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WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

SUNDAY 7/18

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY 7/19

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

TUESDAY 7/20

Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17/Mt 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY 7/21

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

THURSDAY 7/22

Sg 3:1-4b/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

FRIDAY 7/23

Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY 7/24

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

NEXT SUNDAY 7/25

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

16th Sunday of the Year

Wouldn't it be great if we were just born naturally good and virtuous? Unfortunately, we are not. Most of our lives we are taught how to be good, how to be better, how to be a better person. It seems that virtuous living does not come naturally to humans, but it can be taught. A young child does not learn to play well with others; it must be taught. A person does not simply grasp compassion; it must be taught. One does not pick up automatically polite manners; they are always taught. One is not automatically a sharing individual; it must be taught. So many virtues must be taught and Jesus does it so well by not only living them but by virtue itself.

We are a people who must learn over and over again, the ways of goodness and peace. It does not come naturally and we can easily revert to being selfish and self-centered individuals at a moment's notice. Our readings this weekend point out that we easily lose our way, instead of caring for one another and helping out one another we focus on ourselves. Using the example of a shepherd, Jeremiah cites that we can lose our way when we scatter the flock and drive them away. But the virtuous man and woman are people who see the good in people, affirm the good in

people and help all to work together as a harmonious community. It must be learned how to bring people together and each of us must learn to love others as much as we love ourselves.

St. Paul reminds us that it is only through Christ that we come to be a virtuous people – loving, caring, peaceful who build up one another. As Christ united all within himself so, too, we are called to be a people who help others find and know Christ's true message of hope, mercy, redemption and forgiveness. It is a message each of us has to learn and re-learn every day. Christ's message contains the very life of God and it asks us to shed the old ways and put on the new ways of grace. How do we do this? I believe the way we can put on the new ways of grace are always seeking to unite ourselves with the work of Christ. Was he violent? No. Was he selfish? No. Was he greedy? Never. Was he merciful? Always. Each and every virtue that a human being could have is revealed to us in the person of Jesus the Christ. He is the new man, the true man of grace. He is the way to become more human and the way to become more like God. He is the way to erase sin and the road to discover the hand of God's great love working in our lives.

The more we center our lives

on some other fact, issue or person we become worse for wear. The more we harden our face and become stubborn of heart, the more we scatter the world, distort the truth and falsify our faith. The more we turn away from grace and mercy, the more violent and hateful we become. The more we turn away from forgiveness and giving, the more paranoid and fearful of life we become.

Without a doubt, Jesus is the way to become a mature, virtuous individual. He and the holy men and women we meet in life will help us choose to be better, less violent, more open to grace and more open to others. Right now, looking at the world, there seems too few leaders, other than Pope Francis, who lead us to the loving arms of God which are full of mercy and grace. And he would tell us to turn to Christ. Each of us has to look closely at ourselves and reflect: am I the best person God would want me to be. If we say "yes" we're probably on the wrong track. If we say we will try, we probably are on the way to knowledge and understanding. If we say, "I'm trying" you are on the right track because you are asking Jesus to guide you, teach you and heal you.

REV. RON JOZWIAK
Pastor

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 17

4:00 pm Gary Graustein

4:00 pm Virginia Rose & Ben Buschen

SUNDAY, JULY 18

8:00 am Tom Zann

8:00 am Dr. Halal Elia

SUNDAY, JULY 18

10:00 am Families of Prince of Peace

TUESDAY, JULY 20

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

Ekhilas Awro

Genevieve Davey

Gerald Lewis

GOSPEL MEDITATION 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

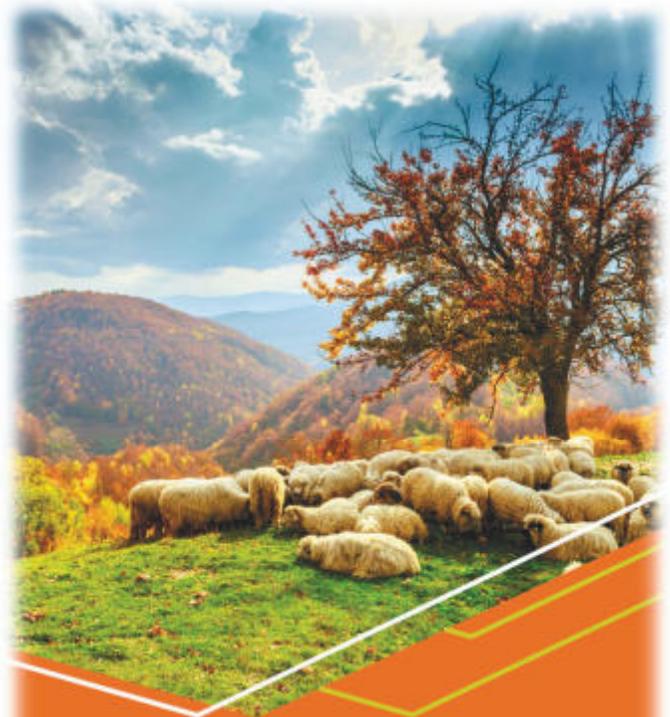
There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect 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.

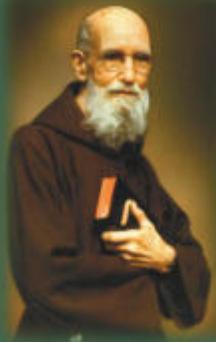
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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Congratulations to the Suzuki family.
They celebrated the Baptism of their son Zane
on Sunday, July 11th.



Do you have 1 hour?

Join us on for a
**Holy Hour in Honor of
Blessed Solanus Casey**

**Wednesday, July 28, 2021
6:00-7:00 pm**

**Liturgy of the Hours
Evening Prayer
Adoration**

Father Solanus Casey's Spiritual Counsel:
"Thank God Ahead of Time"

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Several weeks ago, letters and registration forms for the upcoming 2021-2022 catechetical year were mailed to all current and potential Faith Formation families. Postage paid return envelopes that are to be returned by August 15th with completed registrations and tuition paid in full were also included in the mailing. If your family did not receive the mailing contact me at DRE@princeofpeacecatholic.church

With vaccinations for the youngest of our children not yet available as well as different variants of the COVID virus seeking out the unvaccinated, at home learning will continue to take place for all grades 1-8, as well as sacrament preparation. We and the publishers of online programs have learned much from last years at home program and have made necessary changes.

Sadlier, the publisher, now has over 300 videos that accompany the e-books.

Each chapter has 3 built in videos presented by master catechists.

I will be in touch by phone as we begin new units to check in how things are going.

3 Family Days bringing families together in church will be taking place.

All sacramental fees are included in the tuition.

Families are expected to regularly attend Sunday Mass.

Important note: Now that we are a Family with Our Lady of Refuge and St. Benedict our Faith Formation program will be changing for the 2022-2023 Catechetical year. New structure and personnel will be in place. As the plans come together, we will share the information.

August 15th is fast approaching. The time to register is now!

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



How will this affect the lives of priests?

A number of priests will share the work of caring for each Family of Parishes. These priests will be able to leverage their charisms and strengths in the work that they do and will find themselves supported by a talented and trained lay staff and, in many cases, one or more deacons. Those priests serving as pastors of Families of Parishes will be responsible for administration. All priests, regardless of their role within the Family of Parishes, will have more time to engage in the work of ministering to the people of God. While all the priests assigned to a Family of Parishes are welcome to live a communal life, this is not a requirement. As members of Families of Parishes, at-risk and aging priests will be able to continue in ministry in ways that protect their health while still making valuable contributions to the parishes. They

will no longer shoulder the burden of choosing between retirement or handling all aspects of running their parish communities.

How will this affect parish staffs?

As parishes come together to form Families of Parishes, they will begin to discuss the practical ways in which the clergy and staff will interact within the Family, as well as finalize the new leadership structure, including items such as leadership teams, key staff mission, and operations staff positions. During this process, some parishes may lose some staff members (e.g., if a Family of Parishes opts to share one bookkeeper instead of having each parish maintain its own). At the same time, some Families will be able to add positions that better serve the mission going forward. In addition, we expect that natural attrition (e.g. through retirements and normal staff turnover) over the next few years may assist the parishes' efforts to further consolidate their staffs. These and other staffing decisions will be left to the discernment of each Family of Parishes, led by parish

leadership and with assistance, as needed, from the Archdiocese of Detroit Curia. All decisions will be guided by a complete focus on mission and the best interest of the entire Family of Parishes. This process will be rooted in prayer, will be respectful of building and maintaining relationships, and will be marked by quick and honest responses to questions and concerns that are raised

More Information can be found at www.familiesofparishes.org/

Prince of Peace is in **Lakes Vicariate Family 3** along with Our Lady of Refuge, Orchard Lake (olorcc.org) and St. Benedict, Waterford (stbenc.org).



CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN

Volunteers will be at Prince of Peace July 24th and 25th to share more information about the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan.

Information Nights will be at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish in Beverly Hills on July 29 and August 25 at 7:00 pm. Virtual Information night is August 27th at 8:00 pm. CBSMich.org/infonights



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Jul 29 / Aug 25
7 pm

St. Sabina Dearborn Heights
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Holy Family Grand Blanc
Jul 28 / Sep 1
6:30 pm

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Jul 17 @ 9 am
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Classes Start the Week of Sept 20th

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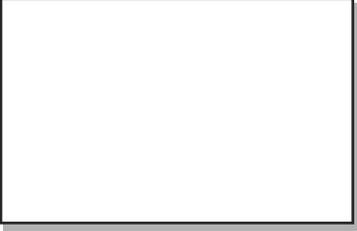
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