

Announcements

July 18, 2021

Welcome to St. Mark Church. We are honored to welcome Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, bishop of the Diocese of Little to Mass with us today. We also welcome the families, sponsors and guests of the youth who are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation today.

Separation, isolation, and hostility are terrible things. We are, 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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tue: Ex 14:21-15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thu: Sg 3:1-4 or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Fri: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Sat: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:16, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sun: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tue: St. Apollinaris
Wed: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Thu: St. Mary Magdalene
Fri: St. Bridget
Sat: St. Sharbel Makhluf

Mass Times and Intentions

Day		Time	
Sat 17	St Mry	5:00 PM	
	St Mk	6:45 PM	David Remmington †
Sun 18	St Mk	9:00 AM	**
	HC	12:00 noon	
Mon 19	St Mk	5:30 PM	
Tue-Wed	St Mk	5:30 PM	
Fri 23	St Mk	5:30 PM	
Sat 24	St Mry	5:00 PM	
Sun 25	St Mk	8:30 AM	
	St Mk	10:00 AM	Mary Mitchell †
	HC	12:00 noon	

* Sat. Vigil Mass, mask required
**Confirmation with Bishop Taylor

Prayer Concerns: Genesis Chua; Marie Jones; Doronia Dantin; Sonny Jackson; Pam & James Guanzon; Heidii Chua; Jordan Smith; Virginia Ray; Rev. Maetta Snyder; Paxton Graham.

Second Collection: None

Mass Intention: (Sat. 6:45p) The Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of **Mr. David Remmington**, brother of Mary Lee Fortin at the request of Patty Mitchell.

- **Today (SUNDAY) we celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation** with: Beth Bragg; Daniel Diaz; Yenifer Simon; Ivan Pahuamba; Ainsley Kaminicki; Pricila Tinajero; Sirenia Rodriquez; Erik Resendez. We are grateful to Sara Hartness for leading this group through the process.
- Bishop Taylor will **dedicate and bless the new columbarium** following the confirmation reception and meal.
- The parish secretary returns from vacation and will be in the office on Monday.
- We have resumed **“Take Jesus Home.”** A sign up sheet is on the credenza.
- A memorial to the building fund has been received in memory of **Mrs. Mary Mitchell**, mother of Patty Mitchell, with the sympathy of Buck & Bennie Henderson.
- The **Ministry List** for next Sunday is . . .

July 25	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Ushers	Altar Servers	Counting Team
Sun 8:30A	Dan	Joe	Don R & Raymond	---	---
Sun 10:00a	Don S.	Nancy	Ronny & Blaise	Zeke; Dylan, Ralph	D

- The Take Jesus Home family are the Bragg Family

Mass Intentions:

July 25 10:00a: The Mass intention today is for the repose of the soul of **Mrs. Mary Mitchell** at the request of and with the sympathy of Harold & Barbara Mitchell.

Aug 1, 10:00a The Mass intention today is for the repose of the soul of **Mrs. Donna Duffield, mother of Lori Selby**, at the request of and with the sympathy of Harold & Barbara Mitchell.

Aug 8, Mass Intention from Patty Mitchell for Donna Duffield, mother of Lori Selby.
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AUG 1, Building Memorial from Barbara & Harold Mitchell for the Donna Duffield, mother of Lori Selby.

Confirmation is next Sunday, July 18 at 9AM. A reception with a meal will follow in the parish hall. There will be **only one Mass that Sunday**. It is mask optional. There will be a **vigil Mass on Saturday (17th) at 6:45PM**. A mask is required.

- **Confirmation practice** is Wednesday, July 14 following the evening Mass. Sponsors should attend with the youth. Those receiving confirmation are: Beth Bragg; Daniel Diaz; Yenifer Simon; Ivan Pahuamba; Ainsley Kaminicki; Pricila Tinajero; Sirenia Rodriguez; Erik Resendez. We are grateful to Sara Hartness for leading this group through the process.
- While the Bishop is here next Sunday he will dedicate and bless the new columbarium.
- There will be **choir practice** on Friday, July 16 at 5pm. If you are planning to sing with the choir for Confirmation Sunday, it is important that you attend this practice. We are learning new music and have not sung the Mass parts for more than a year.
- **Confessions:** On **Wednesday, JULY 14, 6-8:00 PM** there will be a time of confession. No appointment is necessary. This time of confession will replace the current Sunday confessions prior to Masses. As always, you can still text Fr. Mark or call the parish office to schedule a convenient time to meet for Confession.
- The parish office is closed this week. The secretary is on vacation at church camp. She will be back in the office on Monday, July 19.
- We have resumed **"Take Jesus Home."** A sign up sheet is on the credenza.
- A memorial to the building fund has been received in memory of **Mr. Keith Stephenson**, son of Bill and Betty Stephenson, with the sympathy of Harold & Barbara Mitchell.
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July 25, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today's first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God's power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today's passage from John we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35

Tue: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wed: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thu: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sun: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Mon: Ss. Joachim and Anne

Thu: Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Fri: St. Peter Chrysologus

Sat: St. Ignatius of Loyola