



SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

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~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am
& 12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays ~ 11:00am—12:00pm
in the Sister Carol Center (adjacent
to church)

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7a mass
outside in the school courtyard
(weather permitting).

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center for the Month of July is open
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm
Fridays in July – CLOSED

For mass intentions or any service we may be reached at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

For any urgent needs when we are not open, please call our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity.

RCIA: Please call the Parish Center (586-777-3670).

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, at this time please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone to get further information OR by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Though we have returned to public masses we will continue our Live Stream Broadcasts of all celebrations.

- **Weekdays - 7 am Mass - (Monday thru Friday)**
- **Saturdays - 4 pm and 6 pm Masses**
- **Sundays - 8 am, 10 am & 12 pm Masses**
- **Thursdays - 7 pm Holy Hour**

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.



Risky Business:

This one will get me in trouble. Oh well. My mom and sisters will be happy I'm not writing about them for a change.

I wrote last week about my mom being rushed by ambulance to Troy Beaumont when she slipped and fell on the floor after spraying the whole kitchen with Raid; she was dealing with an army of ants that invaded the condo. For those who may not have read last week's article, I'm happy to report that she's fine and didn't break anything, praise God. The night before all of this happened, I received an email from OnStar that my car detected high resistance on my battery, and it needed attention. The alert warned me there was the possibility the car wouldn't start the next time I went to use it. While the email caught my attention, I decided I would deal with it later! The next day, when I needed the car to rush out to the hospital, I went to start it, and it was deader than dead. My sister had just pulled out of the Parish Center parking lot, so I had to flag her down to get me so we both could run out to the hospital. As we were going down Overlake, I flagged Vern, told him what happened, and he and Greg decided they would work on my car while I was gone. They got the car going after charging the battery. Working on my car proved to be somewhat challenging because my car was parked in the garage, and the hood of my car is directly under a shelf where all of my Christmas inflatables are stored. Maneuvering around that little space is awkward; even worse, trying to jump-start the car because you can only open the hood maybe 10 inches or so because of the shelf. Once they got the car started, they moved it out onto my driveway. I used the car for a day without any issues, so I thought my problems were over and I decided to park my car back in the garage.

On Thursday night of that week, I received another alert from OnStar. This time the alert indicated a problem with my battery charging system. Once again, I figured I would deal with it later. The following day, Friday, I concelebrated Mass and went about my usual Friday stuff before my planned 11 AM departure to be with my mom for the rest of the day. I knew I had to leave by 11 AM, so I set 10:45 as my "last chance" time to head home to change, pack my car, and drive off to Shelby Township. Once I got

everything packed, I hopped in the car, pushed the brake, and hit the ignition switch. My windshield wipers crawled across my windshield slower than a turtle would cross a road. UGH. Rather than call Vern and Greg for help, I figured I could push the car a foot or two out of the garage, and then I could jump-start it and get on my way. So I put my car in neutral, maneuvered my 6 foot 7-inch body under the shelf, and got myself positioned in front of the car to push it out of the garage. All I needed to do was push the car past the shelf so I could open the hood and jump-start the thing. I figured this would be easy! What I didn't consider was that my garage is somewhat on an incline, so I would be pushing the car up "uphill." Using the garage wall to prop my foot, I gave the car a mighty push. I got the car to move an inch or two, but then it started to move back toward me. This wasn't good. So, I decided to look around the garage for a brick or something to prop against the wheels to prevent the car from moving back toward me (okay, from trapping me under the shelf or sending me through the garage wall). I tried one more time, but I wasn't getting anywhere. And, since I didn't want to be found pinned in my garage covered with Christmas inflatables, I decided it was time to grab the keys to the Parish truck and call it a day. It was now 11:30, and I was going to be late.

As I was retelling the story to Patty in the office the following Monday, she listened intently, and after laughing for quite some time, added, "And you complain about your mother taking risks! Now we know where she gets it from. ARE. YOU. CRAZY?" Come on; I thought I could push a 2-ton vehicle out of my garage up a slight incline. At least I remembered to put the thing in neutral! In the end, a new battery solved all of my car problems. Maybe this was a sign I needed to start working out or hop on the CrossFit bandwagon. NOT! I'll stick to my day job. After all, it's not often I have to push a two-ton vehicle "uphill."

The Sacrament of the Sick (Part Four): I've been writing about the Sacrament of the Sick over the last few weeks, in part because many people have misinformed opinions or improper information about the sacrament. This week, I want to continue reflecting on the redemptive value of our sufferings.

Last week, I shared a quote from Mother Teresa that's worth repeating: "Suffering will never be completely absent from our lives. If we accept it with faith, we are

given the opportunity to share the passion of Jesus and show him our love." To accept suffering WITH FAITH becomes a critical point to remember. Life changes when we start to view things through the lens of faith.

This reminds me of a lady I once visited in a nursing home. After I anointed her, we had a rather spirited conversation about her illness and her anger with God. "Why would God do this to me? I'm good and have been good all my life. Why couldn't he choose to give my illness to some bad people? There are plenty of them who deserve it; I don't deserve this at all," she said. I told her that she was flat-out wrong! I wanted to encourage her to see the redemptive value of her suffering and that she needed a change of attitude about the whole situation. Once we accept that sometimes God loves us so much that he gives us incredible crosses to carry in life, it's up to us to turn that cross into something redemptive for ourselves and those around us. It isn't always easy to swallow, but the more faith you have and the more you accept the reality of God's will in your life, the more you will come to a better understanding of the crosses we are called to embrace. God never intends to leave us hanging in a perpetual Good Friday experience; WE keep ourselves there. Every cross we embrace is a sharing in the passion of Christ. And just as Christ journeyed from Good Friday to Easter Sunday, so too can we, with our own crosses, move from the pain of our own Good Friday to the emptiness of our own Holy Saturday to the joy of our own Easter Sunday. It is about our faith. It is about our relationship with God. It is about our attitude and whether we acknowledge that God may just be using us for some purpose in accomplishing his divine plan.

I still often quote and ask people to reflect upon the prior English translation of the opening prayer for Masses for the Sick. "Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints, and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world" CHOSEN to be saints ... JOINED to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Those are some powerful words that deserve our attention and reflection!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse.

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Can Tab Recycling

We are back to recycling can tabs. All proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

How you can help: Spread the word! Let your family, friends, co-workers, and classmates know that their small pop tabs, food can tabs all can make a big difference for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Donations can be dropped off in the buckets at church, brought to the Parish Center, or pick-up may be arranged by calling:

Frank Poeschel at 586-776-8746.



St. Vincent DePaul Critical Need

Calling all Vincentians! There is an unprecedented need at all SVDP retail locations for Volunteers.

We are asking for help with a variety of tasks such as sorting clothing and pricing wares.

Online registration is available at svdpdetroit.org.

If you have problems registering or have any questions please email Lynn Karnes@lkarnes@svdpdetroit.org or call #313-393-3025.



8th Grade Can and Bottle Drive

The Class of 2022 is now responsible for the can and bottle drive.

This is an important fundraiser that helps defray the cost of their graduation events.

Bring your returnables in bags to the Parish Center - West SIDE DOOR - (near Father Andrew's House) please. There is a large plastic bin with a lid that they can be placed in..

Or you can arrange a pick-up by calling or texting Matt at 313-683-1972.

The Class of 2022



Join our new

MUSIC MINISTRY

Resurrection Choir

- Through the gift of music, this choir ministers to those in need of comfort and healing during the funeral liturgy.
- This volunteer choir will meet once a month for rehearsals.
- Anyone from the parish family is welcome to join. (Members must be able to climb 17 stairs to the choir loft.)

Sunday Choir

- Due to COVID restrictions and space limitations, for now, the new SJA choir ministering on Sundays will be an auditioned choir, with 12-16 members.
- If you are interested in securing an audition, please contact Catherine Thomas by July 16 at cthomas@sjascs.org

Contact Catherine Thomas by email cthomas@sjascs.org or by filling out the form at sjascs.org/music

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, July 19th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed
5:00 pm Baptism of Theodora Fresard

Tuesday, July 20th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 am Memorial Mass for John Beato

Wednesday, July 21st

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, July 22nd

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed
7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, July 23rd

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, July 24th

11:00 am Reconciliation
12:00 pm Baptism of Leo Fazi
4:00 pm Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 pm Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, July 25th

8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

July 18, 2021 – State of Relaxation

As the weather improves and we finally – finally – start to get into the best part of our always-so-short summer, one’s thoughts start to turn to the beach.

How timely, then, that a travel website recently published a story claiming that Michigan, of all places, has the best coastal beach towns in America. Now, it’s slightly unclear if this particular website is an unbiased arbiter of such things, or if perhaps it is simply a portal for a story bought and paid for by the Michigan tourism folks. It’s also likely that people in, say, the Outer Banks, or on the Florida or California coasts, or even our neighbors in picturesque Wisconsin, would disagree.

But that’s really not the point.

The story provides detail on the charms, amenities, food, fun and relaxation opportunities in places such as Grand Haven, Glen Arbor, Copper Harbor, Mackinac Island and Mackinaw City, Cheboygan, Ludington, Charlevoix, Traverse City, Petoskey, Suttons Bay, Manistee, Saugatuck, Holland, Muskegon and East Tawas.

All of them, to be sure, are delightful, and, in their own way, offer a glimpse of God’s bounty to help tourists find enjoyment.

“(Jesus) said to them, ‘Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while,’” we hear in today’s gospel passage from St. Mark. “People were coming and going in great numbers and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place.”

None of these Michigan destinations are deserted, to be sure. But they do offer two important lessons: First, that, after last summer’s Covid shutdowns, it’s a blessing to be able to travel and enjoy getaways again.

And second, that such beauty and fun can be found so close to home.

In both senses, we find ourselves in an awesome state!



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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday July 19, 2021 Weekday (Green)

7:00 a.m. Bianca Calisi and Irene and Joseph Fontecchio

Tuesday July 20, 2021 Weekday, Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr (Green/Red)

7:00 a.m. Marie Therese Tobin and the Family and Friends of the Calisi Family who died in the month of July.

Wednesday July 21, 2021 Weekday, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Green/White)

7:00 a.m. Monsignor Riccardo Bass and Florence Semany

Thursday July 22, 2021 Saint Mary Magdalene (White)

7:00 a.m. Johnny Spath

Friday July 23, 2021 Weekday, Saint Bridget, Religious (Green/White)

7:00 a.m. Frank Shuder and Johnny Spath and a Special Intention for George Nagy

Saturday July 24, 2021 Weekday, Saint Sharbel Makhlef, Priest BVM (Green/White/White)

4:00 p.m. Alexandria Swantek, Bonnie Batche, Jacqueline Caruso, Janice Vickie Wilkerson, Mary Lou Vanden Bossche, Jeri Bandy and Special Intentions for the Thomas Family, the J. Champagne Family, Tom Fox, Carmen Dotterer and Pierre Zayat

6:00 p.m. Marlene Downey Gismondi

Sunday July 25, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

8:00 a.m. For the intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Jerrie Savin

12:00 p.m. William R. Richer, Italo Binelli, Daisy Marie Buena Vista and a Special Intention for Madeline Valdez

Weekly Readings

Monday, July 19

Exodus 14:5-18
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 20

Exodus 14:21-15:1
Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 21

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday, July 22

2 Corinthians 5:14-17
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday, July 23

Exodus 20:1-17
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday, July 24

Exodus 12:37-42
Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday, July 25

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

**Anna Maria Dolunt
(Daughter of Maria & Larry Krzesowski)**

James Kelly

Robert Root (Son of Stefan & Rayna Kocinski)

“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

Minnie Louise Haskins



**Light of the Spirit Prayer Group
2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at**



**St Basil the Great
Community Room
22851 Lexington Avenue
Eastpointe, MI 48021**

We pray the Rosary @ 6:30 pm, followed by a meeting at 7pm.

For those wanting individual prayers please be there between 6 – 6:55 pm

We hope that you can join us!

Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



“What About Jesus?” - In the movie, “What About Bob?” Bill Murray plays a needy psychiatric patient, who, crippled by his own neuroses,

tracks down his doctor on vacation. Not wanting to deal with Bob at that moment, and trying to convey the inappropriateness of Bob seeking him out in this way, Dr. Marvin tells Bob, “Take a vacation from your problems!” It’s a brush-off from the doctor, but it turns out to be exactly the therapy Bob needs. Bob takes the doctor at his word and invites himself to join Dr. Marvin and his family on their vacation. The family welcomes this quirky guest, but the furious Dr. Marvin ends-up revealing himself to be the paranoid one, convinced that he will never be rid of Bob.

While he’s not the most well-adjusted of characters, Dr. Marvin’s advice, “Take a vacation from your problems” rings with a degree of truth in light of the Gospel today. We are all in need of refreshment and rejuvenation periodically, in order to re-engage our roles in the world more effectively — a time for reflection and perspective.

Jesus’ apostles are reporting back to Him, all that they have been doing and teaching. People are continuing to come to them “in great numbers.” Jesus tells them it’s time to retreat and re-charge. “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while,” He says. When the pressure of responsibilities is upon you, we must attend to our duties, but never forget to retreat to a quiet place with the Lord too. It doesn’t have to be a physical location; just find a few minutes in your day to look for the Lord dwelling in your heart and share your troubles, your pains and your joys with him. Look deep inside and you’ll find Jesus’ heart there, burning with compassion, reaching-out to the lost, the broken, the weary and the suffering. Such is His compassion that the literal translation of Mark’s words, “his heart was moved with pity for them” refers more to compassion felt deep in His stomach and bodily organs than it does to simple “pity.”

It’s partly lost in the English translation, but such is Jesus’ love and concern for us. His heart longs for those in need of a shepherd, those needing a protector, a guide (something all of us need). Why

would we not want to pull-away from the pressures of life for a time, and simply be with him when we can? Take a moment daily to catch your breath and be renewed by the Lord before going on to where He’s calling you next. Take a daily summer vacation from your problems.

For Whom the Bell Tolls: Camping up-north a couple of weeks ago turned out to be somewhat of a Bucket-List item. Yes, I’ve often been up north, although never to Tahquamenon Falls before. On the itinerary, however, was also Whitefish Point on Lake Superior. This is the home of the Shipwreck Museum. Sometime last century, when I was 11 years old, there was a book in my classroom at grade school on the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. I remember reading that book several times. It captured my imagination and I was fascinated that something so large could be lost in such mysterious circumstances, that are still unproven. I obviously at 11 years old had no idea that one day I would live in Michigan and visit “the lake that they call Gitche Gumee.”

I stood on that Lake Superior beach a couple of times during the week—once in the evening around 9pm, when the lake was flat and calm, but the fog was thicker than molasses. The next time, it was a beautiful sunny day and we could see for miles, but the winds were up and the waves were crashing onto the beach. I can only imagine the power of a November storm, miles out from shore. But in the museum, there was the bell of the Edmund Fitzgerald. That felt like a completion of the circle, a fascination I’d had since I first heard of that freighter as a kid in England.



I do like a nice ship bell. My grandfather was in the British Merchant Navy in England. He was captain of his ship, travelling back and forth from Liverpool to North Africa, when it was part of the British Commonwealth. My grandparents lived in Ghana and Nigeria for a number of years and my mom was born and lived there. In the early 1960s, they were planning to return to England and they purchased a house in Manchester. Around

that time, my grandfather’s ship encountered another ship on route that had run into some difficulty. His ship was able to come alongside and rescue the crew of the stricken vessel and bring them to safety.

Somehow, the captain of the rescued ship found out where my grandparents were moving to. He managed to locate the agent of the sale and get access to the house before my grandparents moved in. He took the bell from his ship and hid it in a closet as a gift, for my grandfather to find.

Every year from that day onwards, until my grandfather died in 1991, he would take that bell at midnight on New Year’s Eve, and walk down to the end of his driveway at the house in Manchester, and ring the bell at midnight. This is a maritime tradition.

In order to tell the time from the bell, every day, noon, 4pm, 8pm, midnight, etc. were marked by the ringing of eight bells. It was also custom that on the change of watch, when eight bells were sounded, and of course provided everything was in order, to shout, “Eight bells and all is well!”

Once a year, sixteen bells were rung to mark the end of an old year and the beginning of a new. Usually the oldest person on board was given the task of ringing out the old while the youngest person on board was allowed to ring in the new. So my grandfather would ring the bell at the end of the driveway, probably annoying and confusing a lot of neighbors.

My grandmother was not able to stay in their home after he died, so when the house was cleared out to be sold, the bell came over to my parents’ garage. My grandfather died in September, and that first New Year’s Eve, my dad took the bell, walked down to the end of the driveway and rang the bell at midnight in his memory. I can still remember hearing the bell toll.

Sadly, I’m not sure anyone knows the whereabouts of the bell now. My parents have moved twice since then and I have a feeling the bell failed to make one of the moves. In such a fast-paced world, these memories and traditions connect us to the history that formed us today.

You are in my prayers this week.
Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org

An Act of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace.

Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass.

Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 25 B

Reading 1 – 2 Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the first fruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, “Give it to the people to eat.” But his servant objected, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” Elisha insisted, “Give it to the people to eat.” “For thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and there shall be some left over.’” And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

Responsorial Psalm – 145

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Reading 2 – Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has visited his people.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – John

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people recline.” Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.” So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, “This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.” Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

July 18, 2021

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Jer 23:1-6 | Eph 2:13-18 | Mk 6:30-34

Written by
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“THE LORD
IS MY
SHEPHERD;
THERE IS
NOTHING
I SHALL
WANT.”

(PS 23:1)

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Portrayals of Jesus as a shepherd who cares for sheep often depict him carrying a sheep on his shoulders or holding a lamb in his arms. Those images are a source of great comfort, as is today's psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." But they don't quite capture just what hard work being a shepherd involves: tending to the flock in all kinds of weather, when the pastures are anything but verdant; waking in the wee hours to care for ewes and newborn lambs; watching some thrive and others die; not to mention being the poster child for the oft-quoted "smell of sheep." The crowd in today's Gospel lacked such a shepherd to tend and care for them, and thus "[Jesus'] heart was moved with pity for them." There are times when circumstances and events can trick us into thinking that an earthly power or perfectly-principled worldview will save us. That is when we need the Lord as our shepherd the most. Only he can save us; only he has saved us. So, in those times when we may feel lost, we can bring it all to Jesus in prayer. He is the Shepherd who knows what we need.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I don't know about you, but I rarely miss a meal. When I do, I get cranky. And I don't like crowds of any kind outside of Wrigley Field. So imagine how exhausted Jesus and the disciples must have felt when, because crowds followed them day and night, they had "no opportunity even to eat." Even when they tried to get away and rest awhile, a vast crowd appeared. Rather than turn away, however, Jesus began to teach them - for they were hurting and in need of his care. Today's Gospel encourages us to be shepherds to one another, keeping others close. Pope Francis said it well during Holy Week 2013: "Following Jesus means learning to come out of ourselves ... to be the first to take a step toward our brothers and our sisters, especially those who are the most distant, those who are forgotten, those who are most in need of understanding, comfort and help." As we ourselves have been led by the Shepherd, we reach out to others who are in need of care.

ACCOMPANY Find ways, large or small, to "tend the flock" of your family, parish, workplace or community: Write a note to a person who is grieving, invite a quiet co-worker to lunch, provide a listening ear to children or aging parents, introduce yourself to a newcomer at your parish.

*Spend an hour
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-Jesus

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Bringing Home the Word

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
July 18, 2021

The Source of All Forgiveness

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In his 1622 painting *The Penitent St. Mary Magdalene*, Giovanni Francesco Barbieri, known as Guercino, portrays Mary Magdalene with shoulders uncovered and disheveled hair. These details remind us of her shameful past without defining her present. Rather, it is her humble, penitent spirit from which her heroic love for Jesus springs. The sinful Mary, who had been forgiven so much, is also one who has loved much.

One angel holds out before her the symbols of the passion to remind Magdalene of the ransom her Beloved paid to set her free from sin. A second

angel pointing to heaven reminds her that these nails no longer bind him. Or as the angel would tell Mary Magdalene in the garden, “He is not here, for he has been raised” (Matthew 28:6).

Many mistakenly conflate Mary Magdalene with the unknown woman from Luke 7:36–50. The woman offers an act of humility by breaking into the dinner party of Simon and sobbing over the feet of Jesus. She bathes his feet with tears of repentance and dries them with her lovely hair. Despite the confusion, we admire this woman’s and Mary’s humility. Neither were too proud to repent.

The painting is called *The Penitent St. Mary Magdalene* because Mary looks purposely like a person kneeling in confession. Speaking with head downcast, she admits her failures. And as in confession, the representative of God sits on the other side encouraging her to consider Jesus’ passion, love, and mercy. The angel in the center reminds Mary to whom she is really confessing. By pointing to heaven, we are all reminded of the source from whom all forgiveness comes. +

It is Mary Magdalene’s humble, penitent spirit from which her heroic love for Jesus springs.

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, etcetera—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



Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 23:1–6

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.

Ephesians 2:13–18

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

Mark 6:30–34

His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Am I humble enough to admit my faults to myself and others?
- How often do I ask forgiveness from my loved ones and in confession?

“Be Not Afraid”

By Kathleen M. Basi

A director of religious education once told me that as grade-school children begin to process the world, they come to their parents and teachers with questions. We need to answer those questions, she said, because the window isn't open all that long. If you don't answer their questions honestly, sometime around the fourth grade they quit asking questions like:

- How can we say “thou shalt not kill” and fight wars and execute prisoners?
- What does gay mean?
- Why don't so-and-so's parents live together?
- What is contraception?
- Why are those people fighting with the police?
- Why would someone shoot schoolkids?
- What does climate change mean?
- Why do those children have flies around their mouths?

For many adults, answering questions like these is terrifying. We are jaded, embittered, and overwhelmed by the scope of the world's problems. When we try to put into words what we believe, it often seems simplistic—a woefully inadequate answer to reality. Trying to explain God and the world to children brings into sharp relief the inadequacy of our own faith and understanding of both.

We are afraid to scar our children's innocence. We are afraid of being labeled intolerant. We are afraid our kids



will demonstrate their knowledge in inappropriate ways or contexts. We are afraid of having to admit to our kids the many ways we have not lived up to what we profess to believe. We are afraid of being seen as frauds. Most of all, we are afraid of screwing up our kids.

And yet despite it all, we have to answer. Children's views of the world are being formed whether we participate in the process or not. We might as well make sure they get the right formation—the one guided by Christ and his Church.

The tough questions will always be tough, but constantly seeking greater wisdom and understanding for ourselves takes away some of the pressure to “get it right” for our kids in one shot. Instead,

we can approach difficult topics with our children as coseekers in the way of Christ, returning to subjects in greater depth as their understanding grows... and as ours does the same.

Perhaps then, it won't feel so difficult to trust God to give us the words when we need them and the wisdom to know when to respond, “You don't need to know that yet.” Honesty is not easy when the subject matter is difficult. But God whispers to us today the same three words that are woven into the entire narrative of salvation history: “Be not afraid.” +

Parents, it's crucial we use our faith in answering the tough questions of our children.



Lord, you are the Good Shepherd who cares for all people. Help me be a good shepherd of love and compassion.

—From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

July 19–24

Monday, Weekday:
Ex 14:5–18 / Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday, Weekday:
Ex 14:21–15:1 / Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday, Weekday:
Ex 16:1–5, 9–15 / Mt 13:1–9

Thursday, St. Mary Magdalene: Sg 3:1–4b or 2 Cor 5:14–17 / Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Friday, Weekday:
Ex 20:1–17 / Mt 13:18–23

Saturday, Weekday:
Ex 24:3–8 / Mt 13:24–30



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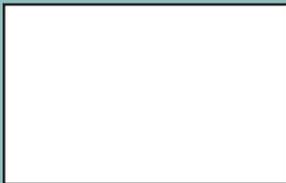
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