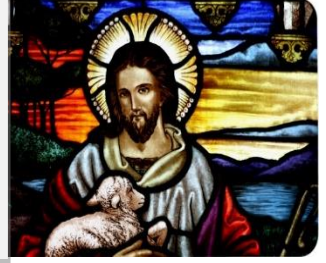




Sixteenth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 21, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

The first reading from the Prophet Jeremiah and the Gospel according to Mark, both mention the shepherds.

“Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture” and “[Jesus’] heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.”

We do have “shepherds” who mislead the people of God; we do have flocks that do not have a shepherd. We do have shepherds in the Church who compromise the teaching of Jesus Christ - the Good Shepherd; we do have shepherds in the Church who only want to say what please people’s own desire while ignoring the true teaching of the Church and disgrace the Church’s Magisterium. These shepherds are bishops, priests, religious brothers and sisters, and catechist. What they receive is “WOE” from the Lord.

We can also understand the shepherds are those who are in authority positions: parents, teachers, coaches, counselors, judges and so on.

There are many parishes in our country which have been closed or merged to other parishes for lack of finances and priests. The presence of the priest in the parish is to sustain and guide the faith of parishioners; to build up and maintain the unity in the parish (also the “unity” of the Church building); to bring people closer to God through the true teaching and the sacraments; to encourage people

to keep God’s commandments and laws and be faithful to God; (an extra task for myself here at Saint Francis: to make sure the doors are locked and lights are off at night - this is not in my job’s description!)

In the words of Saint Paul, the presence of the priest in the parish is to help the parishioners “fight a good fight, to keep the faith,” and to “finish the race.” That is a huge responsibility for a priest to fulfill. The priest, however, cannot fulfill these without the sincere cooperation from his “flock.”

The dissent of shepherds and flocks left without a shepherd are not new to the Church, so we need to pray harder and more fervently that the priest will always **remember** and faithfully and sincerely **keep** his promises which he made on the day of his ordination. We also pray that there will be more young men who generously respond to the call to the priesthood to serve God and His people. And, of course, we will not forget to pray for more participation and cooperation from parishioners in doing God’s works at the local Church.

May God continue to sustain His Church with additional good and holy shepherds, and guide more people to join and come back to His one flock. Amen.



Peace in our Good Shepherd,

Fr. Tien





Fr. Tien will have the anointing of the sick at our 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, July 26th.

Please bring a canned food for our Food Pantry on the 1st Sunday of each month. Items needed are spaghetti sauce, corn, mixed vegetables, green beans, diced tomatoes, pinto beans 1# bag, rice 1# bag, spaghetti 1# pkg, canned fruit, canned chicken, chili with beans, canned pinto beans, canned tuna, spaghetti o's, chicken soup, and tomato soup. Monetary donations are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



The Parish Office hours will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday of this week.

Christmas in July St. Francis Youth Group needs your help. This year our youth group will be participating in Catholic Relief Services Box of Joy Christmas shoebox gift outreach. Box of Joy is an annual Christmas Shoebox gift ministry by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups across the United States and facilitated by CRS. Participants bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. Beginning this month, our youth group will be collecting toys, school supplies, candy and gum, apparel, accessories, home necessities and other useful items as well as monetary donations to purchase gift items or to help cover shipping costs. Youth will be available after Masses to collect donations or donations can be left in drop off boxes in the church lobby and office. For more information, talk to youth after Mass. Thank you for your support.



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Robert Barnable, Rick Comer, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell

Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces: Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez, Elizabeth Scoon



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.
Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.
Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass; and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, July 20

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

- 5:00 P.M. †Joey Hoefeyzers by Rosalie Perreault
†Carolyn Zenoniani by Joe & Edwina Raffa
†Veronica Mostowski by Ron & Delphine Moss

Sunday, July 21

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 A.M. †Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Diaz family
†Damaso Daniel Acevedo by Acevedo family
11:30 A.M. †David Ruiz-Ordaz and †Maria Cruz by Heladia Cruz
†David Ruiz and †David Colmenares by Julian Cruz

Monday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

- 9:00 A.M. †Juana Villa, †Enrique Abiles

Tuesday, July 23

Saint Bridget, Religious NO DAILY MASS

Wednesday, July 24

Saint Sharbel Makhluif, Priest

- 5:30 P.M. †Alicia Villa, †Hermenejilda Villa

Thursday, July 25

Saint James, Apostle

- 9:00 A.M. Santiago Diaz, Jose Antonio Ortiz Ruiz
†Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 26

Saints Joachim and Anne,

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00 A.M. †Walter Menn, †Rosemarie Menn,
†Douglas Menn, †Keith Wood by Pam Brady

Saturday, July 27

- 5:00 P.M. †Charles Hoefeyzers by Rosalie Perreault

Sunday, July 28

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 A.M. Kristin, Josette, Wanda and Robert
†Damaso Daniel Acevedo by Acevedo Family
11:30 A.M. †David Ruiz-Ordaz and †Maria Cruz by Heladia Cruz
†David Ruiz and †David Colmenares by Julian Cruz