. Daniel Melaba



Farewell and Good Luck

Farewell Reception for Fred Williams

Sunday July 25, 2021 after 9 am Mass in the Parish Hall. Please help us say goodbye to our summer seminarian, Fred Williams. Come and express your thanks to Fred for his time helping out our parish. Wish him well as he heads for the seminary! Let's send him off with our prayers as he begins a new chapter in his life.

Word from Pope Francis

"Always have before your eyes the example of the Good Shepherd, who did not come to be served, but to serve and to seek and save what was lost."

Palabras del Papa Francisco

"Siempre ten ante tus ojos el ejemplo del Buen Pastor que no vino a ser servido, sino a servir y a salvar lo que estaba perdido. "



We are not accepting clothing donations at the present time. Our cup runneth over.

Thank You,

Loaves & Fishes Ministry

Recepción de despedida para Fred Williams

Domingo 25 de julio de 2021 después de la misa de las 9 de la mañana en el Salón Parroquial. Por favor, ayúdenos a despedirnos de nuestro seminarista de verano, Fred Williams. Venga y exprese su agradecimiento a Fred por su tiempo ayudando a nuestra parroquia. ¡Deseándole lo mejor mientras se dirige al seminario! Vamos a despedirlo con nues-



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The Filipino American Santo Nino Groups of Savannah, Augusta and Hinesville cordially invites everyone to the celebration of the Holy Mass on September 12, 2021, at 3:00 P.M. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist, Savannah, Georgia,



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CELEBRATING 500 YEARS OF CATHOLIC FAITH IN THE PHILIPPINES

Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes
Main Celebrant

Reception follows at St. James the Less Catholic Church. Due to limited space available, attendance to the reception is through RSVP.

<https://tinyurl.com/stoninoreceptionRSVP>

Celebrating

WORLD DAY for GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



Sunday July 25, 2021

"I am with you always" (MT 28:20)



Celebrando

el Día Mundial de los Abuelos y de los Mayores



domingo 25 de julio 2021

"Yo estoy con ustedes todos los días
hasta el fin de la historia" (MT 28:20)



The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet at Deb Cahill's home (433 Loblolly Lane, Waycross) on Wednesday at Noon, July 21st. Come pray with us!

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Thomas, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, Jerry Wilkerson, Debbie Wilkerson, Trisha Pape, Lee & Angela McConaha, Jim & Louise Craig, Margie Read, Louvelle, Hoffman, Judy Crosby, and Dee Parker.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Harris Lott, Florence Struempler, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Millie Bailey, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dalin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sanderson, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, Iris Boatright, Janice Strickland, Mark Parker, Andrew Brandon, Julie Hoddinot, Anna Lia Brandon, Perry Kolchek, Raymond Eastup, Martin Brewington, Nicolas Horne, Joshus Parisse, Marie Fletcher, Sara Booth, and Gugoying Patten, and Steve, Pam Raulerson and the father of Barbara Blasko.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO
OUR COUNTRY:** LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Ethan Stanley, Richard Jacobs, Spencer Hughes and Seth Cheshire.

**PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA ALBERT IN THE CHURCH
OFFICE AT 912-283-7700 TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES
FROM THE PRAYER LISTS.**

St. Joseph Offertory

July 11, 2021

Weekly Offertory Needed	\$4,423.00
Weekly Offertory Collected	\$5,129.00
Difference Positive	\$706.00

Capital Expenditure Fund	\$361.00
Social Hall Renovation	\$75.00

This weekend we take up our collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. From the formation of clergy to communications programs that bring the Gospel to remote territories to youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples, the Church's needs are wide-ranging. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions help them face these challenges, and we support them as they build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Please be generous. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

Esta semana realizaremos la colecta para el Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África. Los habitantes de África son alegres y llenos de fe pero muchos también enfrentan retos debido a la pobreza, a los altos índices de enfermedad, a la escasez de alimentos y a la migración. Esta colecta una oportunidad para apoyar a los pueblos de África y los proyectos pastorales que son tan necesarios en ese continente. Por favor, sean generosos hoy. Para informarse más, visiten www.usccb.org/africa.

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. Each one of us is Christ to all we meet. As of 07/15/2021, our parish has given \$21,761.00 which is 108% of our target of \$20,050. Out of 212 families only 64 made a donation or pledge, which is 30% of the parish families. Thank You!

Llamamiento Católico Anual 2021. Cada uno de nosotros es Cristo a todo lo que conocemos. Al 07/15/2021, nuestra parroquia ha dado \$21,761.00 que es el 108% de nuestro objetivo de \$20,050. De 212 familias sólo 64 hicieron una donación o promesa, que es el 30% de las familias parroquiales. ¡Gracias!

Our goal was \$20,050; We now have \$21,761
30% of the parish families have responded.
30% de las familias han respondido.



On Sunday, July 25th we are having a special gathering of RCIA by request of "inquiry minds". It will be at 1:00 pm in the social hall. We will answer any basic questions if we can. Come and test the waters and see if you would like to join us in September. No pressure.

Lector Schedule

July 17, 2021-Mass in English-5:00 pm Saturday
English Lector--Ann Johnson-**EM Marian Williams**

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

July 18, 2021-Mass in English-9:00 am Sunday
English Lector-Joseph Johnson-**EM Socorro Martinez**

July 18 2021-Mass in Spanish-12 Noon Sunday
Spanish Lector--Luci Diaz-**EM Magdalana Santana**

July 24, 2021-Mass in English-5:00 pm Saturday
English Lector--Wanda Petersen-**EM Lillie Morris**
Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

July 25, 2021-Mass in English-9:00 am Sunday
English Lector --Dan Booker-**EM Patrick Brennan**

July 25, 2021-Mass in Spanish-12 Noon Sunday
Spanish Lector--Lucy Rios-**EM Teresa Martinez**

Mass Intentions for Week of July 17, 2021--July 25, 2021 +(RIP) H-Health

Saturday, July 17, 2021-5 pm Mass +**Ed Morris**

Sunday, July 18, 2021-9 am English Mass +**Martha Rubio**

Sunday, July 18, 2021-Noon Spanish Mass **Pro Populo**

Monday, July 19, 2021-No Mass

Tuesday, July 20, 2021-6 pm Mass **Special Intentions**

Wednesday, July 21, 2021-5 pm-6 pm Adoration and 6 pm Mass
No Intention

Thursday, July 22, 2021-9 am Mass **H-Judy Crosby**

Friday, July 23, 2021-9 am Mass **Zoe Cheshire Birthday Intention**

Saturday, July 24, 2021-5 pm Mass +**Deceased Members of Ken Jorische's Family**

Sunday, July 25, 2021-9 am English Mass +**Martha Rubio**

Sunday, July 25, 2021-Noon Spanish Mass **Pro Populo**

Dear Padre,

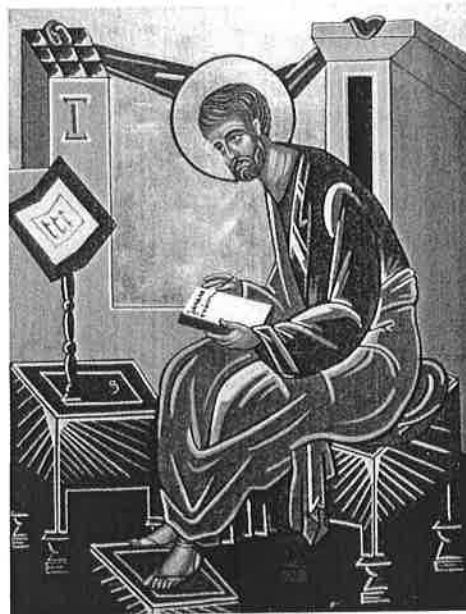
I read this is the liturgical year of Mark, that next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year, Luke. Then it starts over with Mark again. Why doesn't John have a year?

The purpose in a three-year cycle of readings at Mass was primarily a pastoral one. "The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 51).

All of Scripture is the word of God, but "Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 29). Moreover, Christ reveals himself to us from four different Gospel perspectives. For some people, John's version—often deeply symbolic and theological—can be pastorally challenging.

The semicontinuous reading of the three synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) "provides a presentation of each Gospel's distinctive doctrine as well as a development of the Lord's life and preaching" (*Lectionary for Mass*, 1970; 16,1). Nevertheless, John's Gospel appears in all three cycles. For example, five readings from chapter six on the bread of life are inserted in Year B, when Mark's short Gospel is proclaimed. John's Gospel is also read during Easter and scattered throughout the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Lent.

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ADAM JAN FIGEL / SHUTTERSTOCK

Calendar

Monday

JULY 19

Weekday

Ex 14:5–18

Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday

JULY 20

Weekday

Ex 14:21–15:1

Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday

JULY 21

Weekday

Ex 16:1–5, 9–15

Mt 13:1–9

Thursday

JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1–4b or

2 Cor 5:14–17

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Friday

JULY 23

Weekday

Ex 20:1–17

Mt 13:18–23

Saturday

JULY 24

Weekday

Ex 24:3–8

Mt 13:24–30

Sunday

JULY 25

Seventeenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42–44

Eph 4:1–6

Jn 6:1–15

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

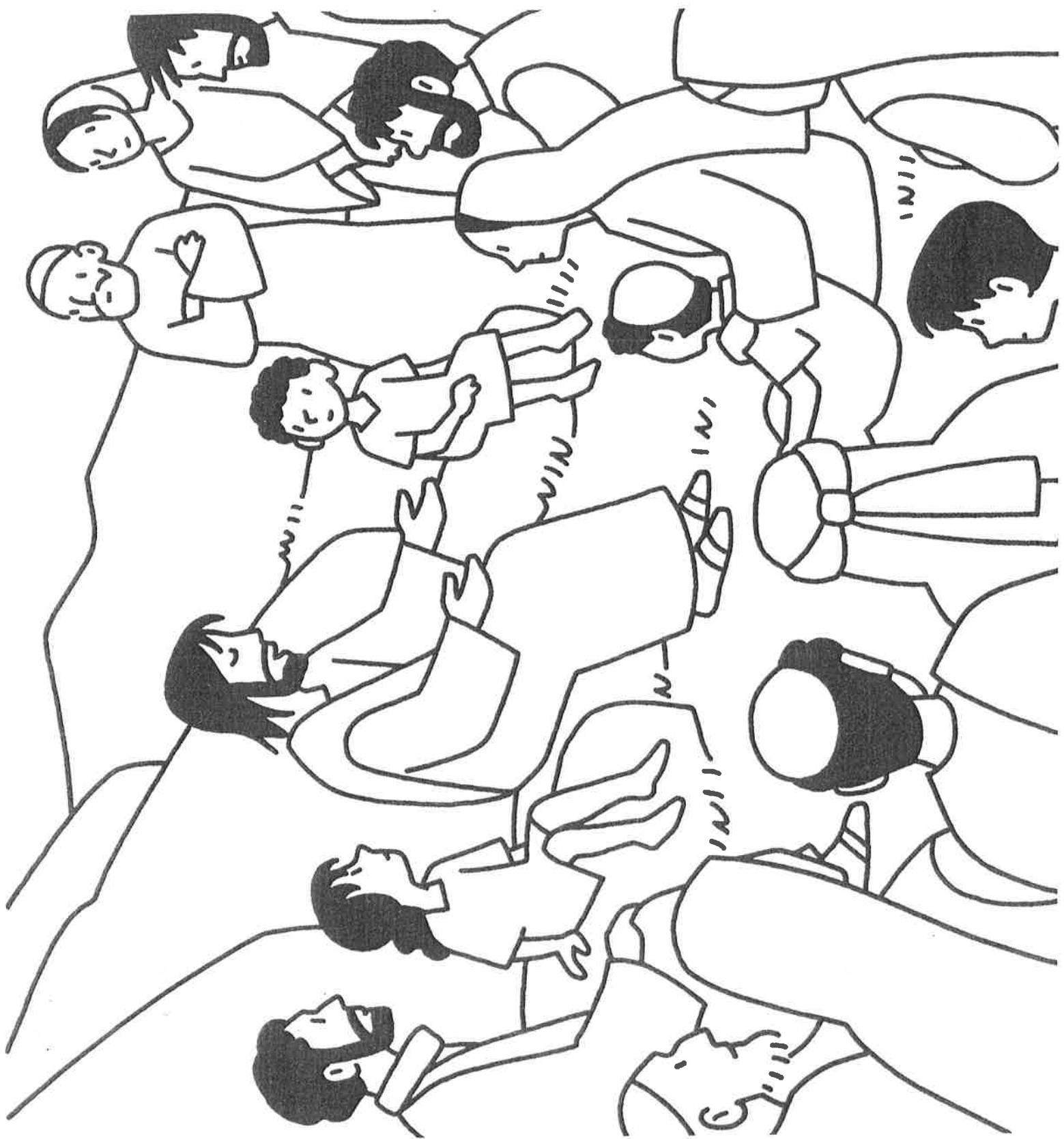



For leadership there is only one road: service. There is no other way. If you have many qualities—the ability to communicate, etc.—but you are not a servant, your leadership will fail, it is useless, it has not power to gather [people] together.

ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL COLLEGES
AND RESIDENCES OF ROME, MAY 12, 2014

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to share your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.





Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021

The friends of Jesus were tired. "Let's get away; let's rest and pray quietly," Jesus suggested. They set out in a boat, but on the shores, people were arriving from everywhere to see Jesus. What a crowd! "All these people are looking for me," said Jesus. "They need help! They thirst for hope!" Then he began to tell the crowds about his Father, who loves all people.

Based on Mark 6:30-34



My
Promise
to Jesus

**This week, I will take time to close my eyes
and think of God. I know that he comes
to speak to me when I am quiet
and everything is silent within me.**