

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JULY 18, 2021
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. John McGivern, Administrator
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal
Mr. Julius White, Praise Choir Director

SUPPORT STAFF

Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager
Mr. Ludwig Weiss, School Operations Director
Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager
Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary

CONTACTING THE PARISH & SCHOOL

Rectory: 38 N. Austin Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302
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Hours: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM—Monday through Friday
Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM

School - 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302
Telephone: 708-386-5286

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, and Wednesday- 8:30am - Main Church
NO Thursday Mass

At. St. Edmunds: Monday, Friday- 8:30am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm

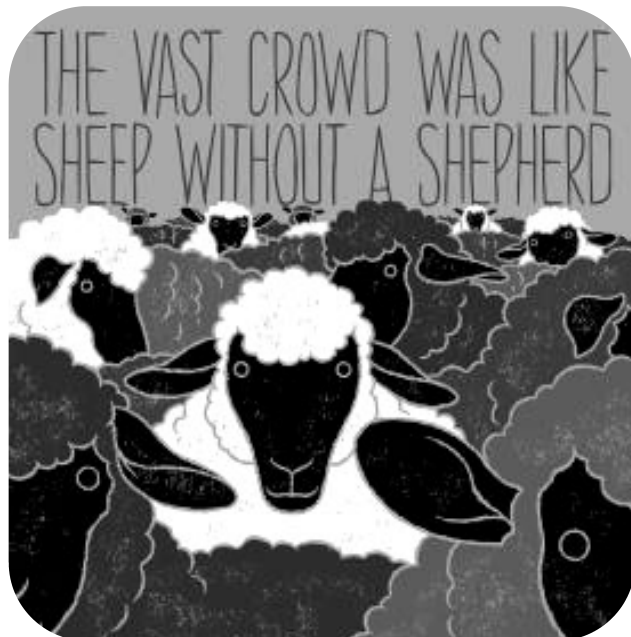
Sunday Morning - 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

Baptisms

Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 2nd and 3rd weekends of the month. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism preparation session/class prior to the ceremony. Please call the rectory to register for the preparation and set a baptismal date. (cont'd in pg.2)



From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

Religious Education

Dear St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parishioners with Children,

The past 17 months has brought havoc upon us in a variety of ways, and every one of us has had our lives disrupted. Only now are we beginning to develop and sustain a “new normal.”

Thankfully, life in the United States and here in the Oak Park and in the Chicago area is significantly safer than it was even just a few months ago. In late August, your children will be able to return to in-school education. Perhaps by now, you have also begun to return to work and no longer are working remotely.

It is time, then, also to reinstate your children’s Religious Education. It is important that we teach our children the Faith and to ready them to receive the Sacraments of the Church. It is also crucial to teach our children about all that we believe, what the Bible teaches and also, about Catholic social justice.

To that end, I am personally inviting you to become a part of the Religious Education program and community at St. Edmund Parish. As you know, I am not just the administrator of St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish; I am also the pastor of St. Edmund Parish.

RE classes for Pre-School through Eighth Grade are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30am-10:45am. After class, you would be welcome to worship together at 11am at St. Edmund’s, or you could also plan to worship as a family at the Saturday 5pm mass at St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish church.

Should you choose to enroll your children in this religious education program, please be assured that your already being parishioners at St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish would be fully respected. As the local Church has now entered the Renew My Church process, this outreach is simply to be welcoming, inclusive, and to find ways to become unified as a local Catholic community. **Sessions begin on September 12th.**

There are a two ways to contact Mrs. Janet Bennick, our Coordinator of Religious Education. Via email at: jbennickstedmund@gmail.com. Or you may call her directly: 708-848-7220.

Please give consideration to this request. Your child’s religious education is important, and I’d like to support you in this endeavor.

-Rev. John McGivern

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD’S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs

Liturgy Committee:

Chair: Phil Kroker
Vice-Chair: Joyce Wade
Secretary: Andrea Legatzky
Celebration Choir: TBA
Praise Choir: Julius White
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Juan Perez

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION

Faith & Fellowship: Connie Rakitan

Ministers of the Eucharist & Ministers of the Word:

Jeanne Visteen

Servers: Kathy Paoli

Ministers of Care: Rev. John McGivern

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Vacant

Women’s Ministry: Shelby Boblick

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

Peace & Justice Committee: Kevin Morgan

ADULT EDUCATION COMMISSION

Baptism Com.: Rev. John McGivern

Bible Study: TBA

Religious Education of Children: TBA

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

PARISH DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMISSION

Collection Counters: Vacant

Facilities Com. Jim Podraza, Amanda Pomareda

Fundraising Committee:

Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

Weddings: Please contact Fr. George to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months in advance for preparation.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process, celebrated in the midst of this Faith Community. This process assists adults, as well as children over the age of 7, in learning about the Catholic Faith.

Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

Funerals:

Please call the Rectory to set-up arrangements with the Christian Burial Mass.

Newcomers

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.

500 Club Certificates

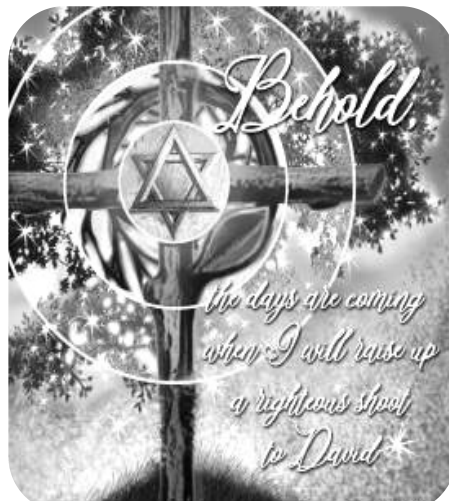
The 500 Club keeps on rolling...

It would be fantastic to sell ALL 500 of our certificates again this year, especially since we've had to cancel almost all of our usual fundraisers for the last 15 months! Certificates can be purchased at any time and are \$25 each. Once purchased, they are part of every weekly drawing through October 17th, 2021. The prize each of the remaining weeks is \$25.

IF we sell all of our remaining certificates, one more weekend will have a \$500 prize! We hope to do that, just as we did last year!!! We currently have 61 certificates left.

Certificates may be for you, but they also make great gifts. We have had two \$500 winners and several \$25 winners whose certificates came to them as a gift. How nice was that!!! If you need a purchase form, they are available in the back of church and at the rectory office. You can also use GiveCentral at www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/8132 or you can call Elaine Podraza at 708-524-1461 for a form. The 500 Club is a fun and pandemic-safe way to support the parish and it is open to everyone over 18, not just members of our parish community. Please pass the word. **Thank you for your continued participation and generosity in our fundraising efforts.**

~The Fundraising Committee



500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

July 18, 2021

RENEE SMITH-QUINN,

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Fundraising Committee Meeting Reminder

LET'S NOT FORGET THAT ON TUESDAY, JULY 20 AT 10:00 AM WE WILL BE HOLDING THE FIRST OF THIS FISCAL YEAR FUNDRAISING MEETING IN THE RECTORY AND IN-PERSON!! SEE YOU THERE.

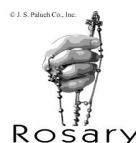
Friday Night Rosary on Zoom

Please join us for the Rosary from the comfort of your home.

**Friday night Rosary @7:00 pm
Zoom Meeting
This is a recurring meeting**

Meeting ID: 865
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Passcode: 634955

Kevin Morgan



The Days are Coming

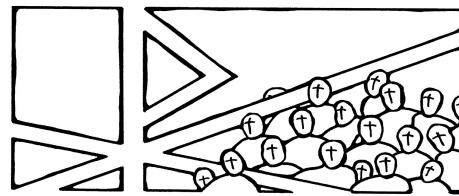
Separation, isolation, and hostility are terrible things. We're, sadly, too familiar with all of them in our modern life, whether we look at world events or events in our own neighborhoods and families. All three readings today refer to these same sad human conditions.

The prophet Jeremiah describes world conditions as if the people of his time were sheep who had been scattered by poor leadership and corrupt shepherds. But "the days are coming," he assures us (Jeremiah 23:5), when a new shepherd, a just king, will come. We meet that king in the second reading and the Gospel. Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Ephesians that all divisions can now cease in Christ Jesus, who has brought us together through his blood. In Mark's Gospel we see Jesus himself, looking with pity on those searching for him as if they were sheep without a shepherd.

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Summer Stewardship

A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to "make up" your regular offering another weekend.



Pray Daily

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

—St. Francis de Sales

Save-the-Date

Mondays, July 26 & Aug. 9
Women's Group - OS

Sunday, July 25
*Fr. George's Mass of
Thanksgiving - CH
Reception - M*

Sat. & Sun. August 7-8
Summer Mission



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. July 20**8:30**

- † **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
- † **Albert Brion**
By: Dorothy Brion

Wed. July 21**8:30**

- † **Michael Moturi**
By: Pat and Tom Nelson
- † **Charlotte Andry**
By: Donna Kanapes

Sat. July 24**5:00**

- † **Johnnie Ernst**
By: Evie Stockinger
- † **Joan Feynman**
By: Tom Nelson
- † **Triva W. Bean**
By: Donna Kanapes

Sun. July 25**9:00**

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

- † **Nilda Villanueva**
By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers
- † **Lucille Short-Sheridan**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15



Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Apollinaris
- Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene
- Friday: St. Bridget
- Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf

SCSL and St. Edmund's Worship Together for Weekday Mass

St. Edmund and St. Catherine/St. Lucy parishioners now worship together for their weekday morning masses. At 8:30am on Monday and Friday, mass takes place at St. Edmund Parish church, located at the corner of Oak Park and Pleasant Avenues. On Tuesday and Wednesday, mass is offered at here at St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish church, also at 8:30am.

« # There will be **NO** 8:30 AM Mass on Thursday and Saturday at either location.

« # **Weekend Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM, both masses at SCSL.**

PLEASE NOTE:

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY weekday 8:30 morning Mass at SCSL, **ONLY** the Austin Blvd. door will be open for

Today's Readings

First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

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We recommend online giving as a safe, convenient, and easy way to make gifts -- whether it's for your Sunday offering or a one-time gift such as for special collections. Once you sign up, you will be able to manage your giving preferences at any time, and you won't have to worry about writing a check or carrying cash to church each week. You can manage it anywhere you have an internet connection 24/7.

Give Central allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used for special events and other collections.

You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org and under Steward & Giving tab you will be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

1st & 2nd Readings for the upcoming Sunday are offered to help all of us.

**JULY 25, 2021—
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha was the successor of the great prophet Elijah, who lived about 800 years before Christ. Elisha was noted for his miraculous deeds. Today, we hear of one such deed performed during a time of famine.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

The first three chapters of the letter to the Ephesians teach doctrine; we now begin the next part of the letter which contains practical advice for Christian living. In today's passage, you will hear the author speak of seven ways in which Christians are united.

In one sense, this is the foundation of the ecumenical movement.

Bequests

PLEASE consider remembering our parish in your will or trust. We have been blessed in the past by the generosity of so many parishioners and I am hopeful this will continue into the future.

Fr. John McGivern, Administrator



**Counseling
Support Line**

Please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at 312-948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 AM — 4:30 PM Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.



**Praying for the
Sick In Our Parish**

Colletta Ali, Jeanette

Cannon, Edye Ellis, Larry Evans, Juan Fernandez, Patty Goeb, Kelly Harrington, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Walter Lamacki, Alonso Mejia, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Raul Perez, Chuck Scott, Katie Shovelin, Donna Sobotka, and Howard Visteen.

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list. If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Amanda at the parish office during office hours. Thanks

2021-2022 Mass Books Open

If you have a loved one who is ill or has passed away ... or any special occasion or petition you'd like to bring before the Lord ... consider offering your prayers at a Mass.

Our books are open for personal intentions for the remainder of this year and for the 2022 year.

**Communion &
Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.

Update Personal Info

Please DO NOT FORGET to update us with your new phone numbers, e-mail address, or any other change of status. Please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 or via e-mail at: apomaredascscsloffice@comcast.net

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School Scoop

The School Office is open in the summer from 9am-1pm, Mondays through Thursdays. Parents may come in to register or pay fees.

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Confessions 4:00—4:30 PM Church



Every Saturday
from 4:00—4:30 PM
St. Catherine of Siena
—St. Lucy Parish is
again offering the
Sacrament of Reconciliation weekly
before the Saturday evening mass.

Faith & Fellowship

A Catechist recently went to visit Yvonne at a nursing care facility on the far southeast side of the city, where she had transferred from Columbus Manor about a year ago. She was thrilled to receive a "4th of July" treat bag, and skeins of yarn for her knitting hobby. She likes the new place (better staff, more support) but she misses the weekly soul food meal at Columbus Manor. She spoke of her hopes to transfer to Senior Housing, ideally near her daughter and grandson, so she can help take care of him. She reminisced fondly about the good people at church: Don, "the one who always picks us up" – letters from Patrick and Sharon – and Marcial "that short guy who makes coffee and doesn't sit down until everyone's been served." How lovely it is to know that we have such an impact on her!



Mass of Thanksgiving & Reception for Fr. George Sunday, July 25, 2021— 9 AM

Please join us as Father George celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception in Maguire Hall to wish him well as he moves to his new assignment at Our Lady of Grace/St. Sylvester Parish.

There are a number of ways you can help make this event successful and fun! Here are some:

1. Donate to cover the expense of the reception. Donations can be made by:
 - a. Writing a check to St Catherine-St. Lucy with a note in the memo section indicating Fr. George reception.
 - b. Use one of the envelopes located at the back of church and then submit with your normal collection
 - c. Donate through Give Central. Here is the link that will take you directly to the event: [Fr. George Farewell \(givecentral.org\)](https://www.givecentral.org/George-Farewell)
 - d. PLEASE NOTE: any funds left after expenses of the reception will be given to Father George as a gift from the parish.
2. Sign up sheets are located at the back of church. We need people to help with:
 - a. Set up of Maguire Hall on **Saturday, July 24th at 9 am**
 - a. Serving food on Sunday July 25th
 - b. Clean up after the event
3. Submit pictures to be included in a photo album for Father George. The pictures can include Father – or simply be of you and your family. A box to collect printed pictures will be at the back of church. If you have pictures digitally, please forward them to: sloanmisc@sbcglobal.net. We will get them printed and included in the album.

If you have any questions, you can call Madonna Sloan at 773-921-4246 or Joyce Wade at 708 383-4378.

Madonna Sloan
773-921-4246

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Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

—Theodore Roosevelt

Finding God

Backyard Theology 2021
Fulfilling the Promise "I Am With You Always"
with Father Carl Morello
July 20 at 7:30 pm at the Ascension Green,
801 South East Avenue in Oak Park
Bring a lawn chair and beverage

"Backyard Theology" 2021 ends on Tuesday evening July 20, with a summer series on ***Finding God: Many Journeys to the Same Source***. This series is presented by the Lifelong Learning and Adult Faith Formation Committee at Ascension Parish in Oak Park.

On July 20, Father Carl Morello will speak on ***Fulfilling the Promise "I Am With You Always"*** at the Ascension Green south of the Church at 801 South East Avenue in Oak Park. Fr. Carl shares this as his introduction to our evening together: None of us likes to be thrown into the spiritual "dark nights" that life can thrust upon us at times. Yet, often it is here that we uncover the truth of our essence in God and what God asks of us at these challenging times: to believe in faith, God is still present! Our path to finding God invites us to enter new avenues with hope.

Bring your portable chair and the beverage of your choice and come join other members of our Oak Park Parishes for some spiritual enrichment, interactive discussion, prayer, and fellowship.



Fr. Carl was ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1983. A Forest Park native, Fr. Carl currently serves as Pastor of St. Giles Parish and Administrator of Ascension.

Open Job Position



Overall Position Description

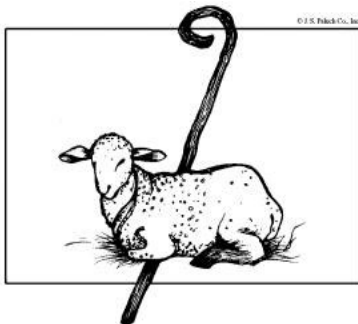
Under the supervision of the Director of Operations of the Corporate Work Study Program the Van Operator will be responsible for safely, professionally and efficiently transporting workers to/from their assigned work placements in and around Chicago, IL in a Corporate Work Study Program vehicle and performing activities related to the operation of the van. This is a seasonal position that follows the annual school calendar. This position pays \$18.00 per hour with a minimum of 20 hours per week. Please submit a cover letter and resume to: Hugo Chavez
Email: hchavez@ctkjesuit.org

Re-opening the Parish

- ..# Registration is no longer required.
- ..# There are no capacity restrictions.
- ..# There is no longer any need to do screening for COVID.
- ..# Masks will be strongly encouraged for individuals to continue to wear.
 - ✚ We will have masks and hand sanitizer bottles available at the church entrances.
 - ✚ We will have signs that will state something like “For the safety of everyone, masks are strongly encouraged to be worn while inside church”.
 - ✚ Greeters will NOT sanitize hands upon entering church and before Communion, but we will have containers for self-sanitizing at the Communion station, as well as at church entrances.
 - ✚ In time, there will be changes to the pew arrangements, continuing to offer and encourage a small amount of social distancing.
- Pews might be roped off.
- ..# Sanitizing church after every function is no longer necessary.
- ..# Austin Blvd. and Washington Blvd. entrances may be used for entering and exiting.
- ..# At this time, the receptacle for the collection of donations will remain at the front of the pews.
- ..# Congregational singing may return though this will inevitably conflict with mask wearing.
 - We will use hymnals again, and Worship Aids be printed).
- ..# For the time being, we will continue to have the gifts of bread and wine already at the altar and not brought forward by others in the assembly.
- For Communion, 2 lines may process forward. There will continue to be no distribution of the consecrated wine.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.

— Jeremiah 23:5a



Food for Thought

Tending the Scattered Flocks

“Unless we recover the shared passion to create a community...our energy and our resources...will collapse and leave many in the grip of anguish and emptiness.” (Pope Francis: Fratelli Tutti, 36)

To launch a career as a misleading shepherd in the world of today, all anyone would need are adroit social media skills and unscrupulous intentions.

In the first reading, from Jeremiah we heard quotes from the Lord: “Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture...

I will punish your evil deeds.” (Jeremiah 23:1-2) I was ever thus.

The twenty-third Psalm helps to recognize in life a Good Shepherd: we would be led to green pastures, restful waters, with offers of peace.

God’s world provides plenty for all.

The Psalm sings of God’s protection of us from strife; Our path winds through darkness; our Shepherd reassures us with courage to stare down evil.

We welcome all to happy scenes in this Psalm of Joy.

Mark tells how Jesus was led by the people’s need for his response as a Good Shepherd, to share hope In God’s love and generosity.

We’re led to respond to great needs.

One of the greatest is healing divisive greed that marks our Church and world, as described by the Pope.

We need to recover shared passion to create a community, with our resources.

Given divisions in Church, country and world, we can’t claim to be followers—Deo volente—of the Good Shepherd, without tending his scattered flocks, of which we’re part. We’re anointed to be troubadours unfurled, moving hearts, minds and eyes to God’s gracious plenty, and believe they have nothing to fear from one another.

7/18/21. TGL

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; Jeremiah 33:1-6; Mark 6:30-34; Psalm 23:1-4.