



St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

JULY + AUGUST 2022



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION

For July - The Elderly - We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

For August - Small Businesses - We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

JULY 2022

<i>Saturday, 02.07.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Sunday, 03.07.</i>	<i>09.30</i>	<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass (Br. Anil)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 05.07.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Saturday, 09.07.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass followed by Adoration (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Sunday, 10.07.</i>	<i>09.30</i>	<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass followed by Adoration (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 12.07.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Saturday, 16.07.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Sunday, 17.07.</i>	<i>09.30</i>	<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 19.07.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Saturday, 23.07.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Sunday, 24.07.</i>	<i>09.30</i>	<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 26.07.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Saturday, 30.07.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass – “Giving+Sharing” (Br. Anil)</i>
<i>Sunday, 31.07.</i>	<i>09.30</i>	<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass (Br. Anil)</i>

17.00

St. Mary's

No Mass - Summer Break

*** Summer Break at St. Mary's - No Sunday Masses at St. Mary's all of July through to August 7th ***

AUGUST 2022

<i>Tuesday, 02.08.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Saturday, 06.08</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Sunday, 07.08.</i>	<i>09.30</i>	<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass (Br. Anil)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 09.08.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Br. Anil)</i>
<i>Saturday, 13.08.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Br. Anil)</i>
<i>Sunday, 14.08.</i>	<i>09.30</i>	<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass (Br. Anil)</i>
	<i>17.00</i>	<i>St. Mary's</i>	<i>* Mass Resumes * (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 16.08.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Saturday, 20.08.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Sunday, 21.08.</i>	<i>09.30</i>	<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
	<i>17.00</i>	<i>St. Mary's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 23.08.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Saturday, 27.08.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass – “Giving+Sharing” (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Sunday, 28.08.</i>	<i>09.30</i>	<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
	<i>17.00</i>	<i>St. Mary's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 30.08.</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>

A PRAYER DURING SUMMERTIME:

Take time to claim your strength; they are gifts of God.

Take time to have fun; it's God's way of teaching you your strengths.

Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.

Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.

Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.

Take time to share with others; they will bless you, and you will bless them.

Take time to have hope, you are a child of God.

Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only



about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

- Found on: catholicdoors.com

We would like to wish all our parishioners – whether you are traveling great distances or staying close to home – a happy summer holiday, filled with lots of warm weather and fond memories spent with your family. Stay safe, healthy and happy!

***Blessings from:
Father Christian Enke,
Lori Bemb, Angela Fischer
Damian Gerstner, Regina Lynch
and the entire Parish Council***

LAY MINISTRIES - Parishioners have an important role as volunteers at Mass, whether as welcoming ministers to greet those entering church and hand out hymnals, as readers of the liturgy or as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Father Christian or Lori Bemb at international@parish-frankfurt.de. Help is needed at all three of our church locations.

SPECIAL COLLECTION IN JULY

July 2nd / 3rd – Collection for Papal Projects around the world



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR SUMMER BREAK – The Parish Office in Frankfurt will be closed from **Monday, August 8th until Friday August 12th**. We open again on Monday, August 15th,

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

We are now accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 First Holy Communion preparation class, which is **for children ages 8+**. If you

Deadline September 2nd

wish to enroll your child, please send an email to Lori Bemb (l.bemb@parish-frankfurt.de). Classes will begin late September.

RCIA PROGRAM – Are you interested in becoming Catholic or simply learning more about the Catholic faith? Then we invite you to join our RCIA class (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Please contact the Parish Office for more details or to register.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Saturday, August 20 at 14:00** (Parish Office). Parishioners are welcome to attend. The planned agenda will be to follow up on action items from previous Parish Council meetings, and to begin planning for 2023 Parish events. If you do plan to attend, please email the Parish Office so that we plan for adequate space.

St. Leonhards

GIVING + SHARING SATURDAY (July 30 + Aug 27) on the LAST SATURDAY of each month we will hold a special 2nd collection at Mass to support the parish charity. And AFTER Mass, the Church Committee invites everyone to an informal gathering in the courtyard for a bit of socializing with snacks and drinks.

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COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASS – You are most welcome to join us for some refreshments Sundays after Mass. In order to not use so much plastic and to be environmentally friendly, we ask everyone attending to **please bring your own cup to the coffee social** and to then bring it back home with you. Thank you!

FOOD DONATIONS - We collect non-perishable food for the Missionary Sisters of Charity each Sunday. Items such as marmalade, fruit teas, sugar, margarine, dried meats, e.g. salami 10-slice packs of individually wrapped yellow cheese (the kind that doesn't require refrigeration). Please do not bring outdated food items. The Sisters are also in need of "to-go" coffee cups with lids.

St.
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St. Mary's closes for the annual **summer break June 26th until August 7th** (we resume Mass on August 14th)

Summer
Break!

MASS RESPONSES

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Or PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.
 PRIEST: Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy.
 PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord

God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Profession of Faith (Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Invitation to Prayer

PRIEST: Pray, brethren .. acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

PEOPLE: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

PRIEST: The Lord be with you. PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts. PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right and just.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

The Lord's Prayer

PEOPLE: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is I heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive

those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ... For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Sign of Peace

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. ... Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, ve mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of god, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

July 2 / 3

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Isaiah 66: 10-14

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants.”

R: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

SECOND READING – Galatians 6: 14-18

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians.

Brothers and sisters: May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. ... From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

GOSPEL – Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves his wage. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and

say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. ... The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" Jesus said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

July 9 / 10

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law; turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe

R: Seek God in your need, and let your hearts revive.

SECOND READING – Colossians 1: 15-20

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL – Luke 10: 25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” The lawyer answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And Jesus said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” ... But wanting to justify himself, the lawyer asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to

him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day the Samaritan took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Jesus asked, "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ... The lawyer said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

June 16 / 17

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Genesis 18: 1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife

Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

R: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

SECOND READING – Colossians 1: 24-28

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL – Luke 10: 38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

July 23 / 24
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Genesis 18: 20-32

A reading from the first book of Genesis.

The LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.” So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD.

Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And the Lord said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”

Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then Abraham said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” The Lord answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” Abraham said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” The Lord answered, “For the sake

of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then Abraham said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” The Lord answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

R: On the day I called, O Lord, you answered me.

SECOND READING – Colossians 2: 12-14

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: When you were buried with Christ in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

GOSPEL – Luke 11: 1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

And Jesus said to the disciples, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ... I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least

because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

July 30 / 31

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

R: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

SECOND READING – Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of

God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ... Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL – Luke 12: 13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But Jesus said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And Jesus said to the crowd, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”

Then Jesus told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ... So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

August 6 / 7
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Wisdom 18: 6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The night of the deliverance from Egypt was made known beforehand to our ancestors, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices, and with one accord agreed to the divine law, so that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the ancestors.

R: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING – Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, as

many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, “It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you.” He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

GOSPEL – Luke 12: 32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them

sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ... But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?” And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.



FAITH

August 13 / 14

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The officials said to the king, “This man ought to be put to death, because he is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.”

King Zedekiah said, “Here he is; he is in your hands; for the king is powerless against you.” So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king’s son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. Now there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

So Ebed-melech left the king’s house and spoke to the king, “My lord king, these men have acted wickedly in all they did to the prophet Jeremiah by throwing him into the cistern to die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.” Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, “Take three men with you from here, and pull the prophet Jeremiah up from the cistern before he dies.”

R: Lord, come to my aid.

SECOND READING – Hebrews 12: 1-4

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,

disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

GOSPEL – Luke 12: 49.53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

August 20 / 21

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Isaiah 66: 18-21

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: For I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. From them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud—which draw the bow—to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory; and they shall declare my ^{glory} among the nations.

They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring a grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites, says the LORD.

R: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

SECOND READING – Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters: You have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children— “My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.” ... Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline?

Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

GOSPEL – Luke 13: 22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, will only

a few be saved?” He said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then in reply he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’

Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will say, ‘I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!’ ... There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

August 27 / 28

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Sirach.

My child, perform your tasks with humility; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favor in the sight of the Lord.

For great is the might of the Lord; but by the humble he is glorified.

When calamity befalls the proud, there is no healing, for an evil plant has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the desire of the wise.

R: In your goodness, O God, you have provided a home for the needy.

SECOND READING – Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters: You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant

GOSPEL – Luke 14: 1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ... When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”



GUESTS AT HIS TABLE (a reflection by Flor McCarthy)

Lord, we thank you for having us as guests
at the banquet of the Eucharist.

Here we listen to your word
and eat the food of eternal life.

May we go forth from here nourished,
honored, blessed, humbled yet exalted.

May we be so sure of our worth before you
that the honors of this world will never ensnare us.

And in your goodness grant us a place at the heavenly banquet.

Amen.

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