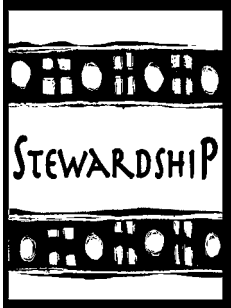


16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23, 2006

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David. — Jeremiah 23:5a



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Upcoming Parish Events

- Mon. July 24—
Bible Study & Prayer Group,
7:30 pm, Chapel
- Tues. July 25—
Parish Council mtg
7:30 pm Scanlan Hall
- Wed. July 26—
Boy Scouts, 7:30
pm. Carroll Hall
- Thur. July 27—
Girl Scouts, 7:30 pm
Scanlan Hall
- Fri. July 28—
AACC Youth Group,
6:30 pm, Scanlan Hall
- Prince of Peace,**
8:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

Comment

When Mark used the image of the shepherd, he was tapping into Israel's long memory. There was no time in their history when someone among them was not tending sheep. Abraham and Sarah and their family and flocks left Ur of the Chaldees. Moses fled the city to hide and tend the flocks of his father-in-law. On that pastoral hillside he received his call to lead the people from slavery to freedom, much as a shepherd might. The great king David was called from the pasture where he cared for the sheep and was anointed by Samuel to lead the people of Israel.

In the first reading, Jeremiah draws on this image to describe the leadership in the divided kingdom. Israel was in a state of civil war at the time of Jeremiah. The nation had become two kingdoms--Israel to the north, and the smaller Judah to the south. The idolatrous or timid kings who reigned during the forty years when Jeremiah prophesied were likened to evil or inept shepherds who misled and shattered the nation.

When Jeremiah writes the words we read today, the north and south kingdoms are in exile in Babylon. Jeremiah offers a quick appraisal of the causes of Israel's downfall and then looks to a time when the Lord as shepherd will restore Israel. But he goes one better. He speaks of a Messiah-like person who will call Israel back to its true self as God's covenanted people. This promised one is a shepherd who gathers, protects, and nurtures his flock.

In today's Gospel, the apostles are weary, having come off the road after their first successful missionary journey. Though Jesus and the apostles seek to find a quiet place to rest, they are not able to enjoy it for long. Twice they try to get away and cannot. Crowds actively and persistently seek out Jesus and his apostles. They are hungry for a leader who speaks sense, someone who feeds the deep hunger of their souls. So eager are they to find Jesus, they fail even to lay up a day's supply of bread for the journey.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday, July 23:** Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
- Monday:** **St. Sharbel Makhlof;** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday:** **St. James;** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
- Wednesday:** **St. Joachim & Anne;** Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday:** Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday:** **St. Martha;** Jer 7:1-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Sunday, July 30:** 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

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Feed the Hungry

Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. July menu items: 1 box of cereal, 1 can of stew or chili, 1 can of tuna or chicken, 1 container of 100% juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please call the office for details and to sign up for **Electronic Fund Transfers**. We hope to have it up and running in August. Thanks.

***RCIC to start again soon.** Everyone between 7 and 17 years who has **not** been baptized, **not** received first holy communion, and/or **not** been confirmed is invited to the orientation on Saturday, **August 12 from 9:00 to 10:00 am in Scanlan Hall.** Pls spread the news.

*Please take a moment to read the **thank you note** from Brian F. Cahill, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, for STM family's gift of \$991.00 to Catholic Charities on May 21, 2006. The letter is posted on our **bulletin board** at the vestibule of the church.

RAFFLES

***Congratulations** to the winners of our annual STM raffles: 1) **Dr. Michael Arellano**, SF (000196) 2) **Nelia Tariga**, SSF (000176) 3) **Diana Jajeh**, SSF (000494) and 4) **Rupert Johnson**, Sac' to. (001097). Winners have the option of receiving the 37" LCD TV or a cash prize of \$1500.

*We sold a total of **600** tickets. As promised, we awarded one TV for every 150 tickets sold.

***Thank you very much** to everyone for making this a success. This brings us half-way towards our goal of raising \$47,700 for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.



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MASS INTENTIONS

July 23— July 29 , 2006

07/23 Sun 10:00 am Rodolfo Yambaot
8:00 pm People of STM
07/24 Mon 8:30 am Francisco Malbas Sr.†
07/25 Tue 5:30 pm Vincent Duc Luu†
07/26 Wed 830 am Teresa Small, Sp. Int.
07/27 Thu 5:30 pm Apolonia Pascual, Sp. Int.
07/28 Fri 8:30 am Lynn Boquiren. Sp. Int.
07/29 Sat 8:30 am Jose Crisostomo†
5:00 pm Rafael Gonzales†

Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the Mass you offer is preferred.

Pilgrimage to Rome

Fr. Andrew and Fr. Govindu are organizing a **Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from November 12-22.** The 11-day Pilgrimage to the Shrines in Rome (including an audience with the Holy Father), Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Lanciano (Miracle of the Eucharist), Assisi, Florence, Venice & Milan runs to about \$2,680, including airfare. Pls register your names asap. Contact Fr. Andrew or Elvira, our Secretary, for further info & registration.

OTHERS

***Support for stay at home seniors:** Catholic Charities offers a range of care solutions, counseling and home care services by licensed therapists, social workers, and gerontologists. Sliding scale fees apply. Call 415-587-1443 for more information.



According to Ackroyd's "Life of Thomas More", words and phrases **he introduced** into written English include: fact, taunt, shuffle, anticipate, paradox, pretext, obstruction, monosyllable, meeting, not to see the wood for the trees, to make the best of something



All the sick people in our parish especially Florentino Sotto, Jr., Rolando Pineda, Brian D'Arcy, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman, Michael Karney, Majida Totah, William & Deena Tannous. We also pray for **all the deceased members of our parish** especially those who died as infants and young children as well as those who were afflicted and in the end became victims of terminal cancer.

Pls. give us names of the sick in your family, and your beloved departed; names will be deleted and/or added as needed.

Weekly Collections

Thank you for your contributions. Please remember us in your prayers.

Your offerings for the weekend of **July 16th:**

\$4,310

(We will have a second collection for Saint Vincent de Paul next week. Please be generous. Thanks.)



Actual Construction and Repairs Money in Bank is \$109,672

Please continue to support our Construction fund. We need to repair the Skylight, upgrade the lights in the church and upgrade Carroll Hall. **Thank you!**