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Sunday, July 22, 2012
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

8:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING 1 - Jer 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock

from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

READING 2 - Eph 2:13-18

Brothers and sisters: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it.

He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse.

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GOSPEL - Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them,

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." 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. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place 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. This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"

COMMUNION HYMN - "O Sacrament Most Holy"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Prayer of St. Francis"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

ST. MARY MAGDALENE (first century) July 22

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the most appealing characters in the Gospels. Only a few details about her appear there, yet Christians know her as a woman of great love, desire, and unwavering loyalty. She was born at Magdala, near Tiberias, in Galilee. Mary Magdalene stood beside Jesus while he was dying on the Cross. With Mary, his mother, and a few other disciples, she watched helplessly as the one she loved suffered through the dark hours of Good Friday. Then with the others she prepared his dead body for burial. Early Easter morning, she returned anxiously to his tomb to complete the burial anointings, only to find his body gone. She began to weep. Through her tears she suddenly saw a man standing beside her whom she thought was the gardener. When he spoke her name, she knew he was Jesus, risen from the dead. "Mary!" Jesus said to her. "Rabboni! Teacher!" Mary joyfully responded. Then Jesus spoke these mysterious words, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father." We can see Jesus, not rejecting her at this joyous moment, but readying her, who followed him so devotedly in life, for following him now in faith. Reach out and cling to me now by faith, he seems to say. Touch me with the hand of your faith; seek me with eyes of faith; run towards me with limbs of faith. Now I will never be far from you. I am forever in your heart. "I have seen the Lord," Mary announced to Jesus's disciples. Her experiences of the Lord, in his ministry, in the desolate hours on Calvary, in the brightening hours of Easter morning, echo through the centuries to strengthen our faith. She loved much, and through her love she found the God she sought. Her prayer, By the prayers and example of Mary Magdalene may we proclaim Christ as our Lord. Amen.

THE BODY OF COMMUNITY

When we gather around the table and break bread together, we are transformed not only individually but also as community. We, people from different backgrounds and histories, become one body. As Paul says, "As there is one loaf, so we, although there are many of us, are one single body, for we all share in the one loaf." (1 Corinthians 10:17) Not only as individuals but also as community we become the living Christ, taken, blessed, broken, and given to the world. As one body, we become a living witness of God's immense desire to bring all peoples and nations together as the one family of God.

BLOOMING GARDENS

Summer is now in full bloom! We invite you to bring a gift from your garden, a single flower or a floral bouquet to adorn any of our altars. Please bring it before Mass, vases are provided. Nature maintains the power to lift our soul and spirit. God Bless!

HOW CAN YOU BE AN APOSTLE TODAY?

Traditionally, summer is a time to take it easy. The usual picture of summer in our minds is slowing down in the heat, tempering the pace. In fact, though, the reality of summer takes on a hectic pace all its own. Whether in family life or in our faith life, parish living. For Catholic Christians, there is one "activity" that takes no time or season off. That is the call to discipleship, that commitment to follow Jesus that is part and parcel of our baptism. Even discipleship, however, will have its own rhythm. Summer offers us feast days and seasonal celebrations. Think, graduations, weddings, retirement and anniversary celebrations. Times for gathering in faith, family, and community. These special occasions and feasts are also times when we need to recall our own baptismal commitment to be apostles or missionaries for the Lord, true evangelizers. We can do this by talking to people who come into the Church as adults, and they will tell you. And don't forget input from friends and family who return to church after so many years of absence. They will tell you that summer is a fertile time to cultivate a curious or fragile faith life. All it takes is a genuine invitation to join others in the myriad activities, including religious celebrations. Someone who takes the time to ask them, from simple things like attending the Nuptial Mass as well as the Wedding Reception or to accompany a family member to Mass...a Sunday this year. Of course, it is not the effort of the evangelizer that brings souls to Christ; that is the work of the Holy Spirit. We are instruments of God, becoming the hands, the heart, the presence of the invisible God who is ever inviting, welcoming and waiting for God's children to enjoy a rich full life that is grace. Take a look around, perhaps you may want to invite that friend of yours to Mass or even just to visit your parish church. Summer is a great time to do this because people enjoy new experiences and change after a year of work.

MARK THE DATES!

Saturday, August 25, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Garage / Yard Sale at Anne Klein's house
522 Benito Street, East Meadow NY
Start bringing in stuff to Church!

Saturday, October 6, 1 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets.

Sunday, October 14, 3 p.m.

St. Francis Fall Fund-raiser Dinner
All are welcome. Ask how you can help.

Sunday, October 21, 9 a.m.

Thomas & Lorraine Kompa's 25th Anniversary
Renewal of Marriage Vows

Sunday, December 2, 3 p.m.

St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner
All are welcome. Ask how you can help.

