

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 18, 2021

Come Away and Rest a While

What does the image of a shepherd tell us about God's care for us? Shepherding was one of the oldest of callings in Israel, even before farming, since the Chosen People had traveled from place to place, living in tents, and driving their flocks from one pasture to another. Looking after sheep was no easy calling. It required great skill and courage. Herds were often quite large, thousands or even ten thousands of sheep. The flocks spent a good part of the year in the open country. Watching over them required a great deal of attention and care.

Sheep who strayed from the flock had to be sought out and brought back by the shepherd. Since hyenas, jackals, wolves, and even bear were common and fed on sheep, the shepherds often had to do battle with these wild and dangerous beasts. A shepherd literally had to put his life on the line in defending his sheep. Shepherds took turns watching the sheep at night to ward off any attackers. The sheep and their shepherds continually lived together. Their life was so intimately bound together that individual sheep, even when mixed with other flocks, could recognize the voice of their own shepherd and would come when called by name.

The Old Testament often spoke of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus told his disciples that he was the Good Shepherd who was willing to lay down his life for his sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4, John 10). When he saw the multitude of people in need of protection and care, he was moved to respond with compassionate concern. His love was a personal love for each and every person who came to him in need.

Peter the apostle called Jesus the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). Do you know the peace and security of a life freely submitted to Jesus, the Good Shepherd? In the person of the Lord Jesus we see the unceasing vigilance and patience of God's love. In our battle against sin and evil, Jesus is ever ready to give us help, strength, and refuge. Do you trust in his grace and help at all times?

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE

Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZ_Buk3g-bhw?

ARE YOU MOVING?



During the months of July and August a number of parishioners will be moving out of the parish.

Before moving, please leave your change of address with the parish office. If you are new to the parish, please pick up a registration form in the vestibule, fill it out and submit it to the parish office.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the months of July and August, the parish office will be closed on Mondays. Tuesday to Friday the office hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00p.m. All phone calls and emails will be returned on Tuesday.

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Did you that the Archdiocese of Toronto offers many different programs and workshops? The Office of Formation for Discipleship is committed to cultivating a Church of grateful missionary disciples who actively encounter Christ in Word and Sacraments and share their God-given gifts in joyful service as living witnesses to Christ in the world. See what they offer by following this link: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-ministries/formation-for-discipleship/home/>.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JULY 19 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Rosario Magtoto

TUESDAY, JULY 20 – 8:00 A.M.

+ Carmen and Nieves Rimando

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. In Thanksgiving

+ Maria and Oskar Stubits

THURSDAY, JULY 22 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. In reparation for sins committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, JULY 23 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, JULY 24 – 5:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SUN., JULY 25 – 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S.I. Parish Community

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE PASTOR

Thank You

I am truly grateful to those who have made contributions toward the purchase of liturgical items on my "Summer Wish List." We have made tremendous progress so far

but these items remain:

- The **Funeral Pall** (Casket covering and Matching Chasuble) still need \$650 to cover the cost.
- The **Red Chasuble** (Palm Sunday, Feasts of Martyrs) has received no donations as of yet.

Fr. Damian's "Note of Thanks" to parishioners can be found in the bulletin section of the website.

INFORMATION ON RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Over the past several months, there has been a national conversation on the tragic history of residential schools in Canada. The role of the Catholic Church in the residential school system has been a part of that discussion. You can follow the link to the Archdiocesan website for more information:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/residential-schools/home>.

You will also find the following prayer:

Together We Pray

For the children who died in residential schools throughout Canada and for all those who continue on a journey through the darkness that there may be healing founded on truth and that the Spirit will inspire our ongoing commitment to reconciliation. God, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, continue to offer us correction so that your grace might change and transform us in our weakness and repentance. Give us humility to listen when others reveal how we have failed and courage to love others as ourselves, mindful of your love for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Amen.

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered every Saturday from 4:00pm to 4:45pm in the Reconciliation Room of the church.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 25, 2021

WATCH

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: SOLDIER FOR CHRIST

At the end of this week, we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the "Soldier for Christ." While Martin Luther's interior troubles plunged Europe into a maelstrom of controversy, Ignatius of Loyola set out on an extraordinary interior pilgrimage of grace. Taught directly by God, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and founded a religious order dedicated to evangelization, the Jesuits.



LEARN

FORMED NOW! DOES FAITH TAKE A VACATION?



As many of us embark on sunny vacations, it's important to make sure our faith remains front and center in our lives. Since it's easy for us to be distracted by the excitement of the summer rhythm, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger discuss what we can do to make sure we don't let the spiritual life take a back seat.

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Strong relationships and marriages are of vital importance to individuals, the Church, and society as a whole. In this focused presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn shares key principles that he has lived out in his own life. His advice is practical, challenging, and sometimes requires sacrifice, but it is sure to bear fruit and bring forth many blessings in your family. In honor of Sts. Joachim and Anne, please enjoy this powerful talk!



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