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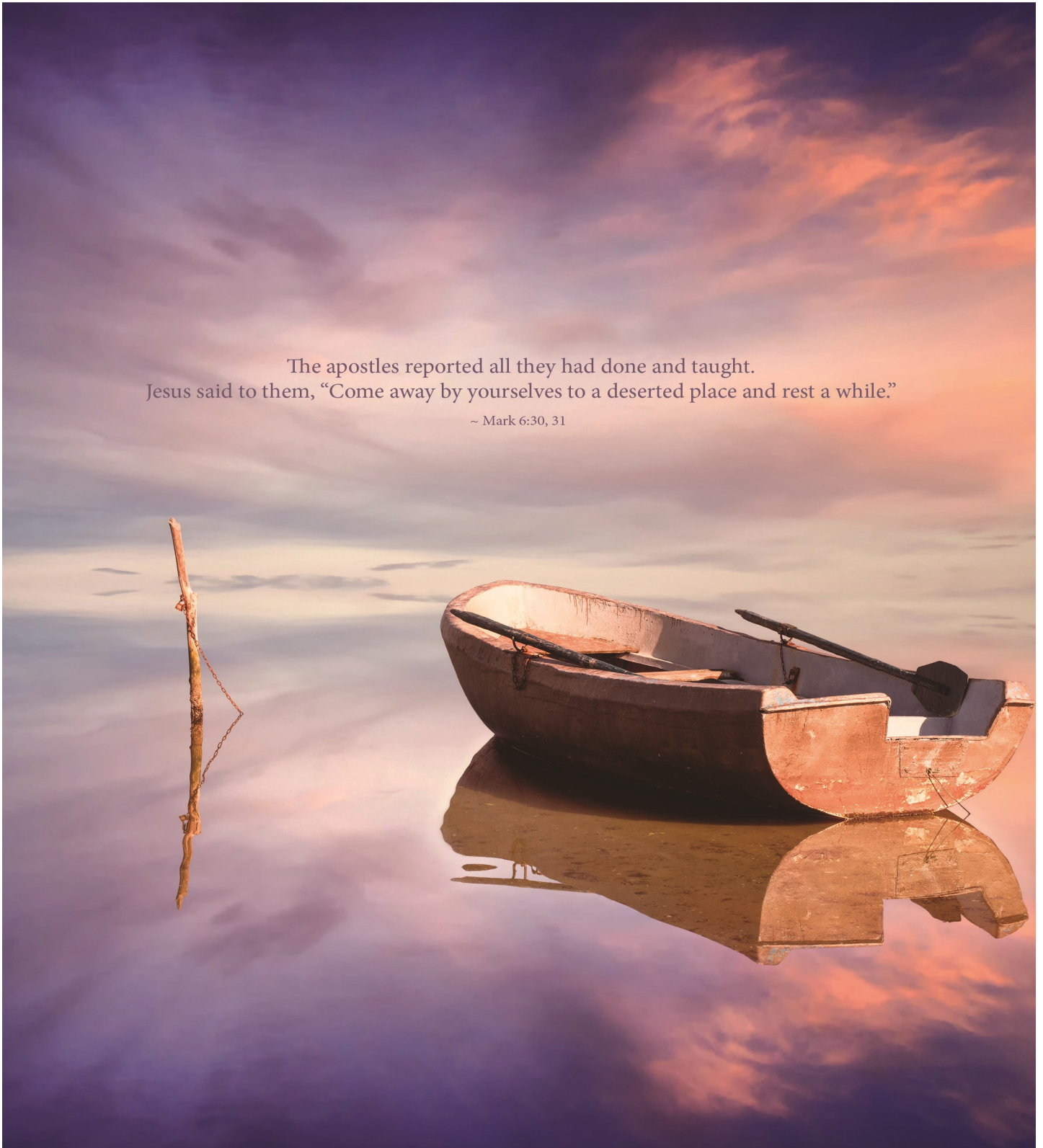
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JULY 18, 2021 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



This Week	Stewardship		
<p>Monday, July 19 No Activities noted</p> <p>Tuesday, July 20 11:30AM Rosary 12:00PM Daily Mass - Virginia Cruz (D)</p> <p>Wednesday, July 21 12:00PM Daily Mass - Kenneth M. Christiansen (D)</p> <p>Thursday, July 22 12:00PM Daily Mass - Gianna Breen (L) 12:30AM Adoration 12:30PM Scripture Circle 3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet 4:pm Benediction</p> <p>Friday, July 23 12:00PM Daily Mass - Tressa Breen (L)</p> <p>Saturday, July 24 - Installation Mass with the Bishop 7:30AM Men's Group 5:00PM - Mass - Elaine Marie Matthews (D) [pre-register] Dinner Reception follows hosted by the Knights</p> <p>Sunday, July 25 8:00AM Mass - Brian Smith (D) Coffee & Refreshments follow hosted by Hands & Hearts 10:30AM Mass - St. Therese Parishioners Coffee & Refreshments follow hosted by Hands & Hearts</p> <p>Monday, July 26 No Activities noted</p> <p><u>IF IN LOTS FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN LITURGIES, PLEASE DISPLAY CURRENT 2021 WHITE HANGTAG. (ALL OTHERS SUBJECT TO TOW.) WATCH FOR EMAILED INFORMATION AND UPDATES. SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.....</u></p>	Offertory	Needed	Received
	July 4, 2021	\$12,708.50	\$16,151.25
	July 11, 2021	\$12,708.50	\$12,908.85
	July 2021	\$50,834.00	\$29,060.10
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	<p><u>Today's Readings.</u></p> <p>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).</p>		
	<p>Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42</p> <p>Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50</p> <p>Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9</p> <p>Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18</p> <p>Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23</p> <p>Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30</p> <p>Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15</p>		
<p><u>Interested in joining St. Therese?</u> Please contact the Parish Office.</p>			
<p>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18, 2021 "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock....." <i>Jer 23:1-6</i></p>			
<p>This Week's Saints/Special Observances</p>			
<p>Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: Saint Arsenius the Great Tuesday: Saint Apollinaris Wednesday: Saint Lawrence of Brindisi Thursday: Saint Mary Magdalene Friday: Saint Bridget Saturday: Saint Sharbel Makhluf; Blessed Virgin Mary</p>			
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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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Altar Flowers

If you would like to sponsor flowers , please call the Parish Office, 910-256-2471. The fee is \$110, and you may split that among a group, or between two families if you'd like to.....

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:15 PM - 4:45PM in the Reconciliation Room at the Church, and other times by appointment. Communal Services are typically scheduled during Advent and Lent.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 12:30PM - 4:00PM

Baptisms: Important information can be found on our website at www.catholicwb.org/sacraments as to how to get started. Baptisms for children are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming Catholic should inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Anointing: Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. (Hospital & nursing home patients should notify the Registration Department, the social worker, or Pastoral Care upon check-in.)

Marriage: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office. Young people are usually confirmed in the 10th grade after two years of preparation.

**St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish,
united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community,
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St. Stanislaus, Castle Hayne	136%
Sacred Heart, Southport	122%
Saint Joseph, Burgaw	113%
Saint Mark, Wilmington	104%
All Saints, Hampstead	100%
Saint Therese, Wrightsville Beach	93%
Immaculate Conception	91%
Saint Mary Basilica Shrine	64%

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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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Reverend William J. Upah, was born October 1961 and grew up in Philadelphia. Fr. Bill is the youngest of five children - and has four sisters (three living,) seventeen nieces & nephews, and even some great nieces and nephews!

Fr. Bill attended Catholic grade school, high school, *and* college. He says, "Ever since I can remember, I thought of becoming a priest. The priest that taught me in high school, a priest friend of the family, and the pastor of my home parish all inspired me, by their examples, to enter the priesthood."

St. Charles Seminary was where he had his start in 1988 - after he'd worked at various jobs: including UPS and architectural drafting.

Fr. Bill was ordained along with seven others in June 1998 for the Diocese of Raleigh. He is coming to us most recently from Annunciation parish in Havelock, NC. Our parish, St. Therese, will be his seventh assignment in twenty-two years. Fr. Bill comments on his assignment to St. Therese:

"I'm very much looking forward to it."

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Men - start your weekend off right!

Saturdays at 7:30a.m.

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings for coffee, bagels, and candid conversation about how we can become better Catholic men.

We read and discuss scripture, but most of the time spent together consists of open dialogue about how these readings relate to real events in our lives. We are fortunate to have our faith to guide us. Meeting like this helps our faith to stay strong and to grow.

*On-site meetings have resumed in the Parish Hall. Inquiries?
Email: jim@gibson-consultants.com*

Please Pray for...

Rob Alford, Bill Allen, Jeanne Ashey, Bill Baker, Jr., Todd Baumgartner, Pete Baxley, Doreen Bill, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Matthew Burns, Leonel Cardenez, Rob Carroll, Michael Cahill, Theresa Chandler, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Anne Cline, Jeanne Davis, Ashley Eason, Caleb Emmons, Bob Farris, Charlie Pat Farris, Andy Fisher, Gerry Geist, Marion Gemza, Angela Gittings, The Griffin Family, Ron Gunther, Elizabeth Hagan, Claudia Hamilton, Rosemary Heath, Debby Hester, Craig Hoffman, Clayton T. Housler, Ed Hyer, Maureen Jackson, Laurie King, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Ray Kress, Rich Lalier, Cheryl Lee, Fr. Doug Lawson, Aubrey Lueck, Dawn Mak, Linda Markin, Jessica MacKay, Elizabeth M. McConnell, Terry McGiverin, Holly McKittrick-Boyle, Debi McLaughlin, Paul McLaughlin, Michele Milkiewicz, Claire Millican, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, Nicole Myers, Terry Noe, Gail O'Donnell, Bob and Young-Ok O'Toole, Gregory O'Toole, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruium, Marissa Rhyne, Garry Rust, Mary Sanza, Mildred Sanza, Charlie Sarracino, Cheryl Schmitter, David Scullin, Diane Sheedy, Joe Silva, Melanie Smith, Eugene Spagnoli, Bob Sparrow, Stella Spratt, Nora Stamper, Irene Stein, Archie Stone, Cynthia Sullivan, Joanne Tineille, Heather Scullin, Anneliese Todd, Hailey Tucker, Donna Tumolo, Ben Van Pilsum, Melinda & Dale Walker, Nancy Weicht, Deacon Jim Welch, Phil Williams

Flowers

All altar flowers for the whole month of July are sponsored by Lia & Anthony Marino in Honor of our new Pastor, Fr. Bill Upah.....

Thank you.....

A heartfelt thank you to Megan Gavrillen who recently resigned her position as Children's Faith Formation Coordinator after many years here at St. Therese. She is now working as an instructor with an online academy. We hope she is enjoying this and her time with her family! We wish her the best of luck in this and all her future endeavors.....

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Other Opportunities to Give....

Sep 05 Priests' Welfare & Retirement

Oct 24 Mission Sunday

Nov 21 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

St. Therese Parish Choir

After a lengthy hiatus due to the pandemic, we will resume rehearsals for our Parish Choir on **Wednesday, September 1st at 7pm**. There are a few requirements in order to participate in the choir: You must enjoy having fun while learning. You must be open to being moved spiritually in ways you might not expect. Lastly, you must desire to worship the Lord with the gifts He has given you. The following are NOT required: Musical training, ability to read music, or a degree in music. We are a warm and welcoming group that gathers for prayer, music, and fellowship in and outside of rehearsals. If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact Kevin Donnelly at worship@catholicwb.org.

Food Pantry News

"...You spread the table before me...."

YOU can help the poor and working-poor in our area who use the Food Pantry. You can also make a monetary donation - write your check and mail directly to:

St. Joseph's Food Pantry, 1303 US 117, Burgaw, NC 28425

***Volunteers (adult & youth) are needed. Contact Patricia Kopchick.....**

(On-site drop-off of food is available at St. Joseph's Thursdays, 10AM to noon, via a drive-thru system, or LOCALLY at 38 Pelican Drive, Wrightsville Beach and at other pantry volunteers' homes)

*Want to make arrangements to drop off food at Joseph's at times other than Thursday? Contact Patricia Kopchick: 518-275-9887
Want to help here once food collection resumes at St. Therese post-COVID? Contact: Jane Yemma, jry1950@yahoo.com*

Did you know: Over 1.5 Million individuals in NC lack reliable access to healthy meals?

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**Monday, August 16; 8:30AM Check-in 10:00AM Shotgun Start Prestonwood Country Club, Cary NC
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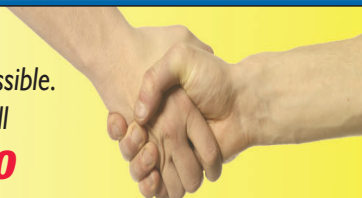
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