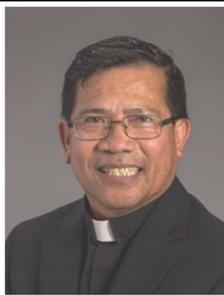


Pastor's Message



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel reading follows directly from last week's text in which we heard about the Twelve being sent on mission. Now they returned and reported on that mission. Jesus first invited them to go to a lonely place for a rest. However, when they got to the lonely place they would find it packed with people, and people were hungry for the Word and leadership. The point is that to be Jesus' disciples, there would be no day off, no holiday, and that there would be no getting away from our mission.

The leaders of Israel mentioned in the first reading from Prophet Jeremiah were weak and corrupt because they neglected their duties and allowed the people to be scattered. And the Lord said to them: "Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture... You have not cared for them and I will take care to punish your evil deeds" (Jeremiah 23:1-2).

As leaders in our family and our community, we should recognize that there are some things that we can never get away from, some things from which we can never take a holiday. Of course, everyone needs a break, a holiday or a vacation. Rest and relaxation are very important for us to be recharged for keeping the wheels of duty running. But the fact is that we cannot take a holiday from being married, we cannot take a holiday from our responsibilities for children, and we certainly cannot take a holiday from God or from our task as Jesus' disciples. These things are simply part of our existence. They are part of our identity as Jesus' disciples.

Yes, we are called to be good leaders for our family and community. What qualities, then, should we look for in a leader? Today's readings provide the answer: a good leader must be capable of uniting the people in truth as St. Paul tells the Corinthians in the second reading, and a leader must be both strong and compassionate as Jesus was.

The leadership of parents in the family must combine strength and compassion. Husbands, wives, mothers and fathers, cannot make demands without recognizing the impact of their decisions upon the children. If the goal of marriage is to approach God through giving of oneself to one's spouse and children, then the husband and wife, mother and father must sacrifice themselves for the sake of the family. It is the same with the pastor, ministers, and catechists in our community. We should be aware of the needs of the people entrusted to our care.

So, today we pray for all leaders. We pray that we and all leaders may be filled with divine wisdom to become Christ-like to shepherd the people of God.

May God bless us all!

—Fr. Joe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Please continue to register your children for Faith Formation this year. We are to open only 4 classes: First and Second Communion, First and Second Confirmation. When you do the registration, you will receive a parents handbook. Please read the handbook and follow the faith formation schedule for this year.

2. We begin taking donations in August for upcoming Food pantry season. The items needed for the month of August are: Pork & beans, box cereal, canned vegetables, pasta sauce (in cans) and canned fruit. Thank you for your faithful support.

3. RCIA classes in English and Spanish are also available for those who wish to become members of the Catholic Faith. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

4. It's summer time, a time for vacation which you deserve. If you are travelling, please remember to mail your weekly contributions to our church. We do need your help. Thank you!

5. Please mark your calendar for Sunday August 29. Bishop Peter Jugis will join us in celebrating the 80th anniversary of the dedication of our church and also bless the new stained glass windows. Please plan to attend this important event of our parish.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
 Sunday : - 7:00 am : English
 - 8:00 am : Vietnamese
 - 9:30 am : English
 - 11:00 am : Spanish

All Masses will be held in the Parish Center.

Weekday's Mass Schedule

Tuesday thru Friday : 7:00 am
In the Church

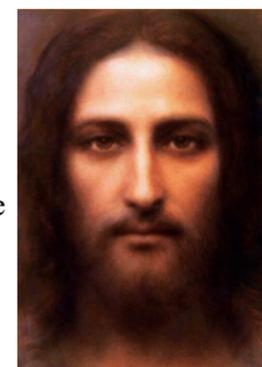
The Church is Open during the week until evening for you to pray.

Precious Blood, most pure offering: procure us every grace! — St. Catherine of Siena

UPCOMING

- Jul 25 World Day for Grandparents & Elderly
- Aug 10 Elder Ministry Webinar
- Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Aug 29 80th Anniversary Parish Dedication
- Sept 18 Eucharistic Congress- Charlotte
- Oct 02 Respect Life Conf., Swannanoa, NC
- Oct 22 Retrouvaille—HelpOurMarriage.com

Let us pray for all those serving far away from home. And for: Tracy Barber, Louis Keefe, Linda McKinney, Gladys Ozor, Hector Sanchez, Maria Selam, Charles Keefe, Jose Guzman, Felicia Murphy, Marianne Smith, Therese French-Rice, Charles Ramsey, Jorge Lagueruel, Joseph Carter, Taber Johnson, Nancy Nwokolo, Mario Garcia, Paula Rodriguez.



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Regular Collection: \$ 3,791.00
 Food Pantry: \$ 500.00
 Columbarium: \$ 100.00
 Seminarium: \$ 150.00
 Certificate Fees: \$ 20.00
 Restricted Funds: \$ 272.00

TOTAL: \$ 4,833.00
THANK YOU !!

Scripture Readings—July 18th

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-12, 17 [1]/Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 /Mt 13:24-30
 17th Sunday OT: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11,15-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15



I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

— 1 Timothy 2:1-2

NEWS—Live & Online Events



SIGN UP!

-RCIA sign ups for Fall—for those inquiring about becoming Catholic.

PARISH PANTRY

Food Drives will resumes this Fall! Monetary donations are welcome at any time of the year !



DEPAUL ACADEMY

FALL 2021 REGISTRATION

(336) 781-0064

A Program for Couples in Struggling Marriages

Check out HelpOurMarriage.com and sign up for a week-end this Fall to heal your marriage and overcome what's keeping you from experiencing a loving relationship.



Join us for a **FREE Webinar**
 Tuesday, August 10th
 10:00am

Reading the Fine Print: What am I Eating?

Register at the Diocese of Charlotte website or contact Sandra: sbreakfield@charlottediocese.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

07/17	Saturday	5:00 pm	+ Eugene Rosensky
07/18	Sunday	7:00 am	+ Irene Caulfield
		9:30am	+ Christiana Ukattah
		11:00am	+ Francisco Javier Siordia
07/19	Monday	No Mass	
07/20	Tuesday	7:00 am	(SI) Intentions of ChiHoa
07/21	Wednesday	7:00 am	+ Peter Tong Nguyen
07/22	Thursday	7:00 am	(SI) Paula Rodriguez
07/23	Friday	7:00 am	(SI) Tulloch Family
NEXT WEKEEND			
07/24	Saturday	5:00 pm	+ Lonnie Angel
07/25	Sunday	7:00 am	+ Richard Corrigan
		9:30am	+ Linda Styron
		11:00am	+ Esteban Rojas Piloto

(+) Deceased (SI) Special Intention