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**16th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place
and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves
to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32

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Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:15 am, 11 am

Daily masses M, T, W, F 8 am

Reconciliations Saturday 3:30 pm

A recording of the 4:30 Mass
will be posted online every
Saturday by 6 pm

Mass Intentions

Mon, July 19 + Don Rogan

Tue, July 20 + Wayne Marquette

Wed, July 21 + Rev Roger F Carroll

Fri, July 23 + Cornelius Twomey

Sat, July 24 + Coletta Bares

Sun, July 25 (9:15) The Parishioners

Sun, July 25 (11) + Jim Sexton

Readings for Sunday, July 18, 2021

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

Call the parish office to have a Mass
offered for the intention of a living or
deceased loved one.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. (Jer 23:3)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:13)

Gospel:

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. (Mk 6:34)

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Live the Liturgy

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for . . .

The following have asked for your prayers: Juleen Lenz, Perry Westphal, Lorraine Meyer, L Marilyn Bowers, Diane Kowalzyk, Terrie Bares, sister-in-law of Mary Fletcher-Olson, Melvin Botzet, JoAnne O'Brien, Don Schnack, Dan Kirk, Mary Reckers, Chris & Janet Meyers, Kevin Smith, Alex Marquette, Thomas Claude Smith, Jr., Aurelia Drier, Ruth Heibel, George Wolf, Nick Hitler, Arnie Kunkel, John Hatlestad, Tom Belson, Teresa Hickey, Martha Schliesman, Matty Cuta, Mike Diedrich, Daryl Sather, Lois Peterzen, Dennis Stoll, Anna Bergquist, Marian Botzet, Judy Dungan, Michelle Pajari, Eileen Cavanagh, Russell Fallstad, JoAnn Aronson and those in hospitals, nursing homes, the homebound, the families of the sick, caregivers, and the members of the military and their families.

Gospel Meditation

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get



lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed. ©LPi



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PRISM's 2021 Back to School Success Program
PRISM is collecting items for distribution to families in need of quality backpacks and school supplies for the upcoming school year. They anticipate an **INCREASE** in families utilizing this program and need the community's support. With your help, PRISM can ensure more than 350 families in our community can maintain family traditions this holiday season. Donating is even easier this year, purchase off their registries or give a monetary donation. See the links at www.prismmpls.org

New Members Welcome!

Southwest Options for Women has moved into their New Center Location in Eden Prairie sharing a parking lot with Planned Parenthood and need your help fulfilling their Life Affirming Mission. With so many abortion minded women coming in and out of PP they need to add to their staff.

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If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on a confidential weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities'

retreat is July 30 - Aug 1. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineryard.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineryardmn.org.

The Lord is Close to the Brokenhearted . . . Psalms 34:18

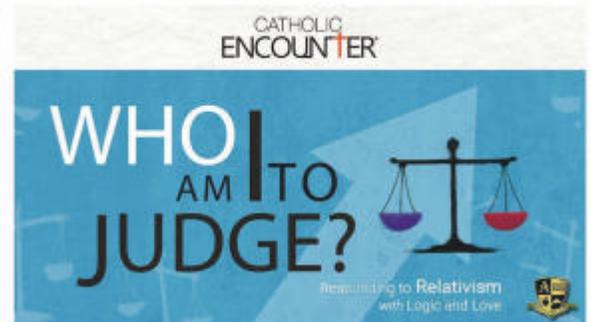
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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 18, 2021

WHO AM I TO JUDGE? WITH DR. EDWARD SRI - SESSION 1: DON'T IMPOSE YOUR MORALITY ON ME!

What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality, that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. So, how do we talk about right and wrong in this world? In this series, Dr. Ted Sri explores the fragility of a relativist outlook and the importance of absolute truth.



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