

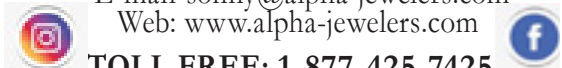


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July 21, 2024

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**"We shall render an account of our mission on earth"**



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*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 23:1-6  
**Responsorial Psalm:** 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2: 13-18  
**Gospel:** Mark 6: 30-34



**MEDITATION**

**By: Rev. Fr. Joseph Nguete Toko**

“We shall render an account of our mission on earth”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The liturgy of last Sunday showed us how Jesus sent his apostles on mission. Today they are back from their mission, and they gather around Jesus to report all that they had done and taught. They come to render an account of what they have done. Many of us do not know how to render an account to those who send us on mission. We are already on holidays for some time now, but many students have not yet rendered an account of what they were sent to do in school. Some parents do not want to do like Jesus, namely, to gather the children so that each should give his account of the school-year as the apostles did. It is irresponsible; and the Lord could also curse them saying: “Woe to [you] the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture ... You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them ... I myself will gather the remnant of my flock ...” (Jer.23:1-4) As parents we too have the mission to care for the children entrusted to our care. We should gather them and help them grow properly, not only physically, but also intellectually, morally and spiritually. We will have to answer for it before God one day.

After the account of what the apostles did, Jesus invited them to come away by themselves to a deserted place and rest a while. We notice well that the rest came after work, and not the other way round. But we have people who want to be resting all the time, to be on vacation constantly. We deserve a rest only after work and work well done.

Unfortunately, we are in a society where people are becoming more and more lazy ; some people want to gain much without working; others want to use their intelligence to work little for much payment, or to still. We are in a society where parents seem to be too lenient these days. The adults do not inculcate in them the notion of account rendering and of hard work.

It is a pity to see some parents threatening the teachers of their children because they have dared talk to their children who were not behaving well or who did not do their homework. By behaving this way, Parents do not assume their responsibility. The Lord wants us to be good shepherds for those entrusted to our care as the prophet Jeremiah says in today’s first reading. We should be people who work tirelessly like Jesus himself for the good of those who come to us in need.

In the gospel of today, we see that people were coming and going to Jesus and the apostles in great numbers so much so that “they had no opportunity even to eat. “Mk 6:31 At one point they went off in the boat to a deserted place so as to be by themselves; but when people noticed that, “they hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.” We are told by the evangelist that when Jesus “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.” In our society today, we still have many people who have many problems and who come to us for solutions because they are also like sheep without a shepherd. They may meet us in the street, in our offices, in the market, in the plane, in the bar, in the restaurant, in the beach, or wherever. Are we sensitive to their problems? or do we just tell them “I have no time”, “come back tomorrow”, “That is not my responsibility”, “That is not my business,” etc.? For true, many people have lost the sense of pity in our world today. Many people are no more “moved with pity “before the sufferings and worries of others. Jesus in the gospel text of today sets before us how to show love by being sensitive to the needs of others, by sacrificing oneself for the good of others. It is not always easy to do so. That is why we need to pray for that grace so as to be in the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord and render a good account to God in the end.

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**DAILY WEEKDAY  
READINGS**

**Monday, July 22, 2024**

*Feast of St. Mary Magdalene*

First Reading: Song of Songs 3:1-4b or  
2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel: John 20: 1-2, 11-18

**Tuesday, July 23, 2024**

*Memorial of St. Bridget, Religious*

First Reading: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Galatians 2:19-20

Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50; John 15:1-8

**Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

*Memorial of St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest*

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Sirach 3:17-24

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9; Matthew 19: 27-29

**Thursday, July 25, 2024**

*Feast of St. James, Apostle*

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28

**Friday, July 26, 2024**

*Memorial of Ss. Joachim and Anne,  
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

First Reading: Jeremiah 3:14-17; Sirach 44:1, 10-15

Gospel: Matthew 13:18-23; Matthew 13: 16-17

**Saturday, July 27, 2024**

*Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

First Reading: Jeremiah 7:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-30

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, July 20, 2024**

**4:30PM** Alix and Samantha Bellange’s  
Wedding Anniversary Rb. Christianie Edwards

**SUNDAY, July 21, 2024**

**7:00AM** † Lionel Boschulte Rb. his family

**8:30AM** † Gwendo K. Donovan Lawrence  
Rb. family and friends

**10:00AM** † Ulla F. Muller - Rb. her nieces & nephew

**12:15PM** † Ana Pastora Restrepo De Cossio Rb. José Cossio

**MONDAY, July 22, 2024**

**7:00AM** † Pete Ledee - Rb. Marie Pascale Duplan

**TUESDAY, July 23, 2024**

**7:00AM** Cynthia Charles, sons, and brothers,  
protection and deliverance - Rb. Cynthia Charles

**WEDNESDAY, July 24, 2024**

**7:00AM** Lana Trotman Rb. a parishioner  
Ellen Murraine’s birthday Rb. family

**12:15PM** Monica Charles grandson

Rb grandmother Monica  
† James Sibilly II Rb. his mother & brothers

**THURSDAY, July 25, 2024**

**7:00AM** † Maria Griffin Rb. family & friends

**FRIDAY, July 26, 2024**

**7:00AM** † Maria Griffin Rb. family & friends

**SATURDAY, July 27, 2024**

**7:00AM** Humphrey, Hendricks and Larsen families  
Rb. Pearla Larsen & family

† Maria Griffin Rb. family & friends

**4:30PM** Cynthia Charles, sons, and brothers, protection  
and deliverance - Rb. Cynthia Charles

Mass for Ethel Rb. a friend

**HURRICANE PRAYER**

God, All-powerful Father, Christ, Our Savior, Spirit of Love, You reveal yourself in the depths of our being, drawing us to share in Your life and love. Be near to the people formed in Your image, close to the world Your love brings to life. Save us from all harm, draw us ever closer to You as we confidently seek Your protection from the destructive force of all storms which frighten us. Let every hurricane or natural threat of disaster serve only to blow us ever more securely into Your loving, merciful embrace. We ask this, Father, with the intercession of the Virgin Mother, Mary, Lady of all Nations, through your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

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Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Cristo, Salvador nuestro, Espíritu de amor, Tú te revelas en lo más profundo de nuestro ser, atrayéndonos a compartir tu vida y tu amor. Este cerca de las personas formadas a Tu imagen, cerca del mundo que Tu amor trae a la vida. Sálvanos de todo daño, acércate cada vez más hacia nosotros mientras buscamos con confianza Tu protección de la fuerza destructiva de todas las tormentas que nos asustan. Que cada huracán o amenaza natural de desastre sirva sólo para llevarnos cada vez más seguros a Tu abrazo amoroso y misericordioso. Esto te lo pedimos, Padre, con la intercesión de la Virgen Madre, María, Señora de todos los Pueblos, por tu Hijo, Jesucristo,

16th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Primera lectura: Jeremías 23, 1-6

Salmo responsorial: Salmo 22, 1-3a, 3b -4. 5.6

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 2, 13-18

Evangelio: Marcos 6: 30-34

Meditación

por: Padre Joseph Nguete Toko

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

La liturgia del domingo pasado nos mostró cómo Jesús envió a sus apóstoles en misión. Hoy han regresado de su misión, y se reúnen alrededor de Jesús para contarle todo lo que habían hecho y enseñado. Vienen a rendir cuentas de lo que han hecho. Muchos de nosotros no sabemos cómo rendir cuentas a los que nos envían en misión. Ya estamos de vacaciones desde hace algún tiempo, pero muchos estudiantes aún no han rendido cuentas de lo que fueron enviados a hacer en la escuela. Algunos padres no quieren hacer como Jesús, es decir, reunir a los niños para que cada uno dé su cuenta del año escolar como lo hicieron los apóstoles. Es irresponsable; y el Señor también podía maldecirlos diciendo: "¡Ay de vosotros, los pastores que extraviáis y dispersáis el rebaño de mi prado... Has dispersado a mis ovejas y las has ahuyentado. No te has preocupado por ellos... Yo mismo reuniré el resto de mi rebaño..." (Jeremías 23:1-4) Como padres, también nosotros tenemos la misión de cuidar de los niños confiados a nuestro cuidado. Debemos reunirlos y ayudarlos a crecer adecuadamente, no solo físicamente, sino también intelectual, moral y espiritualmente. Algún día tendremos que responder por ello ante Dios.

Después del relato de lo que hicieron los apóstoles, Jesús los invitó a que se fueran solos a un lugar desierto y descansar un tiempo. Nos damos cuenta bien de que el resto vino después del trabajo, y no al revés. Pero tenemos gente que quiere estar descansando todo el tiempo, estar de vacaciones constantemente. Nos merecemos un descanso solo después del trabajo y del trabajo bien hecho. Desafortunadamente, estamos en una sociedad donde la gente se está volviendo cada vez más perezosa; Algunas personas quieren ganar mucho sin trabajar; Otros quieren usar su inteligencia para trabajar poco por mucho dinero, o aún así. Estamos en una sociedad en la que los padres parecen ser demasiado indulgentes en estos días. Los adultos no les inculcan la noción de rendir cuentas y de trabajar duro. Es una lástima ver a algunos padres amenazando a los profesores de sus hijos porque se han atrevido a hablar con sus hijos que no se estaban portando bien o que no hacían sus deberes. Al comportarse de esta manera, los padres no asumen su responsabilidad. El Señor quiere que seamos buenos pastores para aquellos que nos han sido confiados, como dice el profeta Jeremías en la primera lectura de hoy. Debemos ser personas que trabajan incansablemente como el mismo Jesús por el bien de aquellos que vienen a nosotros en necesidad.

Meditación continuada

En el evangelio de hoy, vemos que la gente iba y venía a Jesús y a los apóstoles en gran número, tanto que "no tenían ni siquiera oportunidad de comer". Mk 6:31 En un momento dado, se fueron en la barca a un lugar desierto, para estar solos; Pero cuando la gente se dio cuenta de eso, "se apresuraron a ir allí a pie desde todas las ciudades y llegaron al lugar que tenían delante". El evangelista nos dice que cuando Jesús "desembarcó y vio a la gran multitud, su corazón se compadeció de ellos, porque eran como ovejas sin pastor; Y comenzó a enseñarles muchas cosas". En nuestra sociedad actual, todavía tenemos muchas personas que tienen muchos problemas y que acuden a nosotros en busca de soluciones porque también son como ovejas sin pastor. Pueden encontrarse con nosotros en la calle, en nuestras oficinas, en el mercado, en el avión, en el bar, en el restaurante, en la playa o donde sea. ¿Somos sensibles a sus problemas? ¿O simplemente les decimos "No tengo tiempo", "Vuelve mañana", "Esa no es mi responsabilidad", "Eso no es asunto mío", etcétera...? Es cierto que muchas personas han perdido el sentido de la lástima en nuestro mundo de hoy. Muchas personas ya no se "conmueven con piedad" ante los sufrimientos y las preocupaciones de los demás. Jesús, en el texto evangélico de hoy, nos explica cómo mostrar amor siendo sensible a las necesidades de los demás, sacrificándose por el bien de los demás. No siempre es fácil hacerlo. Es por eso que necesitamos orar por esa gracia para ser a semejanza de Jesucristo nuestro Señor y rendir buena cuenta a Dios al final.

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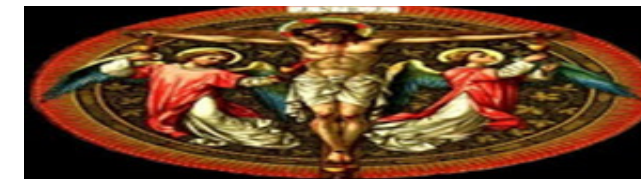
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July 2024 Novenas and Feast Days

This month is dedicated to the: Precious Blood of Jesus

Recommended virtue for the month: OBEDIENCE

Protector of the month: Saint James

July 17 to 25: Beginning of the Novena to St. Anne and St. Joachim

July 22: Saint Mary Magdalene

July 23: Saint Bridget

July 25: Saint James, Apostle

July 26: Saint Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

July 29: Saints Mary, Martha, and Lazarus

July 29 to July 31: Last twelve special days of prayer to the Precious Blood of Jesus

July 31: Saint Ignatius of Loyola

May the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ purify us all! May the Most Precious Blood that springs from the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Temple of divine wisdom, the Tabernacle of divine knowledge and the light of heaven and earth cover us now and forever. AMEN!

O Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, Heal the wounds of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, Save us and the whole world. AMEN!