



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18

5p Kathleen Bruce

7p

Sunday, July 19

8a William "Bill" Poisel (D)

10:30a People of the Parish

Monday, July 20

No Mass

Tuesday, July 21

8:30a Mary Scheer (D)

Wednesday, July 22

6:30p Leo Meaux (D)

Thursday, July 23

8:30a Gregory DeHotel (D)

Friday, July 24

8:30a

Saturday, July 25

5p All deceased members of Bruce Family

7p

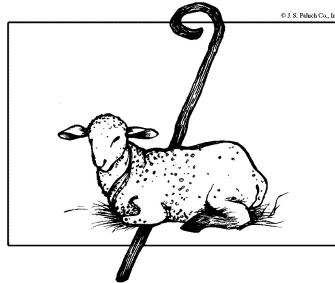
Sunday, July 26

8a Ruby Guillot (D)

10:30 a People of the Parish

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Mark 6:30-34



In the Gospel, St. Mark paints the pastoral scene of a large crowd of people wondering almost aimlessly in the countryside searching for Jesus. These forlorn people were like sheep without a shepherd. What were they hoping to find in Jesus? Perhaps they were looking for the fulfillment of their deepest hopes and yearning or someone to lift them up and make their lives seem worth living. Today, so many people are

wondering through life, much like the people in the Gospel, searching and seeking meaning in their lives. They had questioning hearts like us all.

What is beautiful in this passage from Mark and in similar passages in the gospels is the transforming impact that Jesus had on people when they met him. By His compassionate, personal, passionate, presence, words and example, they felt different. They experienced a profound change in themselves. Perhaps they had a renewed sense of faith and trust in God's love. Maybe they caught a glimpse of the verdant pastures of truth and meaning promised by the prophets, wherein they could say with confidence once again, the words of the psalmist, "The Lord is my shepherd." In His person, Jesus made God's love touchable—real.

Sadly, there are millions of people who have not had the personal experience of Jesus. Jesus seems distant, remote, if not irrelevant to them. He is someone that they have heard of but do not know personally. Rather than wondering through fields, they surf the internet seeking answers to any question with a couple of clicks or taps on a smart phone, filling their days with activity and white noise morning to night, trying to satisfy their deepest longings of the heart with activity, entertainment, and what's trendy. Continually, people are immersed and beset 24/7 by secular ways of thinking, judging, and acting that leaves little or no room for God.

In a recent survey of young people, 27% say that they have never attended a religious service. Twenty-five percent in the survey identified themselves as religious, but without any particular religion. Part of this trend is placed on virtual communities of friends or interest groups. Organized religion goes against their individualism. Some social commentators suggest that we are in a post-Christian period of human history.

1 Twenge J. M., Exline J. J., Grubbs J. B., Sastry R., Campbell W. K. (2015) Generational and Time Period Differences in American Adolescents' Religious Orientation, 1966–2014. PLoS ONE 10 (5): e0121454. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0121454

2 Pope Francis, *Evangelium vitae*, (The Joy of the Gospel), no. 2.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6;

Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21 -15:1; Ex 15:8-10,

12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15;

Ps 78:18-19, 23-28;

Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b;

Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11;

Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6;

Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11,

15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El evangelista Mateo (14:21) cuenta que cuando Jesús multiplicó los panes, dio de comer a "unos cinco mil hombres, sin contar las mujeres y los niños". Este pequeño detalle lo tiene sólo él. Mateo escribió su Evangelio para los cristianos de origen judío, por lo cual contiene muchos detalles que solamente reconocen aquellas personas de origen judío. Por ejemplo, el detalle acerca del número y la clasificación de personas que comieron del pan multiplicado. En aquella época, la religión judía sólo permitía la participación del varón. Las mujeres y los niños no contaban para el culto, ni en la toma de decisiones en la casa. Por lo tanto, al subrayar la presencia de las mujeres y los niños, Mateo indica que en la Iglesia o comunidad cristiana, las mujeres y los niños participan activamente. También ellos comen y reciben de la bondad de Jesús. Esto engrandece la maravilla del milagro, porque el número de personas que comieron se multiplica. Pero más importante aún, subraya la apertura de la comunidad nueva, instaurada por Jesús, la Iglesia, donde ni mujeres ni niños deben ser relegados.—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LA PRESENCIA DE CRISTO EN EL MUNDO

Hay una cierta "conexión" que falta entre las dos primeras oraciones del Evangelio de hoy. En la primera los apóstoles regresan de la misión a la que habían sido enviados de dos en dos ("apóstol" en griego significa "enviado"). Habían sido enviados a predicar la conversión, a expulsar a los demonios, y a sanar a los enfermos en el nombre de Jesús. En la segunda oración, Jesús les dice que se vengán con él a un lugar solitario para descansar un poco. Nos gustaría pensar que, entre esas dos oraciones, una expresión de placer y gratitud cruzó el rostro de Jesús al oír como el Reino ha sido proclamado en su nombre, y como no tuvieron que sacudirse el polvo de los pies en ninguna parte. ¡Bien se merecían un descanso! A nosotros tampoco nos vendría mal, cuando nos juntamos alrededor de Jesús como los apóstoles en el Evangelio de hoy, que nos tomáramos un descanso, para que el Señor pueda escuchar lo que hemos hecho en su nombre—nuestros éxitos, nuestras decepciones, nuestra necesidad de "escaparnos" un rato con él para que nos fortalezca para seguir trabajando en el nombre de Dios. Ya que nosotros los bautizados no somos sólo el rebaño de Cristo; por el agua y el Espíritu hemos sido transformados en el Cuerpo mismo de Cristo, la presencia del pastor para dar vida al mundo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When Catholicism encounters a culture, it tends to approach the culture with a measure of respect for its key customs, especially those touching family life. Around the world, these long established customs are often received into the liturgy, sometimes with a new level of interpretation. From Old Mexico, the custom of the *lasso* ("cord") has migrated across borders, and is now firmly established in the marriage liturgy of Spanish speaking Catholics in the United States. It's a large cord, sometimes resembling rosary beads, looped around the necks of the newlyweds in a figure eight shape. It is a great honor for a person, normally a godparent or close relative, to place the *lasso* around the shoulders of the couple, groom first. The *lasso*, a symbol of profound unity, remains in place throughout the liturgy until removed, usually by the priest. The bride keeps the *lasso* as a memento of the day, a sign of her ties of love to her husband in heart and home. The tender ministry of the godparent in this ceremony clearly links this sacrament of vocation with baptism. It's not unusual to see the *lasso* made of fragrant orange blossoms, harking back to very ancient pre-Christian rituals seeking the blessings of fertility and happiness.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

"The 7th Annual Diocesan Worship and Prayer Seminar",

7th Annual Diocesan Worship and

"Living Liturgy, All God's People at Work"
"Viviendo la Liturgia, todo el pueblo de Dios colaborando"

July 31-August 1

MCM Elegante' Hotel

sponsored by the Office of Worship, is being held at the Eleganté Hotel July 31 and August 1, 2015. Complete details can be found on the Diocese of Beaumont website and the diocesan Facebook page. Or you can call the Office of Worship for more information, 409-924-4341. Registration can be made through EventBrite on your computer. Brochures are available at your parish office and at the Office of Worship and on parish website. Great speakers! Outstanding workshops! Something for everyone who worships and prays, celebrates Mass, loves Scripture and hungers for more knowledge about our Catholic faith. And, because of the generosity of grants provided by the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Foundation and Our Sunday Visitor, there is absolute no charge for anything, not even food which includes the sit-down dinner Friday. **Come! Be enriched!"**

Baptismal Preparation

Chris Wright -882 9972 –After meeting with Father Sinclair, couples begin preparation classes with Mr. Wright. He will call you to schedule a time to begin the classes.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

"If you have a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith please join our RCIA process beginning Sept. 15th at 7:00 pm. For details please contact Myrna Stimac at 883-5771 or myrna.stimac@gmail.com



Altar flowers for July 18, 19 were donated by:

Manny and Nene Hababag

In memory of:

Maxima Medrano and

Alfredo Hababag

and

Jewel and Darryl Jones

In memory of:

Deceased family members

Blessed Mother flowers were donated by:

Kaylard LeBouef

In memory of:

Dorothy Hagy



Congratulations to the newly married:

Tyler Blaine Derouen
and
Carly Marie Gauthier

Married Outside the Church?

If you cannot receive the sacraments due to marriage outside the Church, and you wish to return to the Eucharist, please make an appointment with a priest or deacon of the parish to determine what canonical process may be possible to remedy your situation.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are ill or planning to enter the hospital and wish to be anointed, please call the parish office and make an appointment for anointing before you enter the hospital. Once you have been anointed, you do not need to be anointed again during the same illness unless several months have passed.

The Knights of Columbus



If you are a practicing Catholic man, age 18 or older, we welcome you to join. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your local community; it is supporting our church, while enhancing your own faith and protecting and enhancing your family life. Come see what we are all about. Membership forms are located at the west entrance of the church. Contact: Scott Rollins 883-2691

Call to Conference "Women Healing the Wounds"



To: All Catholic Women of the Diocese of Beaumont
From: Martha Sanchez, Diocesan President

What: Official call to the Beaumont Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Conference

When: Friday August 21, 2015

Time: 8:30 am check in and continental breakfast – 2:00pm

Place: Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church & Shrine
3648 S. Sgt Lucian Adams Blvd
Port Arthur, TX 77642

Registration: \$30.00 includes continental breakfast and Hot catered Lunch

Registration Deadline: August 14, 2015

Please send all registration Money to the Conference Registrar

Carol Noak
4001 Dryden Rd
Port Arthur, TX 77642
409-985-2003

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Registration is underway for the August 20-23 retreat at The Holy Family Center. The cost is \$170, but financial need should not prevent you from registering. Scholarships are available. A \$50 deposit with your registration form holds a place for you. If God is calling you to make this retreat, registration forms are available at the church office. Contact one of the individuals below for more

Information:

Mary McDuffie

(409) 883-4810

fmcduffie@gt.rr.com

Jan Childress

(409) 886-1348

mchild@gt.rr.com

Angela Hebert (409) 474-2171



Join us for the College ACTS Retreat! August 13-16, 2015

Registration is now open for all *College Students, including incoming freshmen*, who are interested in attending. The cost of the retreat is \$130. A \$50 registration fee is due with application and the remainder (\$80) is will be due at check-in. The retreat is held at Camp Ta-ku-La in Chester, TX and transportation to and from the retreat is provided. If you have any questions, we are happy to answer them! You can contact Kelly delaRosa, Campus Minister Coordinator, at 924.4360, or the College ACTS director, Janna Bartz at 225.3060. Space is limited so sign up today!
Come join us this summer at the College ACTS retreat for a weekend full of fun with God and friends!



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Young At Heart Garage Sale



Friday July 24 and
Saturday July 25.



Please remember to drop off donations in the San Damiano Center on Wednesday July 22 and Thursday July 23 between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for our garage sale.



Saturday, July 18
Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.
Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 19
Mass 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sonlight Choir 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 20
No Mass
Art Classes with Cindy Claybar
Women's ACTS 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Men's faith sharing 5:45 a.m.
Women's faith sharing 6:15 a.m.
Art Classes with Cindy Claybar

Wednesday, July 22
Mass 6:30 p.m.
Art Classes with Cindy Claybar
KofC—Installation of Officers

Thursday, July 23
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Art Classes with Cindy Claybar

Friday, July 24
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Garage Sale

Saturday, July 25
Reconciliation 4 -4:45 p.m.
Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Young at Heart Garage Sale
Adoration Sign Up

Sunday, July 26
Mass 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Adoration Sign Up

Adventures in Art

St. Francis Church
July 20-23, 2015



Cindy Claybar
Teacher

Cost- \$60

Children
Session I
8:30-11:30 a.m.

Children
Session II
12:30-3:30
p.m.

Adults
6-9 p.m.

Please register
in the church
office 9-3 pm.

Young at Heart



"Tinsel and Treasure"—
Shopping in Lafayette -
Sept 24-\$40

Santa Fe/Albuquerque-
Oct 5-Oct 11-



\$650
double
occupancy

Any questions, please call
Janis at 883-4566
or 779-1038

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

Many people find that **support groups** are tremendously effective in helping them cope with the day-to-day realities of having **Parkinson's** disease



The Parkinson Support Group will meet Wednesday, August 5 from 9 a.m.— noon In he San Damiano Center.
Contact— Wanda Simar

MINISTRY OPENING

NEEDED: GREETERS for MASS

When you attend Mass here at St. Francis, Liturgical Greeters extend a warm welcome as you enter the church. These men and women make sure everyone feels welcomed and comfortable and they are responsible for providing information, guiding parishioners during Communion and taking up the Offertory Collection. If you are age 16 and over, male or female, we need you to serve in this important Ministry of Hospitality. Contact Burton Guidry @ 882 9655 for more information or to sign up.



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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE July 12,2015

Amount needed each week \$11,873.00
Weekend regular collection (including building fund) \$ 12,689.00
Over Goal- \$816.00
Year to date
Amount needed \$23,746.00
(\$11,873.x 2fiscal weeks)
Total Sunday collections to date \$ 23,820.00
Year to date over goal \$74