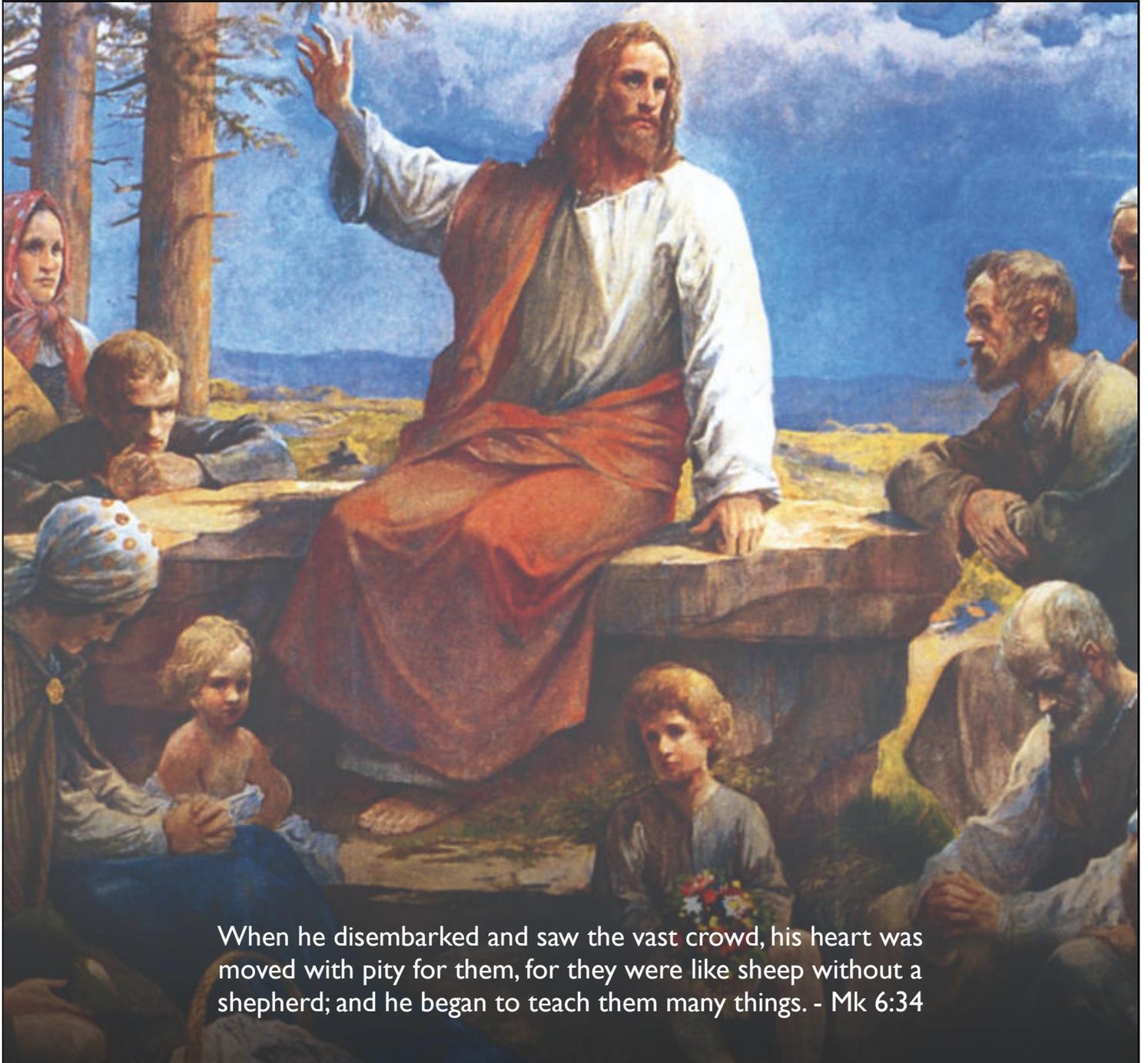


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When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

∞ JULY 18, 2021 ∞

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Sunday, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM
(schedule on page 3)

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THE HUMAN CHALLENGE: GOOD AND EVIL – PART III



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

[The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil;] Pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth I hate. (Proverbs 8:13)

If you do a search on the Internet, it's amazing the number of idioms we have in English that use the word *Evil*: "necessary evil", "evil eye", "a choice between two evils", "lesser of two evils", "evil hour", etc. We can refer to individuals and things as evil, circumstances as evil, and motivations as evil, but what does the word *Evil* really mean?

Evil, like the word *Good*, can be used as either an adjective ("That was an evil deed.") or a noun ("Evil is loose in the world."), which can lead to confusion regarding whether evil is the quality of a thing or a thing in itself. An example might be to consider what we mean by the simple statement, "Satan is evil." Is evil then the quality of Satan or the substance of him? What then is the nature of *Evil*?

First and foremost, *Evil* is not a thing; there is no such thing as "pure evil" as a thing in and of itself. *Evil* is the privation or absence of a good that should be present, belonging to the nature of a thing itself. With this understanding, we can understand evil from either a material or moral perspective. Material, or physical evil, can be understood as the absence of something proper to the nature of a being itself. To be born without eyes can be considered an evil because it is proper to the nature of a human person to have eyes and be able to see. The absence itself is the evil, not the person.

In the same way, when we consider *Evil* in its moral dimension, it represents the absence of *Good*. If we accept that God alone is *Good*, in as much as there is nothing lacking in God that can constitute an evil in any way, then we must accept that, with regards to rational creatures, God created human beings and Angels to be *Good*. Yet God also endowed human beings and Angels with free will, which means we can choose to be and do good, or to choose otherwise. In the same way that darkness is the absence of light, evil is the absence of good.

Lucifer was not created evil, but became Satan when, as a necessary consequence of his pride and freely made choice, he rebelled against God. Man was not created 

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evil, but as a consequence of Adam and Eve's disobedience, mankind fell from the natural Good ordained by God for man at his creation.

"[O]nly good can be a cause; because nothing can be a cause except inasmuch as it is a being, and every being, as such, is good." (St. Thomas Aquinas)

—Fr. Jim Bates, *Parochial Administrator*

*The sanctuary candle
this week is in honor of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel.*

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Music for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organ Prelude: Healey Willan—Prelude on "St. Columba"

Hymn at the Procession: #837—All People That on Earth Do Dwell (OLD HUNDREDTH)

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. (Ps. 23, O. Alstott)

Offertory: Improvisation on *Justitiae Domini*

Hymn at the Communion: #712—The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ST. COLUMBA)

Recessional Hymn: #645—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (IN BABILONE)

Organ Postlude: Healey Willan—Postlude on "Old Hundredth"

Since Pentecost, I have diligently been using the psalm settings actually written in our Worship IV hymnals—check next week and you'll see the music matches up! However, *this* week, I've chosen the ubiquitous musical setting of Psalm 23 by Owen Alstott; many of you will recognize it, and hopefully find it easy to sing.

Masses featuring Psalm 23 are naturally the perfect occasion to sing one of my favorite hymns, "The King Of Love My Shepherd Is". The tune, ST. COLUMBA, is based on an old Gaelic melody. Fun fact: Saint Columba is the Irish saint credited with bringing Christianity to Scotland in the 6th century, as well as the first person to report a sighting of the Loch Ness monster.

—Neil Flores, *Organist and Director of Music*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 17

4:00 PM All our parishioners

Sunday, July 18—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Josephine Zinicola

10:30 AM Josephine Young

Monday, July 19

8:00 AM All our parishioners

Tuesday, July 20

8:00 AM Teresa McNicholas

Wednesday, July 21

8:00 AM All our parishioners

Thursday, July 22

8:00 AM All our parishioners

Saturday, July 24

4:00 PM Nicholas Altomare, Jr.

Sunday, July 25—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM All our parishioners

10:30 AM Loretta & Loreto Gentile

1:00 PM Mass concelebrated by Bishop Robert J. Lombardo & Bishop Frank J. Caggiano

**Bishop Bob Lombardo
will be concelebrating Mass
with Bishop Frank Caggiano
at Saint Maurice Church next
Sunday, July 25, at 1:00 PM.
All are welcome!**



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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



2021-2022 Faith Formation Planning

Feedback and comments from parents and catechists on the 2020-2021 program year are important to the planning process. Please reflect and respond to the Faith Formation survey which was e-

mailed in June.

Mark Your Calendars—The Leadership Institute

The Leadership Institute will be offering many opportunities for on-going adult faith formation. The complete calendar of events, details and registration information can be found on the diocesan website: formationreimagined.org/events-home/

Two events to be held in August are:

Catechetical Summit—10:00 AM on August 25, 2021 at Saint Catherine of Siena, Trumbull, CT.

Documents that Still Matter—Beginning August 22, 2021 and every second Wednesday through June 2022, meet online to learn more about Church documents and how they affect the lives of the faithful today. The documents will include *Lumen Gentium*, *Pacem in Terris*, *Caritas in Veritate*, and many more.

Additional learning opportunities include Best Practices for RCIA, Christology 101, and Face-to-Face Formation for Liturgical Ministers.

Sunday Reading and Background

First Reading—Jeremiah 23:1-6

Leaders who disobey God's laws and fail to serve the people faithfully are often in the daily headlines. In the ancient kingdom of Judah, rulers who abused their power were common. Jeremiah described them as disloyal shepherds who serve neither God nor the people. But the prophet holds out God's promise of a Messiah and king who will rule with justice. As Christians, we recognize Jesus as that Good shepherd who gathers, guards, and protects his flock.

For discussion and reflection—How do you think those serving as leaders are sometimes tempted to misuse their authority? How can we help those in leadership positions serve faithfully?

Meet A Saint Who Was a Shepherd

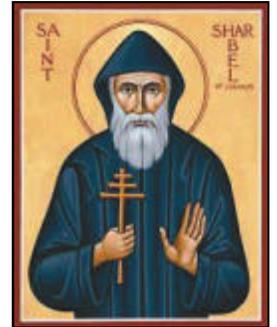
Saint Sharbel Makhlof

Feast Day: July 24; Canonized: October 9, 1977

Beatified: December 5, 1965; Venerated: July 15, 1965

Youssef (Joseph) Makhlof was a shepherd in a small Lebanese village. He was raised by an uncle after his father died in 1831 when Youssef was just 3.

Youssef was a faithful disciple of Jesus as a member of the Catholic Maronite Church. Maronites are part of the Eastern Rite, or branch, of the Church. Two of his uncles were Maronite monks. Their example of lifelong prayer inspired Joseph. He, too, wanted to devote his life to God. When he was 23 years old, he walked for 10 hours to the Maronite monastery of Our Lady of Mayfouq. He asked permission to join the order. The monks welcomed Joseph. They gave him a new name as a sign that he had left his old life behind him. His new name was Sharbel, after a famous monk who died as a martyr.



In 1858, when he was 30, Sharbel completed his priestly studies and was ordained. He was happy living in community with his fellow monks. It is said that he had a special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Some Maronite priests are called to live apart from the community as hermits so that they can deepen their relationship with God. Sharbel asked permission to become a hermit. At first his request was denied, but eventually his superior felt that he was ready for this strict way of becoming one with the Lord.

Sharbel spent the rest of his life—from 1875 until he died in 1898—as a hermit, fasting and praying for others. Word of his holiness spread from village to village. People would travel great distances to ask him to pray for their needs. The only time Father Sharbel left the hermitage was to bring Holy Communion to villages without a priest.

He was named a saint in 1977. We celebrate Saint Sharbel's feast day on July 24 each year. His love for the Eucharist reminds us that we are privileged to be able to receive the Body and Blood of Christ every week.

PARISH OFFERING

Weekend of July 11, 2021

Saturday, 4:00 PM (50)	\$462.00
Sunday, 8:00 AM (34).....	\$593.00
Sunday, 10:30 AM (30)	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$1,255.00
Mailed into Parish Office.....	\$1,036.00
Online Giving.....	\$939.00
Air Conditioning	\$528.00

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Campaign Redemption as of May 6, 2021

Total Pledged for Saint Maurice	\$260,045.00
Total Collected (49%).....	\$127,367.00

To make a payment on your pledge, please visit GiveCentral.org/WSWC or call (203) 648-9050.

FAITH ON TAP

Faith on Tap is a monthly meeting, open to young adults ages 21-39, to discuss topical issues of the Catholic faith. It is hosted by the priests of the Basilica of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Stamford.



This month, Faith on Tap will be held on **Tuesday, July 20 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** at A. O. Hibernian Hall (186 Greyrock Place, Stamford). The discussion topic will be "Liturgy", led by Fr. Cyprian LaPastina, pastor of St. John's. Free parking is available behind the hall, admission is free, and there will be a cash bar. Bring a friend!

GETTING MARRIED?



The Diocese of Bridgeport offers formation for couples who wish to be married in the Catholic Church. Formation is available online in English and in person in Spanish. For more information, please visit:

formationreimagined.org/marriage-prep-reimagined/

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is a safe, secure, and easy way for you to make your weekly offertory and special collections and contributions in support of our Parish. The service is easy to set up and manage. To sign up, visit our Parish website and click on the Online Giving logo located on the main page. Thank you for your consideration.

Online Giving is also available as an app for Apple and Android devices. Scan the QR code to the right and enter Church ID 1376 when you register.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP FOR THE WIDOWED

A support group for women and men who have lost a spouse or significant other. The meetings are held in the Saint Maurice Chapel room (located on the south end of Augustana Homes). For detailed information, including dates and times, contact Donna Hughes at (203) 595-0603 or donnahuz@aol.com.

In your prayers...



Remember the men and women in the Armed Forces and all who protect us and put themselves in harm's way on our behalf; may they be shielded from danger; and for their families and loved ones. In particular, Andrew Anderson, Christopher Blasius, Nick Carella, Ian Francis, Samantha Krom, Christian Legaspe, Brendan Mayer, Steven Nolan, and Dylan Schneider.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Christopher Anderson, Jerry Anderson, Nino Antonelli, Patrick Battinelli, Rosemary Bella, Sal Bonina, Aisha Bonny, Taylor Bova, Estelle Caridi, Frank Carreiro, Josephine Caruso, Mary Caruso, Daniel Caruso, Elena Cates, Toni Coe, Frank Colandro, Sandra Coppola, Sonya Correntee, Anthony Covino, Patti Crowley, Marge Denicola, Steven DiCiccio, Barbara Eilertsen, Carl Ezzo, Johann Fernando, Gerry Fraioli, Jessica Franco, Pat Gil, Adam Godlewski, Carol Happel, Marge Hogan, Rachel Hogan, Bernard Izzo, Susan Jacobsen, Jessica Mages, Carol Kane, Liam Kelly, Kathy L., Gerald Laber, Joseph Laria, Caitlin Laria, Megan Lemoung, Gary Livia, Miguel Machado, Mark, Frank McNerney, Mary Montaine, Mary Palmer, Harper Pappas, Michael Pataky, Guillaume Paulemon, Sylvia Privil, Sandy Recchia, Rev. Alfred Riendeau, Julie Salce, Lois Scatton, Gina Stuart, Anthony Tomczyk, Lucille Tomzick, and Betty Vitti.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

Our thoughts and prayers are with
the family and friends of
Adolfo Loffredo.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

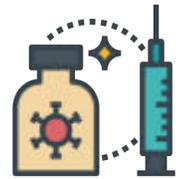
We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS—VIRTUS

Continuing Education on abuse prevention is critical in maintaining Safe Environments into the future. The Diocese of Bridgeport Office of Safe Environments has issued "a newly revised Policy and Procedures Relating to Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons or by Lay Employees or Volunteers." This policy is contained within the 2020 Safe Environments Handbook (www.bridgeportdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Safe-Environment-decree-final.pdf). All volunteers, especially those who will be returning to parish ministry, are required to review the revised handbook. This can be found on your *Virtus* account profile. Following the review, the "2020 Safe Environments Handbook Executive Summary for Lay Volunteers" must be signed and submitted to Sandra Kluun, Coordinator.

COVID-19: UPDATED POLICIES



As of May 19, 2021, most COVID-19 restrictions have been removed in alignment with the new CDC guidelines and revised state mandates.

- Those who are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after your final dose) are no longer required to wear a mask to attend Mass or any other liturgical or social function held on parish property; however, you are free and welcome to continue to wear masks if you choose to do so.
- All those who are not fully vaccinated must continue to wear masks when attending Mass or any other liturgical or social function held on parish property.
- All pews in three quadrants of the church are available for seating. One quadrant will temporarily continue to be reserved for socially-distanced seating.
- The congregation may now join in singing. Hymnals are available in the pews.
- Hand sanitizer is still provided at each entrance to the church. All entrances and exits are accessible for Mass.

As before, these guidelines may be subject to change as the situation develops. Visit www.diobpt.org and click the Coronavirus banner at the top to see the latest information and updates for the Diocese of Bridgeport.

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