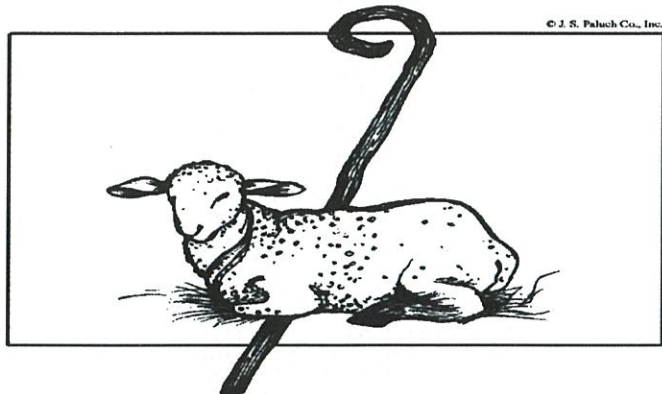


JULY 18, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Behold the days are coming,
Says the LORD, when I will raise up
A righteous shoot to David.*

Jeremiah 23:5a



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.

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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**).

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

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.

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WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass **8:00 a.m.** (Live)
 10:00 a.m. (Live & Recorded)
Wednesday: Communion Service **9:00 a.m.**
Prayer Meeting **6:00 p.m.**

OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Bolder, Home Jeanette Hamilton, Home, Rosa Birch, Home, Sandra Cloyd, Home, Delores Bazy, Home, Vera Brown, Home, Kevin Brown, Home, Ray Myers, Home, John Johnson, Home, Vauncille Bartlett, Home, Mary Ann Grayson, Home, Donald & Mable Parson, Home, Sergio Mendoza, Home, Michael Lucas, Home, Herman Lovett, Home, Mr. & Mrs. Paris Harrington, Earl Greene, Home, Mr. And Mrs. Ovell Thomas, Home, Dorothy Mustin, Home, Allison McDonald, Home, Earnestine Nard, John Knotts Rehab., Barbara Parks, Overland Park, Rehab. Elaine Lomax, Home

FORWARD IN FAITH – FUNDRAISER UPDATE

We have extended the SHOE DRIVE to **JULY 25th.**

- ✚ The public is invited to participate in donating gently worn, used, and new shoes .
- ✚ The amount of money raised, is determined by the total weight of the shoes collected.
- ✚ All donated shoes will be distributed to micro-enterprise partners through [FUNDS2ORGS](#) .
- ✚ *Shoe donations will be accepted in Ferguson Hall, after each Sunday Mass.*

See Ramonda Doakes, Coordinator

HOMEGOING SERVICE

for

Mr. Lonzo Boyd

(brother of parishioner Duane Murff)

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

GOLDEN GATES FUNERAL CHAPEL,
Benton Boulevard at 18th Street

Kansas City, MO
VISITATION: 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.
SERVICE : 4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate conception on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at the 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. masses. Bishop Johnston will preside at each mass honoring the golden Wedding couples. The event is for the couples and their immediate family. The celebration included those **whose 50th Wedding Anniversary falls between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.**

All parishes are encouraged to participate in this event, by sending the names and home addresses of the jubilee couples to the Office of Devine Worship – to be received no later than **September 1, 2021.**

A light reception will be held following each mass time at the Cathedral of the Immaculate conception. No shuttles will be provided.

If a couple is physically unable to attend, but would like to be honored, please submit their names and home address, indicate their inability to attend, and they will receive a congratulatory letter, and gift in the mail.

DIOCESAN WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

St. Mark Parish

6:30 – 8:30p.m.

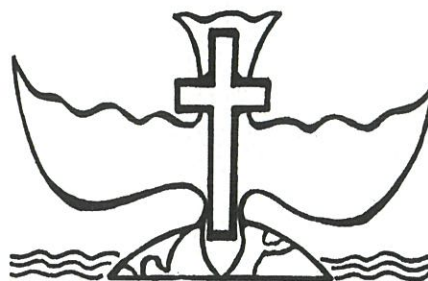
St. Monica Parishioners:

Call your Church Office to register for this training.

GOD WITHIN

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



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