

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5th, 2015



1st Reading: *Ezekiel 2:2-5(101B)*

2nd Reading: *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

Gospel: *Mark 6:1-6a*

This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is despised only in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, except that he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. He made a tour round the villages, teaching. MK 6:3-6

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26



Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a;

Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5;

Matthew 10:7-15

Friday: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday: Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

Stewardship

Totals as of Sunday - June 28, 2015

Sunday Offering	\$1,411.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$2,612.00
Short	\$1,201.00

LAST WEEKEND ATTENDANCES

June 27-28 115

LAY MINISTRIES

<u>Saturday July 11</u>	<u>Sunday July 12</u>	<u>Sunday July 12</u>
<u>4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass</u>	<u>7:00 a.m. Mass</u>	<u>11:15 a.m. Mass</u>

Lector: Diane Begic	Denise Gelinas	Richardean Paige
Minister of the Cup: Ellen Heim	Roger Gelinas	Mary Rose

<u>Saturday July 18</u>	<u>Sunday July 19</u>	<u>Sunday July 19</u>
<u>4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass</u>	<u>7:00 a.m. Mass</u>	<u>11:15a.m. Mass</u>

Lector: Joan Hesik	Mary Kay L'Esperance	Sheila Wagner
Minister of the Cup: Pam Ziomek	Gerard L'Esperance	Wayman Johnson



Refreshments

July 12th Open

Counters

July 12th Open Nancy Durden and Peter Schwarz

Promoting Parish Stewardship

Stewardship *A Way of Life*

Stewardship urges us to follow Jesus daily, to align our hearts with gospel values. This opens us to compassion, kindness, honesty, and patience toward the people in our lives.



**July 5th, 11:15 AM Zach and Eddie Wagner,
Birthdays: from Sheila Wagner**

Next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday July 14th @ 6:30 pm and Finance Council is scheduled @ 5:30 prior to the Parish Council.

St. Gerard is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent, and treasure.. Thank you for all that you do!

Father Emmanuel's EMERGENCY ONLY NUMBER is 803-637-2027

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to all those who are visiting or are here for the first time. If you attend St. Gerard regularly and consider this your Parish, please take the time to register by stopping by the church office or fill out a registration form found on the folder in the basket in the entrance in the hall.

Hospital Visits: If you or a loved one is in **Aiken Regional Hospital (ARMC)**. Please let St Gerards know. Remember - ARMC does not inform us of Catholic patients, even if you register as a Catholic; it is up to the patient or family to do so. You can: **ask the ARMC Chaplain to call the Catholic church, ask your nurse to inform the Catholic church (name & room number), call-St. Gerard at 649-3203 and leave a message or email St Gerard at: stgerardscatholi@Atlanticbbn.net.**

Our Sick: Please remember: **Gary Gilbault, Leonard Saunders, Shirley Paige, Williams (Bill) Cobbs, Jackie Cobbs, Woody Alexander, Lena Mickens, Frank and Shirley Acosta, Rosa Johnson, Brenda Ligons, Meg Schaeffer, Joe Fulmer and Patricia Bailey.**

Gracious Healer, I entrust my loved ones into your care. Ease the burdens that this illness brings. relieve the sharp edges of pain. Stir up hope amid adversity. Give them spiritual strength to cope with the difficulties of this situation. Encourage them to lean on you and to find comfort in your presence. Hold them close with your love as you gather them under your wing. Amen.

In Harms' Way: Please remember in your prayers our Nation and loved ones of our parishioners Currently serving in harms' way: **James Ligon, Robert McHugh, Jacob Hershey, and James Rossini.** Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

As you all know we are in the process of remodeling the rectory. Brian, Leon and Bob have done most of the work and planning. We have had some help with the project but now we are in need of some one to assist us in demolition clean up. It is not that it is difficult but we need to keep moving forward and for the 3 of them to do it means days that they can't work on new construction and /or thy don't get a break. They can't be expected to work 5-6 days a week. Please call Bob or me for the best time and day to help. Thank You Mike 803 649-3203



***Have a happy and safe 4th of July weekend.
Thank God for our freedom!***



President of US Bishops' Statement on Laudato Si'

"The need for urgent action is clear and he appeals to us to become 'painfully aware' of what is happening to the world and 'to grow in solidarity, responsibility and compassionate care.'"

By Staff Reporter

Vatican City State, June 19, 2015 (ZENIT.org)

Statement on the Occasion of the Promulgation of Laudato Si' Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz Archbishop of Louisville, Kentucky President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

With an open heart and gratitude I, along with my brother bishops in the United States, welcome Laudato Si'. In this beautiful and extensive treatment on care for our common home, the Holy Father calls all people to consider our deep and intertwined relationships with God, our brothers and sisters, and the gifts that our Creator has provided for our stewardship.

Drawing extensively from the teaching of his predecessors, the Pope teaches that care for the things of the earth is necessarily bound together with our care of one another, especially the poor. This interdependency extends from the deep respect due every human person to all living beings and to the earth where we make our home. "Each creature has its own purpose...and the entire material universe speaks of God's love" (84). The Pope uses the term "integral ecology" to draw our attention to a rich treasury of thought that people of faith bring with them to conversations about the human person and our environment. He states, "We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it" (229).

In Laudato Si', the Holy Father invites us to reflect deeply on all points of human activity, whether we consider care for creation at the level of our individual choices or in the public square. The need for urgent action is clear and he appeals to us to become "painfully aware" of what is happening to the world and "to grow in solidarity, responsibility and compassionate care" (210). The Holy Father makes it clear that we were given the earth as a gift from our Creator. It is our responsibility to avoid contributing to a culture of acquisitiveness, individualism, or exploitation.

Pope Francis repeatedly urges us to renewed and urgent action and honest dialogue about our environment – both social and ecological. "The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together" (48), both of which disproportionately affect our poorest brothers and sisters. Reflecting on inner city slums, lack of clean drinking water, and a consumerism mentality, Pope Francis asks "what kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us?" (160). This question is at the heart of this encyclical and rightfully calls us all to work harder against the challenges the human family faces today.

Genuine efforts to true dialogue will require sacrifice and the confronting of good faith disagreements, but let us be encouraged that at "the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us...he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward" (245). May we help answer Pope Francis' call in this encyclical, receiving his message and growing in responsibility towards the common home that God has entrusted to us all.