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July 21— 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)

XVI Domenica Del Tempo Ordinario (Anno B)

Come mostra la prima lettura, e il Vangelo stesso, oggi al centro della parola che la liturgia ci porta c'è il fatto che Dio ha concretizzato le sue promesse in Gesù di Nazaret: attraverso il suo Salvatore egli veglia sul suo popolo. Il Vangelo descrive la "piccola" gente di Galilea che si affolla al seguito di Gesù come una comunità di uomini sfiniti di cui nessuno si occupa. Essi hanno sentito che Gesù si preoccupa sinceramente di loro, e che ha il potere di venire loro veramente in aiuto. È ciò che fa, portando l'indispensabile salvezza a tutti quelli che si rivolgono a lui fiduciosi, nella loro disgrazia sia fisica che sociale o spirituale.

La Chiesa non cerca oggi di distrarci con delle belle storie che parlano dei tempi passati. Attira la nostra attenzione sul fatto che Gesù Cristo risuscitato continua ad agire come il Salvatore di Dio. Egli può e vuole aiutarci nella nostra disgrazia. Compatisce le nostre preoccupazioni. Nella nostra miseria possiamo rivolgerci a lui. Egli ci consolerà, ci darà la forza, ci esaudirà. È lui che ci fa trovare le vie per uscire dalla disgrazia, che ci mette accanto delle persone che ci aiutino. E soprattutto, Gesù Cristo conosce l'ultima e la peggiore delle nostre miserie: la nostra ricerca di una salvezza duratura e felice, che sia per noi o per tutti quelli che amiamo, dei quali ci preoccupiamo, e che abitano con noi questo mondo.

(La Chiesa)

The Gospel, describes a kind of interlude between the sending out of the disciples on mission (6:7-11) and the first occasion upon which Jesus multiplies the loaves (6:35-44). The disciples have returned full of enthusiasm for the success of their healing and teaching activity. These are the early days in the ministry of Jesus when he is widely popular, with people flocking to him on all sides for healing and instruction. It is a popularity that will soon fall away—and turn, in the end, to hostility. Perhaps it is precisely because of his awareness that the disciples could be carried away by all the enthusiasm that Jesus attempts to take them away to be alone with himself for a while. Earlier (1:35), we were told of his going away after a full day of ministry to a lonely place to pray. He seems to want to school the disciples into the same rhythm of ministry alternating with times of recreation and communion with God. They cannot be bearers of healing and liberation without themselves constantly tapping the life-giving source of the capacity to do so.

But, as in that earlier instance (1:36-39), the attempt to find some rest and peace is not successful. While Jesus and the disciples seek to escape in a boat – always a symbol of the Church in Mark – the enthusiastic crowds follow on foot and are there waiting for Jesus as soon as he disembarks. So we are presented with the image of the Shepherd-Messiah who is overcome with compassion. (The Jerusalem Bible translation, "he took pity on them" is too weak; the underlying Greek expression splangchnistheis has the sense of being moved with emotion to the depth of one's being – literally, to one's entrails.) We are invited to look out upon the people through the eyes of Jesus: to see them as sheep without a shepherd – scattered, therefore, and leaderless.

(Brendan Byrne)

St. Vincent De Paul

April-June Activity Report

Families assisted: 51
 Adults: 76
 Children: 35
 Value of assistance (comprising of food/furniture/fuel/medicine): \$9,200.

Thanks for your ongoing assistance—The VINNIES team

The sick in our parish: Teresa Lamonaca, John and Miriam Markis, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Josie, George, Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Maryanne, Meldon Richardson, Susanna, Andrew, Patrick, John Bussutil, Vicenzina, Mark, Elda Taranto, Alfredo Pannunzio, Anna Taylor, Bill McAllister, Joe Ranno, John Pannunzio.

Upcoming funerals: Panfilo Ambrosini, Tuesday, July 23 at 11.00 am.
 Steve Koscak, Wednesday, July 24 at 11.00 am.
 Alessandro Serra, Thursday, July 25 at 11.30 am. Rosary followed by requiem mass.
 Maria Ellul, Friday, July 26 at 11.45 am. Rosary followed by requiem mass.
 Francesco Impala, Monday, July 29 at 10.30.

Recently deceased: Panfilo Ambrosini, Steve Koscak, Alessandro Serra, Francesco Impala, Maria Ellul, Emilio D'Ambrosio, Donato Di Tella, Mary Elizabeth Spencer, Jose Antonio Yuson, Mario Galdo Zaballero, Alfonso Tucci, Rachel Pihlgren, Salvatore D'Angelo, Francesco Vetere, Giuseppe Infantino, Roman Bandelj, Annette Zerafa.

Anniversaries: Antonio Treglia, Rosa Garoffolo, George Abdallah, Francesco Galante, Vincenzo Di Cecco, Giuseppe and Carmela Bovezza, Ross Edwards, Patrick McDonough, James McDonough, Giuseppe Raffa, Shirley and Sherine Adolphus, Sharney Liyanage, Re. Phillip De Zilva, Earl De Zilva, Tise Mealamu.

Mass times

Weekday:
 Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am. Wednesday: 6.00 pm Novena mass

Weekend: Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ;
 Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential.
 Contact the Parish Office

Joke of the Week

The young pastor was teaching the 23rd psalm to the Sunday school children. He told them that they were sheep who needed guidance. Then the priest asked, "If you are the sheep then who is the shepherd?" (Obviously meaning himself).

A silence of a few seconds followed. Then a young boy said, "Jesus. Jesus is the Shepherd." The young priest, obviously caught by surprise, said to the boy, "Well then, who am I?"

The boy frowned thoughtfully and then said, "I guess you must be a sheep dog."

(frtonyshomilies.com)

Rosters for weekend masses (July 27/28)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm.: J. Caparelli
 Sunday 9.00 am: V. Burgio
 10.30 am: G. Gamberale

Bus driver: P. Capasso



Seafarers Sunday

This time of year is significant for the Stella Maris Centre as they celebrate Sea Sunday on 21 and 28 July.

The annual appeal aims to support the mission both spiritually and financially, and raises awareness of the hardships faced by seafarers.

There will be a special collection on 27/28 of July.

Please support this appeal.

Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro

Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volonta' in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.

Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.

Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perche' diventiamo una famiglia piu' fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen

St. Matthew's Prayer

God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.

Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.

Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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