



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

July 21<sup>st</sup> – July 22<sup>nd</sup>

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## 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY -CHANGING SHEPHERDS

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." —Psalm 23:1

In the Old Testament, shepherds were not religious leaders but secular, political leaders. Thus, according to the Old Testament, our shepherds are the president, governors, senators, mayors, etc. The Lord promised to punish the shepherds of Israel for not caring for the sheep (Jer 23:2) and to replace them with a good shepherd, a king who "shall reign and govern wisely" (Jer 23:5). Jesus is that Good Shepherd-King (see Jn 10:14).

When Jesus called Himself the Good Shepherd, He implied to the Jewish people that He was a political leader, possibly a king. Jesus' kingdom was not of this world (Jn 18:36), but very few people knew that. Therefore, when Jesus called Himself "the Good Shepherd," He was easily misunderstood as saying something political and revolutionary. This was part of the reason Jesus was crucified by the Roman government.

Even today, if you decide to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd-King, you will be misunderstood. You will be misjudged to be a political threat to the government, especially as you proclaim international, socioeconomic freedom in Christ during this year of the Great Jubilee. Nevertheless, follow the Good Shepherd even to the cross of misunderstanding, rejection, and death.

*Prayer: Jesus, Good Shepherd, raise up godly political leaders.*

## Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.  
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.  
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.  
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment  
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## Masses Intentions

Sunday, July 22 at 8:30 am +Georgann Hinson By Bill Hinson  
Monday, July 23 at 7:30am +Georgann Hinson By Bill Hinson  
Wednesday, July 25 at 6pm +Georgann Hinson By Bill Hinson  
Thursday, July 26 at 7:30am +Georgann Hinson By Bill Hinson  
Friday, July 27 at 7:30am +Georgann Hinson By Bill Hinson  
Saturday, July 28 at 5:30pm +Georgann Hinson By Bill Hinson

## Church Cleaning for July

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joannie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, Adela Kotatra, Melanie Hinson and Karen Brown

## Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Willie Mae Barnett, Alice Britten, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Shirley Burgin, and Matthew Gary Britten

## Family Chalice Program

July 21/22 Ron Kuehler Family  
July 28/29 Kay and Cobb Britten  
August 4/5 Mike and Marla Britten  
August 11/12 Jason Eugea Family  
August 18/19 Brad and Tabitha Eggemeyer

## Birthdays

July 24<sup>th</sup> Ann Homer  
July 26<sup>th</sup> Phillip Hermesmeyer  
July 27<sup>th</sup> Laura Kuehler and Ryan Britten

## Anniversaries

July 28<sup>th</sup> Daniel & Melanie Hinson

## Stewardship Reports

### 07-15-18

Individual	\$1,355.00
Loose	\$ 209.86
Children	\$ 2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,566.86</b>

### 07-15-18 Building Fund

Individual & loose	\$ 160.00
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### 07-15-18 The Church in Afirca

Individual & loose	\$ 480.00
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## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Halle and Tucker

Lectors: Clifton Britten

Extraor. Com. Kevin Brown

### **Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Jackson and Hugh

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler,

Joanni Kling, & Barbara Homer

### **Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Alex and Damon

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

### **Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Ali and Zadyn

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr,

Sandie Hickey, & Tabitha Eggemeyer

### **Saturday, Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Braxton and Zaydn

Lectors: Clifton Britten

Extraor. Com. Kevin Brown

### **Sunday, Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Ali and Madison

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Carrie Weinheimer,

Kay Britten, and Melianie K Britten

### **Saturday, Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Ryan and Derek

Lectors: Carrie Weinheimer

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

### **Sunday, Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: K'Leigh and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea,

## *Announcements:*

### **Second Collection:**

July 15<sup>th</sup> Church in Africa

### **RCIA:**

Thirsting for God? Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Weekly “no obligation” inquiry sessions start August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. in the Parrish hall. For question call Tabitha Eggemeyer 806-651-9176

### **Announcements:**

\*Tuesday, August 14: Mass at 7:30pm and Wednesday, August 15, Mass at 7:30am. A holy day of obligation to commemorate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### **\*Church's Foundation for Devotion to Precious Blood of Christ**

The revealed foundation for the Church's belief in the Precious Blood and the reason for her fostering devotion to the Precious Blood among the faithful occurs in the first chapter of the first letter of St. Peter, verses 18-19. Says Peter:

“You know that you were redeemed from the vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, not with perishable things as silver or gold but with the Precious Blood of Christ as the Lamb without blemish and without spot.” Unquote Peter.

There are certain words and phrases in the revealed statement that we have just read that we should begin to unravel in order to understand something of the depth of meaning behind those two simple words, Precious Blood. Peter begins by reminding the faithful to remember the hardest thing in this life for us is to remain mindful of the truths of faith. Because what we believe on God's revealed Word is twice removed from the common experience that we have in this world. What we believe is first of all not immediately perceptible to the senses. Moreover, what we believe is not even penetrable to the naked reason. The word, remember, is an imperative: keep in mind. Arouse your faith in what and how you were redeemed. And it is the how we were redeemed that is the foundation stone of the mystery of the Precious Blood. God took on a human nature so that in that human nature He could die. In order to die, the soul had to separate from the body. But for the Body to have the soul separate, the body itself had to be deprived of His Blood. Theologically speaking and physiologically speaking, the All-Holy Son of God who became Man to redeem us could only have died by being drained of His Blood. Christ, listen, could not have died of some disease. Christ could not have died because of some mortal illness. All illness, disease, the natural debilitating of the body is the result of sin. Let me emphasize this. All our illness, our disease, our sickness, our wasting away of our body for all of us this is our faith - is the result of our sinful nature. Not so with Christ. That draining of the human body of His Blood was the one way that Christ, Sinless Son of God and Son of Mary that He was, the one way that He could die.

Peter goes on: “we were redeemed, we were ransomed.” What is Peter talking about? What is Peter saying when he says that we were redeemed? Literally it means “bought back”. Having sinned before God, we incurred a heavy debt. The debt was death. But all of the deaths (plural) of all of the human beings since the beginning of time, we believe, would not have been adequate - again, it is our faith – would not have been adequate to ransom, to make up for, the infinite gravity of the sin not only of our first parents but by now the accumulated - what a low figure of speech - mountain of sin. Because an infinite being was in His Being offended by His creatures, only an Infinite Being could provide adequate ransom to redeem.

Peter goes on: "We were therefore not redeemed by anything corruptible". And you would think that Peter would find two better words than gold and silver. Because of all material things that are corruptible, two of

the most incorruptible are gold and silver. But not even the most precious things that the world can provide, no other ransom, would have been adequate. But we have been redeemed, bought back, ransomed, by the Precious Blood of the Lamb of God. Try not to forget the title. Precious Blood is the revealed title, part of God's inspired biblical teaching in the first letter of the first Vicar of Christ.

I'm not quite finished yet with part one. Why does Peter identify the Blood of the Lamb of God as "Precious?" Well, it is surely Precious because it is the Blood of no human being. It is the Blood of the living God who took on human nature, capable of shedding His Blood. Why was the Blood of Christ Precious? Because it is the Blood of God who took on human nature in order to be able to suffer and to bleed and, let us add, in order to bleed to death. Why Precious? Because it is the Blood of the living God.