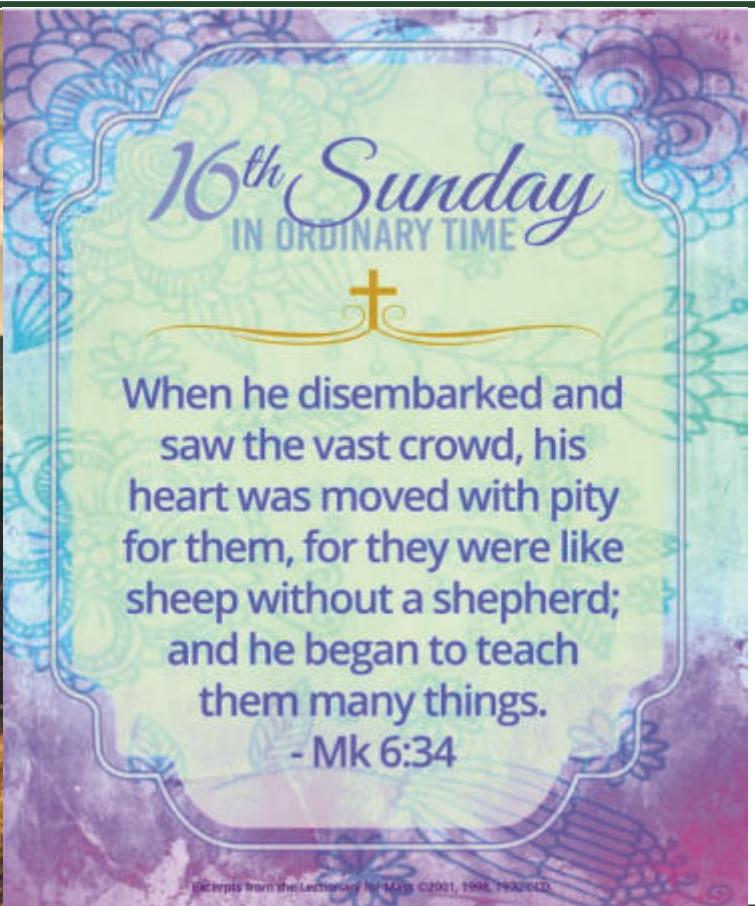
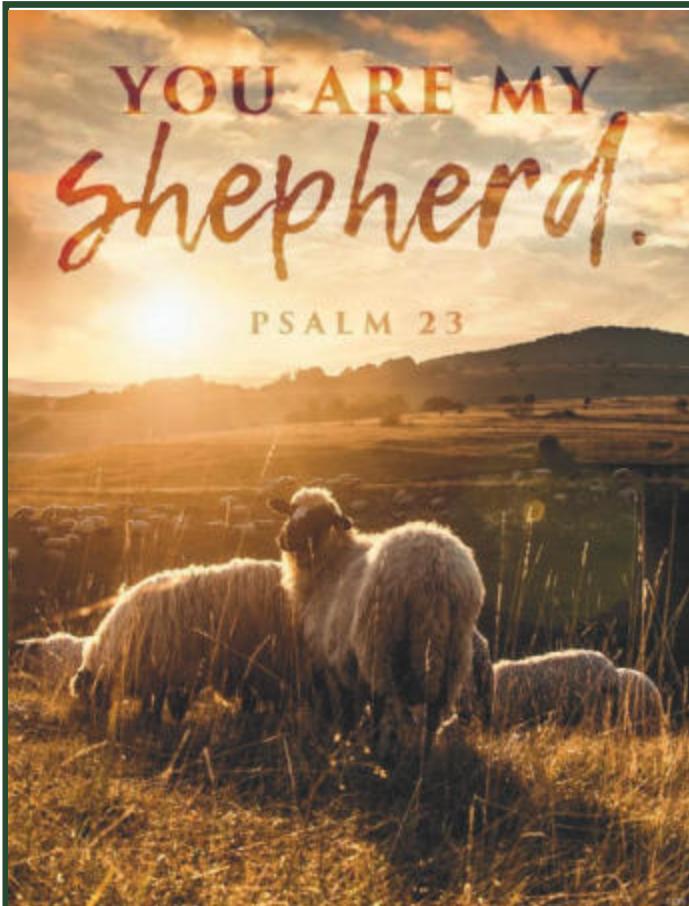


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Looking Ahead:

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| July 24th | Women's Retreat |
| July 25th | K of C Officer Mtg |
| July 26-30 | Vacation Bible School |
| August 15th, | ICC Welcome Picnic |
| August 22nd | SJV Welcome Picnic |

**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 distraction 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?

First Reading for 16th Sunday Ordinary Times

The priest Jeremiah spoke of God's negative reaction to "the shepherds" (false rulers) who neglected and misled his "sheep" (the people of Israel and Judah). What characteristics make for an ideal leader? (Jer 23:1-6)

Second Reading: (Ephesians 2:13-18)

Paul taught the Ephesians that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus established unity and peace for all believers. When have you experienced harmony in your faith community?

Gospel: (Mark 6:30-34)

Jesus encouraged the apostles to retreat and rest after their successful missionary work, but the crowds made that difficult. What gets in your way from resting and retreating?

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Observances for week of July 18, 2021

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| Sunday: | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Tuesday: | St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr |
| Wednesday: | St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church |
| Thursday: | St. Mary Magdalene |
| Friday: | St. Bridget, Religious |
| Saturday: | St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest; BVM |
| Next Sunday: | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time |

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**SAVE THE DATE — WOMEN'S RETREAT**

We are planning a women's retreat, "A Cup of Life" for Saturday, July 24th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John Vianney Church in Darrington. It is based on the Joyce Rupp book of the same name. Dig out your favorite cup and come for some relaxation, meditation, and spiritual growth. Please bring your own sack lunch (as well as your cup). We will provide snacks. **Please call the office and let us know if you plan to attend.**

**Stewardship of Treasure**

	ICC July 3/4	SJV Jul 4
Weekly Giving	\$ 4,571.00	\$ 466.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,968.00	
Other Giving		
Peters Pence	70.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	1,676.00	
Maintenance	50.00	
Outreach/Food Bank		35.00
	ICC July 10/11	SJV Jul 11
Weekly Giving	\$ 15,707.00	\$ 1,189.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,873.00	
Other Giving		
Peters Pence	65.00	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	566.00	
Maintenance	60.00	
Outreach/Food Bank	105.00	
SAS	30.00	

Annual Catholic Appeal

Goals	48,182	2,918
Amounts pledged	51,205	2,150
Households participating	117 (33%)	9 (50%)
Over/(under) goal	3,023	(768)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FAITH FORMATION

- July 15 VBS volunteer meeting 3 pm**
- July 26-30 Vacation Bible School 9-noon**
- August 28 Confirmation Pilgrimage 9am**
- September 12 — Fall Faith Formation begins**

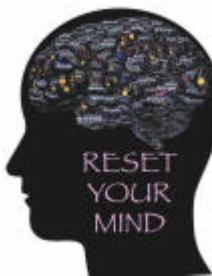
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We still have openings for VBS that runs from July 26th to July 30th, 9 am to noon. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule and in the office. Scholarships are available.



VBS — Volunteers Needed!

We need adult volunteers to prepare snacks, lead crafts, and monitor games. High School students are also urged to volunteer to be crew leaders. Middle school students are encouraged to be assistant crew leaders. Call Michel Gallegos (360-435-8565) for more info.



Do We Become Angels?

I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

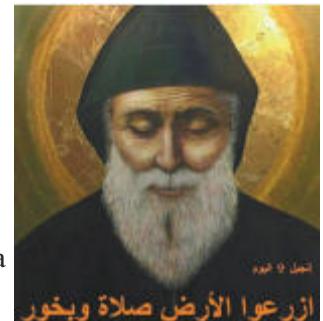


As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time. ©LPI

Saint of the Week

St. Charbel Makhlouf is a Maronite Catholic priest, monk, and hermit who is known for working miracles both during his life and after his death. The Eastern Catholic hermit was described by Pope Paul VI as "a new, eminent member of monastic sanctity," who "through his example and his intercession is enriching the entire Christian people."



Born in Lebanon in 1828, he studied at the parish school and tended to his family's cow. Engaged in prayer and solitude from an early age, he spent a great deal of time outdoors in the fields and pastures near his village, contemplating God amid the inspiring views of Lebanon's valleys and mountains.

In 1851 he left home to become "Brother Charbel," after making a pilgrimage on foot to his new monastic home. Charbel took his monastic vows in November of 1853 and studied for the priesthood and was ordained, returning to the Monastery of St. Maron.

The priest-monk lived and served in the monastery for 19 years, showing great devotion to the life of prayer, manual work, and contemplative silence. In 1875, he was granted permission to live as a solitary monk in a nearby hermitage dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul.

Rigorous asceticism, and a profound union with God, continued to characterize the monk's life for the next 23 years. Deeply devoted to God's Eucharistic presence, he suffered a stroke while celebrating the Divine Liturgy of the Maronite Catholic Church on December 16, 1898. He died on Christmas Eve of that year.

He was canonized in 1977 by Pope Paul VI. His feast day is July 24th. © CNA



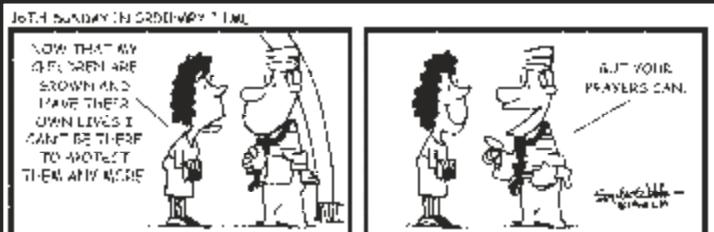
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