

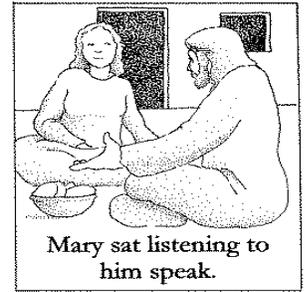


SUNDAY JULY 17, 2016

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm 54(53):6, 8

*See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*



Mary sat listening to him speak.

FOR OUR SICK . . . Lewis Brewer, Kathryn McHale, Richard Battersby, W.J. Wetherington, Lisa Presley, Betty Free, Maria O'Malley, Leszek Mazur, Bob Smith, Agnes Howard, Ricky Crowell, baby Lillian Ashmore, Darrell Wilson, Maggie Carrol, Judge Michael Cielinski, Rose Tully, Jessica Bussell, Jacob Christopher Wilkins, Margaret Welsh, Mary Gray, Susan Stallings, Robin Bangart, Ruth Tavares-Toma, Ed Stewart, Richard DeNoia, Marion Milek, Sandi Smith, Steve Jankiewicz, Jessica Watts, Jeanmarie Jonston, Joseph Piccariello, Carroll Donovan, Susan Fortson, Christine Munoz, Celia Satterwhite, Morgan Collins, Jolene Herczeg, Tim Downey, Ann Fincher, Mary Kennedy, Steve Karr, Ashley Priest, Otto Parkerson.



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Mrs. Jason H. Collins, mother of parishioner Denise Bernard, who passed away on Sunday July 10th, and for parishioner Eleonore Haddigan who passed away on Sunday July 3rd. May their souls and those of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

INQUIRING MINDS (HEARTS AND SOULS) WANT TO KNOW . . . RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin Wednesday, September 7th. The Church invites those who are considering converting to Catholicism to participate. We also invite those who are already Catholic but want a "refresher" on some aspects of our faith. Each week we will break open scripture, as well as learn about what we believe and practice as Catholics. Think of this as a spiritual journey, not as a "class". If the Holy Spirit is calling you to take a step on the path, please call and leave your name and contact information with the office: 706-3236908.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES . . . Registration for Religious Education classes will be held on Sunday August 21st and Sunday August 28th following the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Stay tuned for surprises!

VIRTUS CLASS . . . VIRTUS classes have been scheduled at St. Anne - Pacelli School for Monday July 18th from 8:45am to 11:45 am, and on Thursday August 4th from 12:45 pm to 3:45 pm and at Our Lady of Lourdes Church for August 12th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry (a listing of those ministries can be found at <http://bit.ly/1yU4Yk6>), and must be completed before they begin ministry. **You must pre-registration online to save your seat. To register, go to www.diosav.org, and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar.**

SECOND COLLECTION . . . will be taken up at all Masses on this weekend for the Church in Africa. Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, and political unrest. The Fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education. Please continue to pray for our African sisters and brothers. Thank you for your generosity once again.

TODAYS READINGS . . . The first reading tells of the "annunciation" of the birth of Isaac. It is profoundly mysterious, beginning with the appearance of the "three men." This reading illustrates God's active role in our history. The second reading treats a universal experience—suffering. Paul sees suffering as the mark of discipleship. He finds joy in the suffering he endures because it is for the sake of the church. Through his preaching he hopes all people will come to accept Christ. The Gospel paints a lovely picture of Jesus at rest among his friends. Luke has placed the incident right after the parable of the Good Samaritan. But lest "activism" be seen as the only path, we now hear Jesus' call to sit quietly and listen to the word of God. We have to be like both of the sisters. Even in our harried and noisy world, there is an insistent call to sit back quietly and listen to Jesus.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love.

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COFFEE AND DONUTS . . . due to an unexpected problem with the new flooring in St. Mary's Hall, it has been advised that we suspend Sunday Coffee and Donuts until further notice. Our apologies!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL . . . Thank you to everyone that has participated in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. **We are 5% away from reaching our goal of \$67,637.00.** As of 7/7/2016 we have pledged \$15,895 and received \$7854 of that pledge. We have received a total of \$56,341 in one-time donations. Total paid is \$64,382 which is 95% of our target with 161 families donating or 18.3% of our registered families. Thank you again for your sacrificial gift.

OFFERINGS
July 10, 2016 - \$10,165.24 July 12, 2015 - \$11,202.88

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>				
Saturday	July 16	5:00 PM	Joseph Land	Special Intentions
Sunday	17	8:30 AM	Pro Populo	
		11:00 AM	Margarite Oelschlager	Memorial
Monday	18	12:10 PM	Extension Society Intentions	
Tuesday	19	12:10 PM	Thomas Lunsford	Memorial
Thursday	21	12:10PM	Loren Wilkins & Aaron Warren	Birthday
Friday	22	12:10 PM	Mrs. Ollie Waters	Memorial
Saturday	23	5:00 PM	Rita Mullane	Birthday



<u>DATE</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
Sat. July 16	5:00 PM	Drew White, Matthew White
Sun. July 17	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Amanda Vaughn, Brandon Vaughn Diana Smith



<u>DATE</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>HOST MINISTER</u>	<u>CUP MINISTER</u>
Sat. July 16	5:00 PM	Kelly Johnson	Rosamaria Smith	Roy Waters, Joan Waters
Sun. July 17	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Mike Obermeyer Kimberly St. Clair	Faye Crawford Walter Calhoun	Wanda Vaughn, Lindy Goodman Linda Turner, Carolyn Allison



READINGS FOR JULY 24, 2016

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).