

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

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HOLY MASS

Saturday (Christ the King) 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM; 12:00 PM (español)
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 AM
Friday (español) 7:00 PM

CONFESSION

Saturday (Christ the King) 4:15-4:45 PM
Sunday 8:15-8:45 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 7:30 AM



Everyone is invited to a
welcome reception
for our new pastor

Father Peter Ascik

Sunday, July 18
after 9:00 AM Mass
in the St. Mary Parish Hall

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, July 18

8:15 AM Confession (SM)
9:00 AM Mass (+Jim & +Trey Bowen) (SM)
10:15 AM Reception for Fr. Peter Ascik (SM Parish Hall)
11:20 AM Rosary (SM)
12:00 PM Mass (Pro Populo) (español - SM)

Monday, July 19

7:30 AM Confessions (SM)
8:00 AM Mass (Pat Mullen) (Chapel)
9:00 AM Legion of Mary (SM Parish Hall)
7:00 PM Emaús Group (SM Parish Hall)

Tuesday, July 20

7:30 AM Confessions (SM)
8:00 AM Mass (Pat Mullen) (Chapel)

Wednesday, July 21

7:30 AM Confessions (SM)
8:00 AM Mass (Matilda Ziegler) (Chapel)

Thursday, July 22 - No events scheduled

Friday, July 23

7:00 PM Mass (+Fr. Predrag Kordic, OFM)
(español-SM)
After Mass ... Confessions (SM)

Saturday, July 24

10:00 AM First Confession (SM)
4:15 PM Confession (CK)
5:00 PM Mass (Conversion of Mary Baxter & family) (CK)

Sunday, July 25

8:15 AM Confession (SM)
9:00 AM Mass (Tillie Miskell) (SM)
11:20 AM Rosary (SM)
12:00 PM Mass (Pro Populo) (español - SM)



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LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please pray for Carol Annette, Mary Baxter, Jerome Bickimer, Eric Bilow, Sally Currie, Bridget Custer, Adam Gehring, Marilyn Giffin, Patrice Hammitt, Evelyn Hill, Sean Hobart, Fred Hunt, Lonnie Johnson, Laurie Johnston, Gary Lyncosky, Dorothy McNamara, Jimmy Marks, Javier Mendez, Pat Mullen, Joanne Nestved, Gerri O'Mallan, John Reynolds, Declan Richardson, Audrey Russo, Bea Stroupe, Jim & Mary Zeunik, and for the repose of the soul of Anthony Schafer.

LEGION OF MARY - PILGRIM VIRGIN HOME VISITATION

How beautiful that the Mother of the Lord Jesus has come to this home!

The Legion of Mary invites you to bring our Lady of Fatima - the Pilgrim Virgin - into your home for a 2-week visit. You will enjoy praying the Holy Rosary with her and bringing your family together to share in the special time of prayer to deepen your faith, hope, and charity. Due to COVID-19, we deliver and pick up the Pilgrim Virgin, but we do not come into your home. Visit www.SaintMaryShelby.org and follow the sign up link, then contact Peggy Collins at 704-300-5136 to arrange the visitation. **If you don't have access to a computer please call Peggy to set up an appointment!**

STEWARDSHIP

If we accept the challenge of putting God first in our time and treasure, our attitudes, priorities and spiritual lives will definitely change.

- | • Monthly Offertory: | <u>May 2021</u> | <u>Monthly Budget</u> | <u>May 2020</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| SM | \$16,334 | \$20,215 | \$16,870 |
| CK | \$1,676 | \$4,510 | \$1,800 |
- Diocesan Support Appeal helps provide annual funding for 50 ministries and programs necessary to carry out the mission of our diocese. Our parish's assessed goals are \$26,181 at St. Mary and \$2,741 at Christ the King. Please be as generous as possible. Thanks to those who have given already.
 - Cleaners THANK YOU! Please find a substitute if you are not able to clean on your assigned weekend. Thank you for your service!!
7/18 - Salvador Bernabe, Ramirez-Salinas Family
7/25 - Joel Aleman, Graciela Arroyo, Ignacia Bandera
 - Please bring donations of non-perishable food and Boost & Ensure and leave them in the donation barrels at St. Mary or Christ the King. Thank you for your generosity!
 - Online Giving: Please consider using online giving for your weekly tithe to St. Mary or Christ the King. You can use credit or debit cards, or your bank account. Text giving is now available at both churches. Learn more at SaintMaryShelby.org/online-giving.
 - A longtime St. Mary parishioner from the Latino community suffered a stroke leaving him paralyzed on one side and unable to work, and does not receive government assistance. The parish is helping him with a few basic needs. If you would like to help defray the cost, please contribute to the Poor Box or place a check in the collection basket with "Poor Box" on the memo line. Please keep him in your prayers.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jesus said, "Come away and rest awhile". Give your marriage new life by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Aug 27-29, 2021 in Hickory, NC and Nov 5-7, 2021 in Atlantic Beach, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Notable Quotables

God has created me to do some definite service. God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I have a mission.

—*John Henry Newman*

God dwells in a secret and hidden way in all souls, in their very substance, for if God did not, they could not exist at all.

—*St. John of the Cross*

FEAST OF FAITH: 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.

New Holy Mass Schedule

- ◆ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 8:00 AM in the chapel, with Confession 30 minutes before each Mass
- ◆ Thursday - No Holy Mass
- ◆ Friday - 7:00 PM, with Confessions and Adoration after Mass
- ◆ Saturday and Sunday - No Changes

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER BOOKS

Contact Jean in the parish office to get one (or more!)
St. Joseph prayer books for just \$5 each.

For Catholics, July is the month of the Precious Blood, a devotion spread through the work of Blessed Fr. Gaspar de Bufalo, founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Falling right between June’s devotion to the Sacred Heart and August’s devotion to the Immaculate Heart, July is an ideal time to grow in deeper gratitude for the bond Jesus and Mary share, as well as to heighten our devotion to the blood of the Lamb of God. July 1 is the traditional feast day of the Precious Blood, but we can and should honor it all month long. For more information and ideas to honor the Precious Blood, visit aleteia.org.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land — November 7-16, 2021

As we look beyond the pandemic, our thoughts turn to God. Maybe you are praying for a special grace for yourself or a loved one. Or you want to say “thank you” to Him for remaining at your side in the dark times. Many Christians make a personal sacrifice to visit the Holy Land. The graces received are numerous. He touches hearts in unexpected ways. No one returns home unchanged. The Lord will not be outdone in generosity. The Holy Land has been called the Fifth Gospel, and the sacred sites have their own way of proclaiming Christ and they deepen our understanding of the Gospels. The pilgrimage will reaffirm and strengthen your faith.

There are a few slots left in the Holy Land Pilgrimage that Fr. Kottar was planning for November. If you would like to go, please contact Jean in the parish office. Fr. Jim Conover, a very experienced pilgrimage priest from NJ, has offered to lead the group as spiritual director. He has traveled on pilgrimage to the Holy Land 8 times.

\$3,899 from Charlotte, includes Lufthansa Airlines flights, hotels, and most meals
For more information contact the parish office: 704-487-7697 x103

FIRST COMMUNION & FIRST CONFESSION NEWS

First Confession: Saturday July 24 – 10:00 AM

First Communion Mass: Saturday, August 7 – 11:00 AM

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. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

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).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Apollinaris
- Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene
- Friday: St. Bridget
- Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf