**BULLETIN 07-21-2024**

***16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

 ***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 came back and reported what happened 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 from here 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 the 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 your decisions upon your 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 read the statement from our Bishop Michael Martin in the bulletin’s insert regarding the violence, intolerance and hatred in our nation. Let us work together to promote peace and justice for the sake of our nation.**

***2.******We experience a low attendance in church at this time. We urge you to faithfully come to the Lord. Let us make Jesus Christ the center of our life by committing ourselves to worshipping the Lord on Sundays. After every Mass on***

***Sunday let us say together the prayer for church attendance.***

***3.*****It is summer time, a time for vacation. If you are travelling, please remember to be faithful to your weekly contributions to our church. Thank you!**

***4.******Please mark your calendar for our parish’s picnic this year on Sunday August 25at Washington Terrace Park with Mass at 11:00am.  Please plan to join with your brothers and sisters.***

**MASS INTENTIONS**

07/20 Saturday 5:00 pm + Al & Phyllis Ghosn

 07/21 Sunday 7:00 am + Bob & Marian Dilloway

 9:30 am + Linda Styron

 12:00 pm + Elvira Flores Sanchez &

 Marlen Ruiz

07/22 Monday NO MASS

07/23 Tuesday 7:00 am + Ane Phero & All Souls

07/24 Wednesday 7:00 am + Maria Ry

07/25 Thursday 7:00 am (SI) For a mother and her child

07/26 Friday 7:00 am (SI) For the family of Duong Chi

**NEXT WEEKEND**

07/27 Saturday 5:00 pm + Jesus Mena Lopez

 07/28 Sunday 7:00 am + Paul Farrar

 9:30 am + Garry Lang

 12:00 pm + Maria de Jesus Fernandez Lechuga

 **(+) Deceased (SI) Special Intention**

ORDINARY TIME is a time for growth and maturation, to know Christ more intimately in the everyday realities of life.

 Volunteers are needed for 2024-2025

Faith Formation programs! Please consider

sharing your time and love of our faith.

***Charlotte Convention Center,***

***August 30-31***

**Let us join**

our brothers & sisters in this beautiful witness to our Faith! Mark your

calendars for the

Diocese of Charlotte

**Eucharistic Congress**

Aug. 30 to 31.

**Belmont Abbey Online** www.BelmontAbbey College.edu

Whether you’re interested in finishing your college education, starting a whole new degree program, or just taking non-credit online courses to fortify your faith, check out Abbey Online

**Why should I go to Reconciliation more often?**

Regular confession encourages a habitual examination of conscience, leading to greater self-awareness and moral clarity. The practice helps us identify areas of our lives that need improvement and foster a deeper understanding of our actions and their consequences.

**Let Us Pray For Our Parishioners...**

Johnny Apodaca

Tracy Barber

Joseph Carter

Angel M. Cuellas

Marie Forbert

Theresa French-R.

Amanda Garcia

Mario Garcia

Willa Graham

Myles Harris

Maria Hdz.

Aber Johnson

Jorge Lagueruel

Deacon Larry Lisk

Daysi Martinez

Linda McKinney

Felicia Murphy

Nancy Nkwokolo

Gladys Ozor

Hector Sanchez

Maria G.Sanchez A.

Paula Rodriguez

Andrew Royster

Mariane Smith

Venuste Tuyikunde

Rosario Martinez

***Now enrolling***

\* Program starts September 2024

\* Must be 4 years by Aug 31

\* Free to all who qualify

\* Pick up Application at the school

**(336) 781-0064 or**

**(336) 875-1449**

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION**

 Offertory: $ 4,067.00

2nd Collection Mission Appeal : $ 5,706.00

 Total: $ 9,773.00

 ***THANK YOU!***

**UPCOMING**

July 24 German Idealism & Biblical Scholarship\*

July 29 A Land Without Sunday/Dies Domini\*

Aug 9-11 Single Again Ministry Retreat

Aug 21 Encountering Scripture with Benedict XVI\*

**Aug 25 CTK Parish Picnic, Washington Park**

Aug 26 AI & the Catholic Mind\*

**Aug 30-31 Eucharistic Congress, Charlotte**

Sept 27-29 Retrouvaille Weekend (English)

Fall 2024 Rite of Christian Initiation meetings

October 3 Room at the Inn Banquet: Candace Owens

\*Hour-long talks: InstituteOfCatholicCulture.org

**“A person desires many things**

 **That he does not need**

**And needs many things**

 **That he does not desire.”**

 **— St. Charbel Makhluf (July 24)**

**Traveling? Find a Mass near you**

<https://catholicmasstime.org/>

**PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!**

- Mac & Cheese - Saltines - Cookies - Peanut butter

 - Canned Fruit - Pasta 1Pound Box

 - Pasta Sauce (NO GLASS PLEASE)

 (NO MORE EGG CARTONS PLEASE)

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*Please be Sure All items are in Date & Unused*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Christ the King** and the Diocese of Charlotte are committed to providing a safe environment for all and especially for those who are most vulnerable. All volunteers must complete a background check and training. For more information please visit:

<https://charlottediocese.org/human-resources/safe-environment/>

**Catholic Charities Counseling Services**

**336-288-1984**
Professional evidence based therapeutic interventions that are most effective in treating behavioral health problems ranging from relationship, stress and adjustment problems to acute and even chronic mental illness.

**Courage International**

A Catholic apostolate for men and women who experience same-sex attractions (COURAGE) and for the family members and loved ones of those who identify as LGBTQ+.
(EnCourage). Discover confidential support for living

chastity, growing in holiness, and keeping family bonds intact.  courage@rcdoc.org & encourage@rcdoc.org.