

- *ST. PIUS X* (SOLON SPRINGS)
- *ST. ANTHONY* (GORDON)
- *ST. MARY* (MINONG)

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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12:30 pm

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July 18, 2021: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jun 16, 2021
by Mary M. McGlone

"Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter my flock!" Thus spoke Jeremiah about religious leaders around the year 600 B.C. Now, one does not have to be part of the clergy or a politician to mislead and scatter. [According to an NPR report in May](#), a mere 12 individuals could take credit for the majority of the fear-inducing disinformation that had been published by then about COVID-19 vaccinations.

Today, all anyone needs to launch a career as a misleading shepherd are adroit social media skills and unscrupulous intentions. But as Jeremiah bears witness, 'twas ever thus.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus tangled with plenty of false prophets and self-serving leaders who enjoyed bully pulpits. In the Middle Ages, deceitful troubadours could promulgate scandal and libel via popular tunes. After the mid-1400s, Johannes Gutenberg's invention made it possible for everyone who could finance it to try to sway public opinion by publishing their thoughts and opinions. Radio, television and the internet bring it to our day in a more democratized and often unscrupulous way.

Obviously, we could pick any century and gaze on our brothers and sisters and perceive them as Jesus did: as people in need of good shepherds. That leads to a critical question: How are we to determine who among all the competitors for attention are the good shepherds? Today's psalm offers some guidance.

Psalms 23 begins, "The Lord is my shepherd." Immediately, it gives us some definite hints about how to recognize a good shepherd. First of all, it indicates that good shepherds lead us to green pastures and restful waters — places that offer the rare combination of bountiful possibilities and genuine peace. These are places where people feel confident that God's world can provide generous plenty for everyone.

At the same time, our psalmist admits that God's bounty and protection do not assure the absence of strife. The psalm reminds us that the right path often winds through dark valleys, but our divine shepherd remains with us, giving us the courage necessary to stare down evil. (Like a bully whose bluff is called, evil collapses in cowardice in the face of transparent faith.)

Halfway through our psalm, the image changes; the shepherd/lord becomes a servant or hostess. (What good hostess does not act as servant, happily attentive to her guests?)

In the images of this part of the psalm, God sets a lavish table for us, the sort of large, generous feast that begs to be enjoyed by a crowd of partygoers. Those partaking of the largesse of this table are also anointed, first as guests, then as people co-missioned to mark out the "right path," the way that welcomes others to the scenes already described in this song of joy.

Today's short Gospel snippet is Mark's prelude to the story of the miraculous sharing of bread. Placed here in our liturgical calendar, it focuses on how Jesus' awareness of people's needs led him to respond as a Good Shepherd who would reveal God's generous plenty.

When we listen to this in conjunction with Jeremiah's message and Psalm 23, we are led to discern about how we are called to respond to the great needs of our time.

There is no doubt that one of our times' greatest needs is for healing the divisions that mark our church and world. Pope Francis warns us that, "Unless we recover the shared passion to create a community ... our energy and our resources ... will collapse and leave many in the grip of anguish and emptiness" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 36).

In [last week's liturgy](#), we were put on notice that we either gather with Christ or we scatter. This week's Scriptures tell us that as followers of Christ the Good Shepherd, we must remember that the invitation to repose by restful waters is for refreshment, not permanent residence. We are invited to the banquet that nourishes us and anointed to spread the goodness and kindness we have learned.

Mark did not set out to write a biography of Jesus, but an announcement of the good news that could change the course of our lives. Mark invites us to look at our world the way Jesus looked at his: to feel the needs of our people and to respond in whatever way we are able.

Given the divided state of our church, country and world, we cannot claim to be followers of the Good Shepherd unless we continue his work of tending the scattered flocks of which we are a part.

Like the psalmist, we are anointed to be troubadours who open others' hearts and minds and eyes to see God's gracious plenty and believe that they have nothing to fear from one another.

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.]

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Thacher DenHartog's Fable

Prologue from the book (Northwood School)

Thacher Den Hartog lived in Minong, WI with his family. He attended Northwood School where he had many friends. He loved dinosaurs and story telling and had an amazing imagination. He enjoyed playing sports, eating flaming hot Cheetos, and was passionate about fairness and doing the right thing.

Thacher wrote this fable for his language arts class in school . He was very proud of the message in his story and printed off many copies to distribute to his favorite teachers. Thach was adamant that one day he would publish his story into a real book.

Publish by posthumously in honor and in loving memory of our friend and student Thacher

To read his book click on "[Forbidden Friends](#)" by Thacher DenHartog

**LIVE THE LITURGY -
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

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?

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Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Dawn DenHartog	Joseph Treb
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Readings for the week of July 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Kids Corner

Hey Kids!

Today is July 18th and a man named William Makepeace Thackeray was born on this day in 1811. He was from a wealthy family and liked his life of luxury but suddenly his fortune was lost! For the first time in his life he had to EARN a living! He tried several different jobs and failed in all of them. Finally, in desperation, he tried to become a writer; and he became so famous that the books (*Vanity Fair* is one of them) are still studied in schools today! If Thackeray hadn't had the "bad" luck to lose all his money, he probably would never have become a great writer! So whenever something "BAD" happens to you, ask God to help you turn it into something good!



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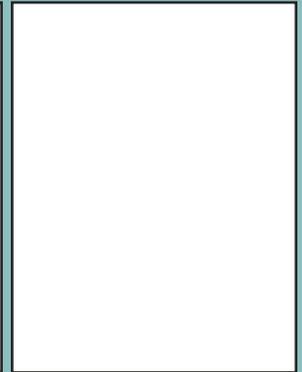
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