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 Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

# GESU CHURCH

“We worship joyfully and serve humbly as the Spirit leads us.”

## NOTES from FR. PHIL

### “Marvin Gaye, Jean Vanier and Mercy”

One of my favorite albums is Marvin Gaye’s *What’s Going On*. The whole LP from 1971 resounds as a meditation on what had happened to the American dream of the past -- as it related to urban decay, environmental woes, military turbulence, police brutality, unemployment, and poverty. I listen to this masterpiece as Marvin’s prayer to God. In the song “God is Love” he cries aloud, “Don’t go and talk about my father, ‘Cause God is my friend, Jesus is my friend, He loves us whether or not we know it, And He’ll forgive all our sins.” He then shifts his tone and gently tells his listeners the following: And “all God asks of us is that we give each other love” right before launching into the song entitled “Mercy, Mercy Me”; in which Gaye laments...and then begs God to have mercy on him for all the harms humans have inflicted on the world and environment.

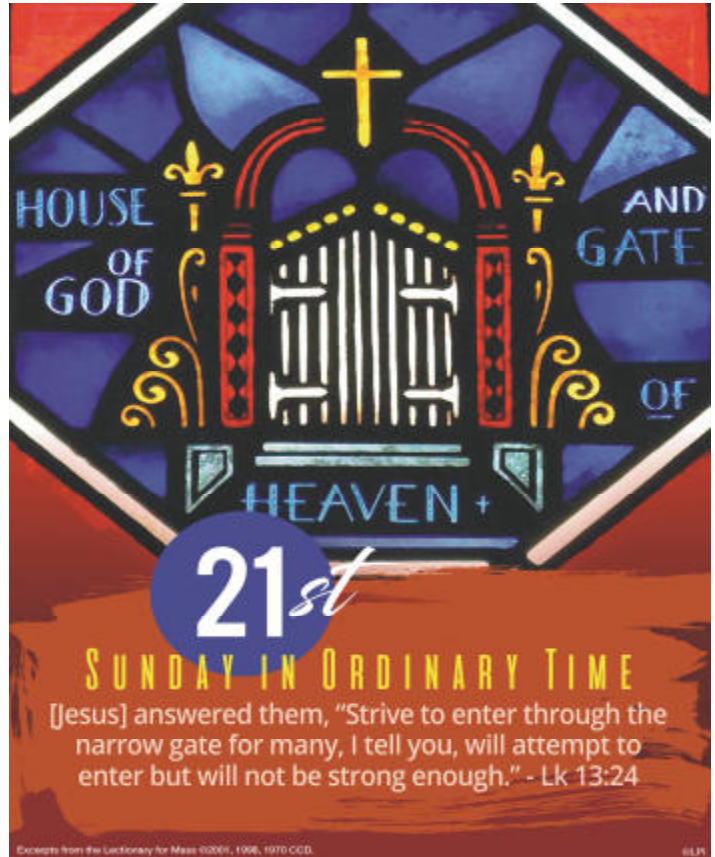
The last two weeks at our liturgies we have been meditating upon a similar lamentation during the offertory procession. Our choir has led us in the singing of the “Kyrie eleison” as we cry aloud to our God, just like Marvin, in a deep and profound meditation to heal our current world from: gun violence, random shootings, poverty, environmental woes, war, division and the despair of isolation (to mention a few).

The beauty of our dirge is that we have the faith and belief that our God *will* heal our land and our cultural woes. We are not alone in our song, this meditative cry of mercy. We do it together as *one body, one spirit, in God*. It is in the very act of singing together that we realize we are not alone, and we begin to feel connected as a community. Our cry and song is not meant for us alone. It is for all the lonely in our church, city and world. As Jean Vanier says in his book, *Becoming Human*: “To be lonely is to feel unwanted and unloved, and therefore unloveable. Loneliness is a taste of death. No wonder some people who are desperately lonely lose themselves in mental illness or violence to forget the inner pain.”

We will continue to sing the “*kyrie*” during the procession of our gifts of bread and wine at least through the month of August. May we keep doing it together, trusting that God will continue to show us how much we belong to one another.

Peace In Christ,

Fr. Phil, sj



## CSA MINUTE

### Campus Ministry

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help foster the spiritual growth of young adults attending area colleges and universities.

The office of young adults and campus ministry helps form communities of faith on campuses, either by incorporating and strengthening the faith of those who live on campus or by building community, forming leadership, and collaborating with area parishes on commuter campuses. The office sponsors activities and programs for students, such as one-on-one pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, social justice projects and retreats.

**Sowers of the Seed**



***The Narrow Gate***

Upon hearing the passage in the Gospel of St. Luke this week, we easily focus on what we don't know: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Added to the uncertainty is Jesus' response: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate..." Oh my goodness! What might we find on the other side of the "narrow gate?"

Well, we might find people on the other side of the "narrow gate" that Jesus hung out with, such as the poor without a family, the outcast because of physical/emotional impairments, prisoners of dementia, homeless veterans who sit on street corners asking for food, persecuted persons from other countries, bullied in our schools, etc. Imagine living with them through all eternity? But we don't know for sure.

What we do know for sure is the theme of St. Luke's Gospel, which is stated in the first sentence of the passage. "Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem." Jesus is on a journey. That's it! That's what we know for sure: Jesus is on a journey and anyone can join him and listen to what he has to say. In hindsight St. Luke foretells the end of the journey being Jerusalem, the culmination of Jesus' life and death but our message today doesn't look that far ahead. The message that we know today is that Jesus is on a journey and we can join him.

Walking with someone sounds too simple to be profound. When was the last time you walked with someone like a son or daughter, like a spouse or partner, like a grandparent or aunt and uncle, like a neighbor who just moved in? This week take a moment to walk with someone and share the journey. Find out who is on the other side of the "narrow gate" in your life.

Peter Wolf

**Gesu Photo Directory**

We hope all members of the Parish have signed up to have their photo taken. If you haven't there is still time to do so. Please sign up for a photo session. Members of the photo team will be available after all masses next weekend to help you sign up or you can sign up on line.

**Monday Bible Study**

Monday afternoon Bible Study is coming soon.



The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance 29th Annual Harvest Dinner is Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 6-9 pm, shed 5 in the Historic Eastern Market. See the flyer in the Gesu News for more information.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, August 26**

Yoga, 5:30 pm  
Book Club, 7 pm

**Tuesday, August 27**

Beloved Community, 7 pm

**Wednesday, August 28**

Sanctuary, 6 pm  
AA, 7:30 pm

**Thursday, August 29**

Yoga, 5:15 pm  
Boy Scouts, 6-9 pm

**Friday, August 30**

**Saturday, August 31**

Peace & Justice, 9 am  
BMO, 2-5 pm

**Ignatian Moment: The Spirit of God Is Peaceful**

St. Peter Faber S.J. in *The Ignatian Tradition*

Sometimes we are interiorly anguished; and though this spirit may speak what is true, reproving us for our many failures, nevertheless if it robs us of our tranquility it is not the good spirit. The spirit of God is peaceful and gentle, even in reproof.

*Lord, give me the wisdom to distinguish your voice from that of the enemy.*

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**Did You Know?**

Have you noticed the wicker basket at the entry into the sanctuary in church? We invite anyone to place donations of food into these baskets. The donations go directly to the food pantry at Gesu Church to be distributed to those most in need. Thank you.



**IHM RAFFLE**

Don't forget to purchase your IHM raffle ticket. This is the last weekend to purchase your ticket. Some one will be in the social area after all the Masses this weekend.



Please pray for those experiencing illness or other problems. May God grant them peace!

Note: Names will be listed for **4 weeks**. Please call the parish office to add or remove names from the list.

Lucille & Luke Allen	Tinney Barnes
Dan Mioduszewski	Clarice Hardaway
Brandon Tolhurst	Fr. Norman Dickson, S.J.
Fr. Robert, Scullin, S.J.	Calvin & Mellowees Hart
Grant Leeper	Diane Bryant
Mia Lamb	Dennis Burnett
Elaine Attaway	Herbert Ford
Shirlee Sullivan	Donald Harris
Rita Pavlosky	Darrow Harden, II
John Webster	Barbara Glamb
Mar'e Creer	Andrew Vitali, III
Alan Arnett	Gretchen Wilbert
James Porter	Scales, Sylvia

Prayers will continue at Ministry Meetings and during General Intercessions of the Mass. Gesu parishioners will be contacted periodically.

**Nursing Home**

Gladys Harper	Tammy Pitrowski
Roy Washington	Barbara Wilson
Mabel Ann Greason	Leo P. Brennan
Jesse Taylor	Madolyn Merriwether
Jim Rucinski	Helene Rucinski

**Homebound**

Blanche Dodson	Leonard Ellison
Clifton Few	Arnett Jordan
Doris Washington	Sally Wagener
Marguerite Jordan	

**MASS INTENTIONS August 26-30, 2019**

**MONDAY - 26TH**

5:30 pm

**TUESDAY - 27TH**

5:30 pm Marion R. Fellrath—The Family

**WEDNESDAY - 28TH**

5:30 pm

**THURSDAY - 29TH**

5:30 pm Gloria Jefferson—Martha & Derreck Jackson

**FRIDAY - 30TH**

5:30 pm

If you have a change of address or a new phone number please call the office at 313-862-4400 or simply mail in the new information. Thank you.

**Weekly Offertory Collection**

Week of 8-18-2019	Total: \$	12,275.00
Weekly Budget:	\$	7,800.00
Surplus (Shortfall):	\$	4,475.00

**Thank you!!**

**Gesu Church**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*"We worship joyfully and serve humbly as the Spirit leads us."*

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**Office Hours**

**Monday through Friday: 9 am-4 pm**

**Closed for lunch, 12 pm-1 pm**

**Parish Office closed on Saturday & Sunday**

Pastor:	Phillip Cooke, S.J.
Associate Pastor:	Peter Etzel, S.J.
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Evangelization:	
Faith Formation:	Mark Lezotte
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Church Web address:	gesudetroit.com

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday, 5:30 pm

Weekends: Saturday, 5:00 pm

Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Secular Holidays: Mass at 9:30 AM

Holy Days: Mass at 5:30 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4-4:45 pm or by appointment with the Pastor

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**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

**Registered:** If you are not registered and want to be in the parish and want envelopes, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Center. Thank you.

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