

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

“My sheep hear my voice,” says the Lord; “I know them, and they follow me” (Responsorial Psalm 23). I am affected by this sentence when I am asked to write the bulletin letter for this week. What is it that troubles me in reading this sentence?

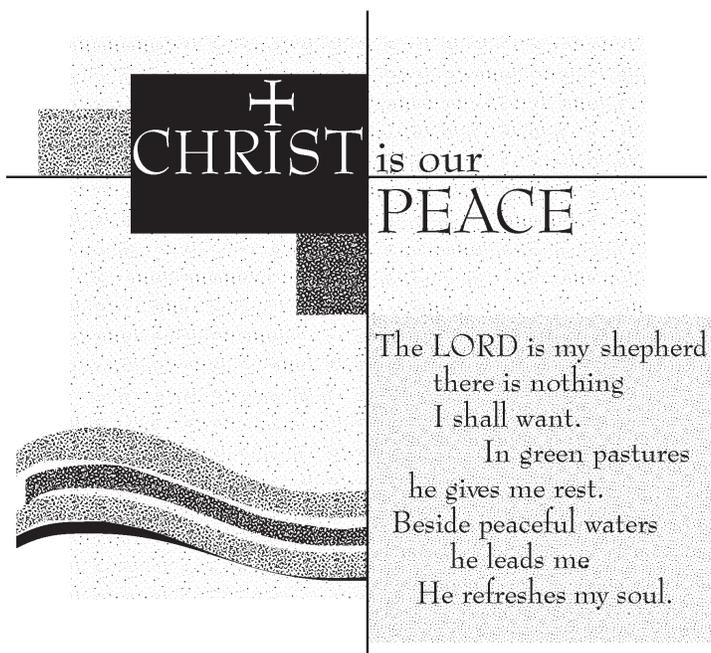
I remember when I was a teenager, especially during my high school years, I often asked my mom for something like a guitar. This was because I loved to play even if I were hurting some people’s ears! She always told me to wait until I finished high school. When I finished high school and asked her again, my mom then told me to wait awhile. When we were getting ready to come to America to be united with my oldest sister and my older brother, my mom then reminded me that we were about to leave Vietnam. Who then would use the guitar when I left Vietnam?

I was simultaneously sad and angry each time I asked my mom to buy me a guitar. I couldn’t understand why she didn’t buy me one. I was more confused because she continued to promise me that I would get a guitar some time, but there was no sign of it coming. I used to ask myself was it bad to have a guitar or what was the problem?

Now, reading this week’s Responsorial Psalm, all of this splashes back into my memory, and I finally come to understand why I didn’t receive what I had asked for. At the same time, even though I didn’t have a guitar, I realize that I still know how to play the guitar even up to the present! The reason my mom did not buy me a guitar, I believe, was because it was not important to have one of my own rather than a good career for the future. I had the use of one in my parish, and mom heard me playing guitar for the youth choir at Mass in the parish! She didn’t buy me a guitar, I would also believe, because she would think that playing guitar couldn’t provide me with a meal to eat or a place to rest! Finally, she didn’t buy me a guitar because she loved me and she wanted to teach me to be responsible for my own choice as to what to have and not have in life!

I’m sure some of us come to God asking for this and for that. Ask and you shall receive as it said in the Scripture. We ask the Lord for something, and we tell Him that we need Him in our lives which are all good. However, what happens when we ask but do not receive what we ask for? We might question ourselves: Does He know that we are His sheep, and that He is our Shepherd? Does He listen to us when we are in trouble, and especially when we are in need of his help? Does He understand our language when we keep repeating the same prayer over and over again, and He seems quiet and unresponsive each time? Would it be good if He listened to us in a different way and provided us with whatever we ask of Him every time?

Some questions for us to meditate throughout the week are: How do we define the



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Good Shepherd? What is the difference between the Good Shepherd and the bad shepherd? Have we followed the Good Shepherd? Or have we followed some shepherds but not others? What is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep? Do they all just talk without listening, or do they all just listen without talking or taking an active act of doing what the shepherd tells them to do? Or does talking also call for listening? Why, then, are there sheep without a shepherd?

Here is a humor story that I read in the book, "The Heart of the Enlightened" by Anthony de Mello, S.J. It demonstrates the relationship between asking and listening. A beggar saw a banker coming out of his office and said, "Could you give me a dime, sir, for a cup of coffee? The banker felt sorry for this man, who looked bedraggled and distraught. He said, "Here's a dollar. Take it and have ten cups of coffee." The next day the beggar was there again at the steps of the banker's office and as the banker came out he punched him. "Hey," said the banker, "What are you doing?" The beggar replied, "You and your lousy ten cups of coffee, they kept me awake the whole of last night!"

We can be just as unreasonable

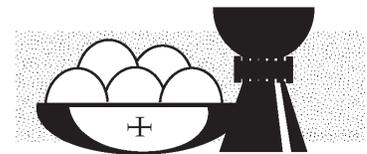
with God as the beggar was with the banker. If what we ask for is given to us but not in the way we expect, we can be angry and resentful, forgetting all the wonderful things that God has given us. Let us try to accept God's will and what He sends to us in all things.

- Fr. Joseph

Please Send a Card, Say a Prayer for...

Please pray for the recovery of our Facility Manager, Keith Tucker and his brother-in-law, Aaron-Michael Winstead as they recover from a kidney transplant. Keith donated his kidney to his brother-in-law this past Thursday. They are both recovering in Austin, Texas. Correspondence can be sent via Michael Winstead 1037 Monette Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412

Also, please pray for Anne Lee who is scheduled for major surgery on Monday the 23rd at Doctors Regional Hospital, 3315 S. Alameda, CC, TX 78411.



Rectory Office Hours:
Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses:*First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*
First Saturday: 8:15AM Vigil at 5:30PM.
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM (Youth Mass)
(Babysitting at 10, 12 & 5:30 Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)
Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,
Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM
Holy Days: 7AM, 12PM & 6:30PM (Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM
Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.

Weddings take place on weekdays any time and on Saturdays no later than 3:00PM

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays

Collection for Military Service Personnel

CARE packages of snacks are going to be sent soon to our military personnel overseas. If you have a member of your family who is serving away from home in a foreign country, you are invited to send in his/her name and address to: www.coastalbendtroopsupport.com so that a box can be sent to that person.

The expense for each box amounts to over \$12 for postage. If you would like to contribute not only individually packaged snacks, but help pay for postage, please make the checks payable to "Coastal Bend Troop Support" and put it in the collection. The checks will be sent to the person in Rockport who boxes the items. Remember: NO chocolate. Individually wrapped snacks are being asked for. Deadline for this collection is July 31. Thank you so much!

Farewell & Thank You

Sorry, but David Bayardo's letter did not copy all to the bulletin last week. Here is the complete one:

There are not many times where I can remember being rendered speechless. However, as I found myself walking into the parish hall this past Sunday and saw so many of you there to bid me farewell, I really couldn't find anything to say. Something special happened that day when I realized exactly what I was leaving. Now, I'm not saying that I hadn't realized what I was leaving. But, I guess reality hadn't really set in until I realized that this party was about saying goodbye.

I've heard it said, in movies mostly, that right before one dies their entire life flashes before his or her eyes. I wouldn't compare leaving here to dying but there is something to be said about memories overwhelmingly coming back into the forefront of one's mind as they realize a special time in their existence is ending. That is precisely what happened as I looked upon all of you this past Sunday. So many situations, places, conversations, ministries, successes, struggles and triumphs ran across my mind once I realized that more people than just my parents showed up to say, "goodbye."

As vivid as the memories were, the most important thing is what they represent. As memory after memory came back to me they called to mind my evolution from stranger to family...from, "who are you-s?" to "we don't want you to go-s!" These memories and, more specifically, this year has solidified my desire to serve this diocese with my whole life. Each and every one of you has taught me so much about what vocation entails while welcoming me into your parish family. I could not have asked for a better parish to host me during my pastoral year and trust that every single one of you has played an important part of my formation to the priesthood.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, July 22

3:30PM – Sr. BB meeting – CC#2

Tuesday, July 24

7:00-9:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM – Journey – CC#2

12:30PM – MAP – CC#1

6:30PM – Legacy of Faith - PH

Wednesday, July 25

7-9AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

6:00-8:30PM – Men's Club Food Handlers Class – CC#1

7:00PM – RCIA team – CC#2

7:00PM – Women's Circle - PH

Thursday, July 26

12:00PM – Staff Luncheon -R

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

Friday, July 27

4:30PM – Wedding Rehearsal - CH

Saturday, July 28

11:00AM – Wedding - CH

2:00PM – Wedding – CH

Sunday, July 29

9:00AM – 1:30PM - Men's Club sale of BBQ

Chicken

10:00AM-12:00PM – Aaron Garcia Car Wash

7:30PM – Adoration, Cynthia Garcia's Farewell - YC

You all have really become my family and I will miss everyone. Trust that each and every one of you will be in my prayers now and always. Like the Gospel mentions this week, I showed up at St. Pius with a mere walking stick, empty bag and hungry. Not only did you all feed (A LOT) but you filled my bag with wisdom and kindness. Most importantly, you gave me a better sense of my path. I can't say anything but, "thank you!"

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of you were kind enough to share kindness with gifts last Sunday. You didn't have to do that for me and I was moved to tears at the outpouring of kindness. To all of you who shared their kindness. Thank you. St. Pius will always be a part of my life and my heart. Thank you to all for making my year here so amazing. I love you all.

Sincerely,
Dave

YOUTH CORNER



Middle and High Schoolers, join us for Sand Volleyball on July 18. Meet at the beach across from A&M CC on Ocean Dr. 6:30-8:30PM.

Life Teen – Life Teen will not meet July 15 due to the Steubenville Trip. We will see you July 22.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

COMING IN THE FALL: EPIC!



Was it a Protestant Reformation or a Protestant Revolt? Who are the family heroes that have meaning for us today? Find answers to these and other questions. Join

Sr. Annette on a one-year journey through church history—beginning September. More information to come!

FIRST TUESDAY SNAPSHOTS



Interested in learning more about your faith but cannot commit to a schedule of classes? Join Sr. Annette every First Tuesday of the month to take a look at just one aspect of our Catholic faith or tradition. We begin Tuesday, September 4. Watch for more information to come.

Feel called to consider joining the Catholic Church?



Been away from the Church for a while and need a re-entry?

St. Pius X faith community will begin inquiry sessions the first Sunday in August. Meet members of the RCIA team and ask those questions you've been wondering about. For more information, contact Sister Annette Wagner at 993-0299 or awagner@stpiusxcc.org.

Altar Servers July 28-July 29

Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Kevin Smith
Matthew Oliveira
Jacob Rivera
Ryan Park



Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Paul Freeman
MC Javier Camacho, Jr.
Justin Gomez
Nicholas Lee

Sun. 12:00 p.m.

MC Sara Rucker
Ranger Quintero
Lauren Cook
Charlie Uecker

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Kelsey Krnavek
Dalton Rives
Helena Van Maren
Stacia Krnavek

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Marisa Matthijetz
Isaac Matthijetz
Nathaniel Quiroz

Lectors

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

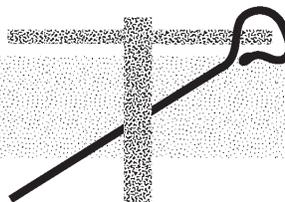
JUL	28	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Harold Lee
JUL	28	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Dick Poremba
JUL	29	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Dennis Diersing
JUL	29	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Joan Hennings
JUL	29	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Jennifer Krnavek
JUL	29	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Hester Rodriguez
JUL	29	SUN	12:00	NOON	Clay Thompson
JUL	29	SUN	12:00	NOON	Margaret Thompson
JUL	29	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Alma Tamez
JUL	29	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Inez Matthijetz

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION FOR CCD. Registration will begin the second week of August. Registration forms will be available on line, in the parish office, the CCD office and in the back of the church.



*Though I may walk
in the valley of darkness
no evil will I fear
for you are at my side
with your rod and staff
that give me courage*



All Parishioners Invited to Cynthia's Farewell

Cynthia Garcia, our Youth Minister, is going to be leaving her position to devote time to her family. Please join us for an evening of prayer and adoration as we celebrate her many years of influence on the youth of our parish. All are invited to come and share Cindy's final evening as Youth Director.

Evening of ADORATION
July 29th at 7:30 PM in the Youth Building

From the Parish Mailbox

From Ellen Litchko: I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me and sent cards during my recent health problem. A special thanks to Fr. Joseph who anointed me.

Men's BBQ Chicken

The Men's Club BBQ Chicken sale is postponed to next Sunday, July 29 after the morning Masses. . \$7.00 for a whole chicken & \$4 for half.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please welcome Thomas Vasquez & Desirae Salinas who recently registered in our parish. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community.

Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized

Miguel Antonio Decierdo Vidal, Ethan James Tyler and Witten Owen Wade.

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, July 25 at 7:00PM. All women of the church are welcome to join the Women's Circle.

Financial Report for week ending 7/15/2012

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection\$ 19,353.30
Other Income\$ 856.90
Total Operating Revenue.....\$ 20,210.20

Other Contributions:

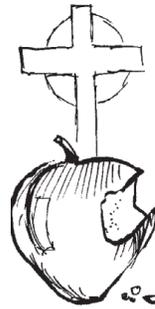
Acts of Charity.....\$ 1,511.32
Janosek Scholarship.....\$ 25.00
Church in Africa.....\$ 448.50
Peter's Pence.....\$ 10.00
Catholic Charities.....\$ 35.00
Total Other Contributions.....\$ 2,029.82

Total Contributions 7/15/2012 ...\$ 22,240.02

Loan balance on Youth Bldg
as of June 30, 2012.....\$1,036,746.08

Q & A Why does each Gospel have an account of Jesus' Crucifixion?

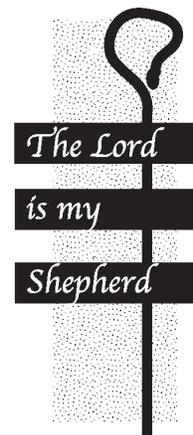
The Crucifixion was such a significant event that each Gospel includes a version. In fact, the Crucifixion affects all of God's people. The story of Adam and Eve tells



of how our first parents disobeyed God in an effort to be like gods themselves. That disobedience caused us to live in exile in toil and pain. Heaven became closed to all people.

The Old Testament, especially the book of Isaiah, gives many prophecies about the coming of the Messiah, the one who will redeem people from their sins through his sufferings. He will take upon himself the punishments we deserve for our misdeeds. The Messiah would open Heaven again.

Christ's birth, life, passion, and death fulfill those prophecies. It is through Christ's Crucifixion that the disobedience of Adam and Eve was finally overcome. When Jesus died on the cross, he brought salvation to humanity. We became the adopted children of God by baptism. As prophesied, Jesus redeemed us from sin and by his Crucifixion opened Heaven to us again.



Mass Intentions

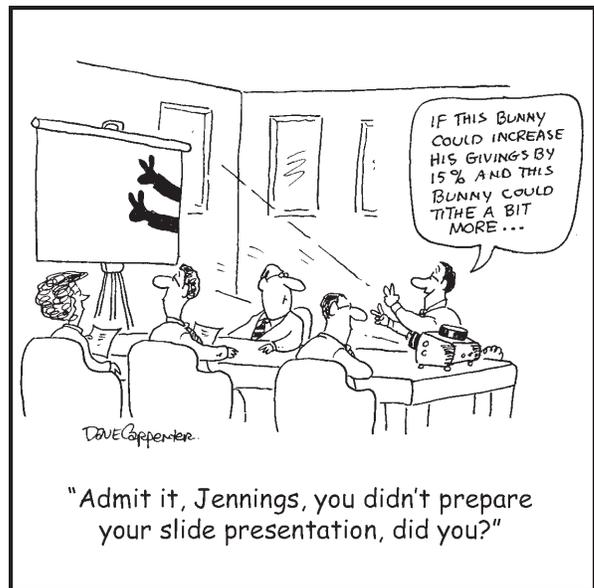


- Sat. 7/21 5:30PM Regina Richter by Wilfredo & Sally Wiatrek
- Sun. 7/22 8:00AM Chris & John Janosek by Kevin & Susan Janosek
- 10:00AM For the Parishioners
- 12:00PM Chester Zablocki by Aneda Zablocki
- 5:30PM Jack Trice by Elizabeth Trice
- Mon. 7/23 8:15AM Jim Yaklin by Peter & Joanne Volpe
- Tue. 7/24 8:15AM Erich Wendl by Wayne & Camille Hojnacki
- Wed. 7/25 8:15AM David Gerdes' Anniversary by Angie Gerdes
- Reno Lumampao's Anniversary by Family
- Hien's Family Intentions by Fr. Joseph
- Sr. Julia Delaney by Roseanne Conger
- Fr. Joseph's Birthday Intentions by Paul Tisdale
- 5:30PM Dominga Guerrero by Ramirez, Leal & Hinojosa Families
- Bill Traeger by Tommy & Charlotte Groner
- Dawson Boone by Dorothy Mathews
- Geraldine Resendez by Santana & Mary Lou Villarreal
- Gilbert Schanen by Nancy Schanen
- Reynold & Margaret De La Garza by Ben & Maria Rodarte
- Thu. 7/26 8:15AM William Parker by Donna Parker
- Fri. 7/27 8:15AM Gerald & Clella Spencer by Donna & Allen Spencer
- 5:30PM Bob Conwell by Ellen M. Dickson
- Sat. 7/28 5:30PM Regina Richter by Wilfred & Sally Wiatrek
- Sun. 7/29 8:00AM Michael Pacheco, Jr. by Penny Pacheco
- 10:00AM Jesus & Eduwiges Medina by M/M Bonifacio Rodriguez
- 12:00PM For the Parishioners
- 5:30PM Neva Lee Gough by Bobby & Donna Gough
- 7:30PM Austin Diep by Lisa Nguyen


JESUS CHRIST
 Shepherd & King

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins...

Manuel Balbin, Madison Beckwith, John Boyd, Frances Branning, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Jason Cox, Alicia de Boza, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Bobby Floyd, Frances Galvan, Jackson Gavarkovs, Elida Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Glenda Graham, Vickie Grainger, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Coleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Cathy Hervey, Chris Holland, Elizabeth Johnson, Dorothy Krause, Ed Lewis, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Marguerite Ross, Tim Salch, Janie San Miguel & children, Amber Saylor, Terry Schacherl, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Luz Villarreal, Mary Lois Webster, Bea Wilson, Linda Witt, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.



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