



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18, 2021

St. Mary's Catholic Church—Hamburg. IA.

In today's Gospel, people from towns all over Galilee hurried to see and hear Jesus. His heart was moved, for they appeared to be "sheep without a shepherd." Jesus is that shepherd. Jesus is *our* shepherd. He has drawn us here today, from different households, from different families, perhaps even from different towns. We come today to celebrate the Eucharist, this wonderful sacrament that Jesus established to be celebrated in his name until the end of time, this sacrament in which we receive our Lord, our redeemer, our shepherd.



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Lord promises to shepherd his people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-3,3-4,5,6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

Christ has reconciled us with God and united us in peace.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:30-34

Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word apostle is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.



PASTORAL MUSINGS

From the desk of Fr. Tom

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your warm welcome and all your personal initiatives to make me feel situated and feel at home in spite of being “ Stuck in the Mud”.

As I said in my homily last week your job is to help me navigate the landscape and terrain here as I am completely new to the place. I enjoyed having dinner with families almost daily last week and it's a great opportunity to build mutual relationship for the long haul. I will be open to your invitation to be with you and your family. I am so appreciative of your faithfulness, friendliness and ability to pull things together in the face of so many challenges including turbulent pandemic and floods. You are a very “ Resilient flock”.

I am very confident that our Good Shepherd is leading and guiding us. Just as Jesus was moved with compassion for the people who are in need, although we are small parishes let us approach life with a “ Big Heart” as you already do.

We are here to love God and love people and help each other. Some folks have told me that what keeps them here rather than move out is the care and love people show for each other and help them in their need going extra mile.

As I said last weekend” please continue to think and pray how we can grow our faith community? Many drops makes the ocean. We will have opportunities to share them in common meetings. Just as the blessings of rain come down last week and make our crops grow, let our spiritual blessings increase day by day. I know the farmers are very thankful for the timely rain. Indeed God is so good and kind.

Let us “ start doing what is necessary and do what is possible and suddenly the impossible will happen” (Francis Assisi).

Sadly, we lost two of our good shepherds in our diocese, Fr. Dan Gehler and Fr. David Smith so suddenly and let us offer our prayers of gratitude and pray and care for the health and well being of priests.

I look forward to meet with you personally and as a family and community. Please continue to send your family pictures and introduce yourself to me. Also let me know what you expect from me and what you hopes are for the parish community. Learning names and knowing your family helps me serve you better. Please continue keeping the name tags when you come to Mass. it really helps me to remember your names. My 28 years of experience as a priest and teacher taught me that nothing works without a good and trustworthy relationship with one another.

Keep cultivating the “ garden of life”and the good Shepherd will lead us to the new pastures. “ God has, in fact thought of us from eternity and has loved us as unique and gifted individuals. He has called every one of us by name to share the gifts to build the body of Christ as the Good shepherd calls the sheep by name” (Pope John Paul 11).

I strongly urge especially young families to come in person to the church although you have been away due to pandemic. Please do not miss the beauty of faith and the power of faith community for sports and other priorities. I love sports especially love playing ping pong, pickle ball and volley ball. If any one has a decent ping pong table- foldable, let me know. I love to play with kids and others.

I look forward to make the yearly plan and strategic plan for both parishes with you to grow and thrive as vibrant parish communities.

Many of you asked me about my last name. To make things easy for you I am fine being called “Fr. Tom”or those who are more daring “ Fr. Tom Thakady. I use my full name for official purposes ... Fr. Thomas Thakadipuram. The name means “ Green Meadow”.

With gratitude and love to all,

Fr. Tom



Fr. Tom trying an
Earth Mover after
being Stuck in the
Mud!



DAILY READINGS for the week of 7-18-21

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

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES
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Thank You!!

Don't tell God
how big your
storm is.
*Tell the storm
how big your
God is."*
Author Unknown



7-17—Kim Travis
7-25—Cale Phillips
7-29—Bill Green
7-29—Maelynn Moody
8-5----Robbie Travis
8-6—-Audrey Goodman



7-3—Dave & Kate Roberts
7-12—Tim & Donna Whelan
7-18—Randy & Wendy
Duncan



Greg Andersen
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LeRoy Herscheid
Mary Lou Miller
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Cathy Mason
Anna Weber
Alan Briggs
Dee Ann Crews
Robert Haughton
Maurie Maher
Janet Rummel
Jennifer McAllister
Dave Zavadil

2021	July 18 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	July 25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	August 1 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	August 8 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	August 15 Assumption of the Blessed virgin Mary 8:30
Lector	Rick Jamison	Joe Travis	Teresa Jamison	Dave Dowling	Scott Mayberry
Mass Setup	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe
Cantor	Beth /Anna	Kate	Kate/ Margaret	Beth	Kim & sons
Accompanist	Guitars	Nancy	Kate	Donna	Donna
Server	Mia Foster	Brady Hutt	Evan Laumann	JJ Hirner	Tate Mount
Usher and Greeter	Jim & Ruth Folkes	Tim & Donna Whelan	Joe & Robbi Travis	Jim & Cheryl Owen	Marty & Carolyn Maher
Coffee & donuts	Joe & Robbi Travis	Dave & Kim Dowling	Vince & Susan Hilton	N/A	Dave & Kate Roberts
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*Please notice that we are scheduling duties again—if you are **NOT** able to be there on the date that you are scheduled for, **PLEASE** find a replacement or switch weeks with someone.*

We appreciate and need your help at our masses!

