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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THE APOSTLES REPORTED ALL THEY HAD
DONE AND TAUGHT. JESUS SAID TO THEM,

**“Come away by yourselves to a
deserted place and rest a while.”**

MARK 6:30, 31

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the Gospel Proclamation last Sunday, we heard how Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two, and how they preached the need of repentance, expelled demons, and worked many cures. The Gospel Proclamation this Sunday tells us that when they returned to Jesus, he said, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while," Mk. 6:31. This was because there were so many people coming and going, they had no opportunity even to eat. So Jesus and the apostles went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. The idea is clearly to get away from all the people. Why? So they can "rest a while." It is interesting that the Greek word in the Gospel translated as "rest" is the origin of the word "pause." A pause is a brief interruption of speech or some action. I think all of us have felt the desire to "get away," to stop what we are doing, pause and take a break.

Often, this idea of going to a solitary or deserted place is interpreted to suggest the importance of making a spiritual retreat. Indeed, Jesus did at times go off by himself to pray which is a good thing for us to imitate. But in this case, I think the situation is different. The Apostles have been going from village to village, preaching and healing, and now it is time to rest. This is something more akin to a vacation. Have you taken a vacation from your ordinary work and routine? What is a good vacation to you? Will you really rest, or will you need another "get away" to recover from your exhausting vacation?

A vacation is not unrelated to the Sabbath rest. The alternation between work and rest, built into human nature, is willed by God himself, as appears in the creation story. "God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on that day he rested from all the work he had done in creation," Gen. 2:3. Rest is something sacred. Employers and lawmakers have an obligation to ensure that everyone can enjoy the freedom, rest, and relaxation which human dignity requires, so that religious, family, and cultural needs can be met which would be difficult if people were not given the time to rest and celebrate.

Through proper rest, whether it be "the day of rest" or the days of a vacation, daily concerns and tasks can take their proper perspective. The beauties of nature can also be discovered. In restful leisure we have the time to pay more attention to other aspects of our lives. No doubt, the rest that the Lord wanted for his apostles was to afford them leisure for contemplation and fraternal communion. Likewise, a good vacation, will bring us closer to God and make living the Christian life easier for us.

Returning to this Sunday's gospel, we see that Jesus was not able to rest a while with his apostles. People hastened to the place where Jesus was going with his apostles and arrived there before them. "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." There was no rest for the Good Shepherd but that doesn't mean he doesn't want you to rest. Rest in him.

Because the Gospel of Mark is so short, for the next five Sundays the Church shifts to Gospel of John, chapter six. The chapter begins with the multiplication of the loaves and fish which we hear about in next Sunday's Gospel. Then for four Sundays we hear Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life. This is the most sublime and precious teaching Jesus ever gave. You won't want to miss it. Be sure to include Sunday Mass in your Day of Rest.

~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

HOLY HOUR

Please join us for a Holy Hour in Honor of Saint Joseph with Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the church.



Confessions Saturday, 3:30—5:00 pm
(English/Español)

Weekday Masses Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. inside church

Saturdays

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass inside church

Sundays

6:30 a.m. Mass inside church

8:00 a.m. Mass (Spanish) at Capilla de Guadalupe
(409 E. 31st Street)

10:00 a.m. Live-stream and opened to the public

12:00 p.m. Mass inside church
(Full safety protocols)

6:00 p.m. Mass inside church

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Bereavement Group

This is a new support ministry for people who have suffered a deep loss through the death of a loved one. Initial session is on Thursday, July 22nd at 6:30 pm. Please call the parish office at 520-623-3833 to register and for further information.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 17th

8:00am Special Int./Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

5:30pm Hanh Pham/Improved Health

Sunday, July 18th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory, most in need of our Prayers/R.I.P.

10:00am Special Int./Pueblo High School, Administration & Community

12:00pm Frank Ahumada/R.I.P.

6:00pm Henry Martinez/R.I.P.

Tony Cancel/R.I.P.

Gilbert Fimbres/R.I.P.

In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Special Int./Santa Cruz Staff & Parishioners

Holy Souls in Purgatory, most in need of our Prayers/R.I.P.

In Honor of Saint Joseph

Jeanette Clifton/R.I.P.

Josefina Banda/R.I.P.

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Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
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New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

Please note COVID protocols: masks required; distancing in pews

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

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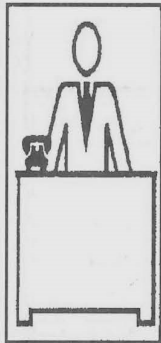
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