

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 18, 2021 9:00 am Mass
 Monday July 19th NO MASS
 Tuesday July 20th 9:00 am
 Wednesday, July 21st, 9:00 a.m.
 Thursday, July 22nd, 9:00 a.m.
 Friday, July 23rd, 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, July 24th, 4 p.m.
Reconciliation by appointment

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you, your love ones, or any deceased or living person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).



July Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::

Peggy Green	1
Brenda Mims	1
Mona Richard	6
George Alexander	6
Stefanie Allison	6
Elvina White	6
Turquoy Riggs	10
Joise Curtis	10
Amiyah LeBlanc	12
Brent Hebert	12
Ronald Hebert	12
Lanier Robertson	16
David Riggs	20
Maria Riggs	23
Torian Riggs	28
Claudine Riggs	29
Lester Popillion	30
Happy Anniversary	
Joe & Mary Ware	4th
John & Janice Semien	13th
Mormom & Ann Richard	25th
George & Cecilia Davis	27th

LECTORS SERVING IN JUNE & JULY

Saturday's/ one reader
 July 17th - Tina Kindle
 July 24th - Peggy Green
 July 31st - Freda Guillory
Sunday's/ one reader
 July 18th - Leo Jackson
 July 25th - Cindy Hampton



COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Activities	* Brushelle Scott
BINGO	* Evangeline Platt
Bishop Faith Appeal	* Adam Jacobs & Dorothy Jacobs
Bereavement Committee	* Rose Bottley
Director of Religious Education	*Sanja Popillion
Director of Youth Ministry	*Deacon Melvin Payne
Assistant Director of Youth	* Jada Semien
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Environmental	* Ina Chavis
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	* Dorothy Broussard
Finance	* Janice Semien
Fund Raiser	* Walter Davis
Hospitality	* Horace Broussard
Lectors	* Peggy Green
Life Center	* Adam Jacobs
Maintenance	* Joseph Ware Sr.
Mission/Retreat	* Cecilia Davis
Music Director	* Leo Jackson
Pastoral Council	* Lester Popillion
Stewardship	* Gary Mims

Last week Income & Expenses

Attendance Sat: 19 Sun: 45
Collection
 Saturday \$ 249.00
 Sunday \$ 2,557.00
Total Deposit \$ 2,806.00

Expenses paid out

Admin Phones <\$ 94.20>
D.O.B. Accountants <\$ 550.00>
Equip Contract <\$ 50.60>

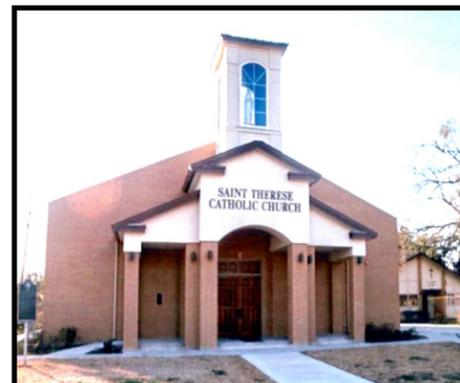
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 Tuesday thru Friday
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 Lunch 12-1:00 pm
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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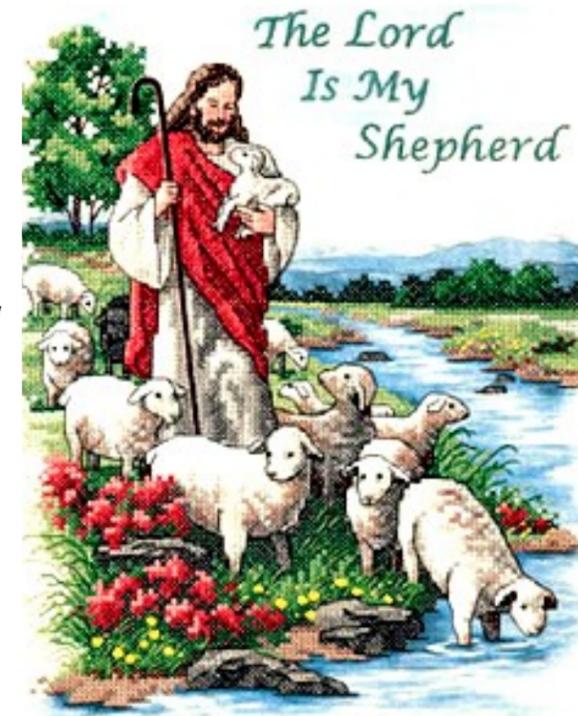
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The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B
July 18, 2021

“Jesus and the disciples went off in the boat by themselves.”



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
 Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekdays:
 Tuesday-Friday
 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:
 Saturdays
 3:20 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction
 1st Tuesday of each month
 5:30 p.m.— 6:30 p.m.

Exposition & Adoration Of the Blessed Sacrament
 every Tuesday
 at 5:30 p.m.

Infant Baptism:
 Please contact the Pastor two months prior to desired date of baptism

Marriage:
 Please call the Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leadership

We want leaders to move us emotionally and then literally. We want to be inspired, and we want our inspiration to spur us to effective, vigorous action. We want leaders to help us do what we know we should do, but hesitate to do for one reason or another. Leaders draw on the better angels of our nature, as Abraham Lincoln once said, and draw us to our full and proud height as the good and decent people we so want to be.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:13-18 GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34

Comment

When Mark used the image of the shepherd, he was tapping into Israel's long memory. There was no time in their history when someone among them was not tending sheep. Abraham and Sarah and their family and flocks left Ur of the Chaldees. Moses fled the city to hide and tend the flocks of his father-in-law. On that pastoral hillside he received his call to lead the people from slavery to freedom, much as a shepherd might. The great king David was called from the pasture where he cared for the sheep and was anointed by Samuel to lead the people of Israel.

In the first reading, Jeremiah draws on this image to describe the leadership in the divided kingdom. Israel was in a state of civil war at the time of Jeremiah. The nation had become two kingdoms—Israel to the north, and the smaller Judah to the south. The idolatrous or timid kings who reigned during the forty years when Jeremiah prophesied were likened to evil or inept shepherds who misled and shattered the nation.

When Jeremiah writes the words we read today, the north and south kingdoms are in exile in Babylon. Jeremiah offers a quick appraisal of the causes of Israel's downfall and then looks to a time when the Lord as shepherd will restore Israel. But he goes one better. He speaks of a Messiah-like person who will call Israel back to its true self as God's covenanted people. This promised one is a shepherd who gathers, protects, and nurtures his flock.

In today's Gospel, the apostles are weary, having come off the road after their first successful missionary journey. Though Jesus and the apostles seek to find a quiet place to rest, they are not able to enjoy it for long. Twice they try to get away and cannot. Crowds actively and persistently seek out Jesus and his apostles. They are hungry for a leader who speaks sense, someone who feeds the deep hunger of their souls. So eager are they to find Jesus, they fail even to lay up a day's supply of bread for the journey.

Reflection

In this touching and gentle Gospel snippet, the momentum is palpable; you cannot stop any person whose time has come. You cannot stop a people who are vulnerable and hungry for a leader, either. This new shepherd of Israel does not disappoint. He addresses their spiritual hunger. He feeds their languishing, bewildered, disheartened spirits by teaching them "many things."

Jesus is not a guru who stands beyond or above these people. He is not the philosopher who knows more than they do. He does not toy with the crowd. His heart goes out to them, for he holds them dear. But we know that Jesus didn't just talk his talk. He spoke with authority; he spoke with passion and acted with compassion. As Paul reminds us in the second reading, Jesus once and for all and forever gathered a people from afar. In his active compassion a new people is created and nourished and protected. A new covenant—a relationship between shepherd and sheep—is forged and sealed.

PRAY FOR THE SHUT-IN

Mary Alexander
Mary Brown
Courtney Chavis
David J. Carey
Leon Cross
Lawrence Gant
Hollis Fain
Beatrice Guillory
Ella Mae Garrett
Mary Gray
Margaret Green
Mark Mitchell Jr.
Betty Odom
Westley Papillion
Gloria Richard
Mormon Richard
Rosa Scott
Alma C Thibodeaux
Daniel Ware



"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Roses have been described and experienced as Saint Therese's signature. Countless millions have been touched by her intercession and imitate her "little way." She has been acclaimed "the greatest saint of modern times." In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese a Doctor of the Church - the only Doctor of his pontificate - in tribute to the powerful way her spirituality has influenced people all over the world.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jalen A. Chambers
Carroll Durio
Mable Durio
Mrs. Doris Hayes
Roy Hayes
Ruby Milton
Clayona Pillette
Sanja Popillion
John Richard Sr.
Claudine Riggs
Tiffany Winphrey

A beautiful message

"A man, who regularly attended meetings with his friends, without any notice stopped participating in his activities.

After a few weeks, one very cold night the leader of that group decided to visit him.

He found the man at home, alone, sitting in front of a fireplace where a bright and cozy fire burned. Guessing the reason for the visit, the man welcomed the leader. There was a great silence.

The two men only watched the dancing flames around the logs that crackled in the fireplace.

After a few minutes the leader, without saying a word, examined the embers that formed and selected one of them, the most incandescent of all, removing it to the side of the brazier with a pair of tongs. Then he sat down again.

The host was paying attention to everything, fascinated but restless. Before long, the lone ember flame subsided, until there was only a momentary glow and the fire suddenly went out.

In a short time, what was a sample of light and heat, was nothing more than a black, cold and dead piece of coal.

Very few words had been spoken since the greeting.

The leader, before preparing to leave, with the pliers returned the cold and useless coal, placing it again in the middle of the fire. Immediately, the ember was rekindled, fueled by the light and heat of the burning coals around it.

When the leader reached the door to leave, the host said: Thank you for your visit and for your beautiful lesson. I will return to the group.

Goodnight...

Why are the groups extinguished.....?

Very simple:
Because each member that withdraws takes fire and heat from the rest.

It is worth reminding members of a group that they are part of the flame.

It is good to remind you that we are all responsible for keeping each other's flame burning and we must promote the union between all so that the fire is really strong, effective and lasting.

THE* *GROUP* *IS* *ALSO* *A* *FAMILY

It does not matter if sometimes we are bothered by so many messages that reach the chat, what matters is to be connected, some of us are silent, others very active, the friends that we are meeting here are to meet, learn, exchange ideas, or simply know that we are not alone, that there is a group of friends, colleagues or family with whom we can count.

Let's keep the flame alive. Although some report sporadically it is good to know that they keep their flame burning!

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR BONFIRE

Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : 17,049.

While we are facing challenging times, keeping safe and preventing the spread of the coronavirus. God challenges us to share what we have with others, to make a commitment to serving His people. Romans 8:28 say's "For those who love God, all things work together for the good." Making your pledge to the BFA is one of the ways we are all called together, one parish, supporting others with what we have. Thank you for your support.

Chairpersons, Adam & Dorothy Jacobs and Fr. Donatus.