

# *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12th, 2015*

**1st Reading:** Amos 7:12-15(104B)

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1:13-14

**Gospel:** Mark 6:7-13



*O Lord Jesus Christ, Who said to Your Apostles: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you," regard not my sins but the faith of Your Church, and deign to give her peace and unity according to Your Will: Who live and reign, God, world without end. Amen.*

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Exodus 1:8-14,22; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday: Exodus 3:1-6,9-12; Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday: Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30

Friday: Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday: Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday: Jeremiah 23:1-6(107B);

Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

## Stewardship

### Totals as of Sunday - July 5, 2015

Sunday Offering	\$3,603.25
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$2,612.00
Over	\$991.25

### LAST WEEKEND ATTENDANCES

July 4-5 141

## LAY MINISTRIES

Saturday July 18

Sunday July 19

Sunday July 19

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

7:00 a.m. Mass

11:15a.m. Mass

**Lector:**

Joan Hesik

Mary Kay L'Esperance

Sheila Wagner

**Minister of the Cup:**

Pam Ziomek

Gerard L'Esperance

Wayman Johnson

Saturday July 25

Sunday July 26

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4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

7:00 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

**Lector:**

Diane Begic

Denise Gelinias

Janet Menefee

**Minister of the Cup:** Mary Rose

Roger Gelinias

Jeanette Coleman



### Refreshments

July 19<sup>th</sup> Open

### Counters

July 19<sup>th</sup> Open

## 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.*



*Is for Infirm Priests*



*Next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm and Finance Council is scheduled @ 5:30 prior to the Parish Council. New Council members: Joan Hesik (Parish Council) Anna Marie Key (Finance Council)*

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**Thank you for your response to our request for help with construction cleanup.**

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](mailto: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 Ligon, 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.**

**Think what if!**

**Someone in our community or in your family is waiting for a donor.**

**You take holidays- the Blood Bank doesn't.**

**Will you Choose 2 Give?**

**Knights of Columbus, and Shepard Community Blood Center will host a blood drive**

**At the New Saint Mary Help of Christian Church  
On Fairfield Street.**

**Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm and**

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:45 am -2:00 pm**

**Every Blood Donor is a Hero**

**Each donor will receive a free T-Shirt and Free Lipid Profile after your 3rd donation in A calendar year.**

**Bring a picture ID, Driver's license or donor card!**



***Father Don moved into the assisted living facility on July 1<sup>st</sup>. His address is Carter May Home/St. Joseph Residence, Room 201, 1660 Ingram Rd., Charleston, SC 29407 Cell # 843 599-1620. I know he would love to hear from us.***

*Pope Francis' Greeting at Quito Cathedral in Ecuador on his visit to the South American Country.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have come to Quito as a pilgrim, to share with you the joy of spreading the Gospel. When I left the Vatican, I passed the statue of Saint Mariana de Jesús, who from the apse of Saint Peter's Basilica keeps watch over the little street which the Pope travels so often. I entrusted to her the fruits of this visit, and I prayed that all of us might learn from her example. Her sacrifice and her heroic virtue are usually represented by a flower, a lily. Yet, at Saint Peter's she holds a whole bouquet of flowers. Along with her own flower, she offers the Lord, in the heart of the Church, your flowers, and the flowers of all the people of Ecuador.

The Saints call us to imitate them and to learn from them. This was the case with Saint Narcisa de Jesús and Blessed Mercedes de Jesús Molina, who were challenged by Saint Mariana's example. How many of you here today have known what it is to be orphaned? How many of you have had to assume the responsibility of looking after younger brothers or sisters, despite being young yourselves? How many of you care daily with great patience for the sick or the elderly? Mariana did just this, and Narcisa and Mercedes followed her example. It is not difficult if God is with us. They accomplished no great feats in the eyes of the world. They simply loved much, and they showed this love in their daily lives, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others, in his people (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium* 24). Nor did they do this alone, they did it "side by side" with others. All the work that went into the building of this Cathedral was done that same way, our way, the way of the native peoples, quietly and unassumingly working alongside one another for the good of the community, without seeking credit or applause. God grant that, just as the stones of this cathedral were carried by those who went before us, we may carry one another's burdens, and thus help to build up or heal the lives of so many of our brothers and sisters incapable of doing it by themselves.

Today I am here with you, and you have shared with me the joy which fills your hearts: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings" (Is 52:7). This is the beauty we are called to spread, like an aroma of Christ: our prayer, our good works, and our sacrifices for those most in need. This is the joy of evangelizing and "blessed are you if you do these things" (Jn 13:17).

God bless you all!

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