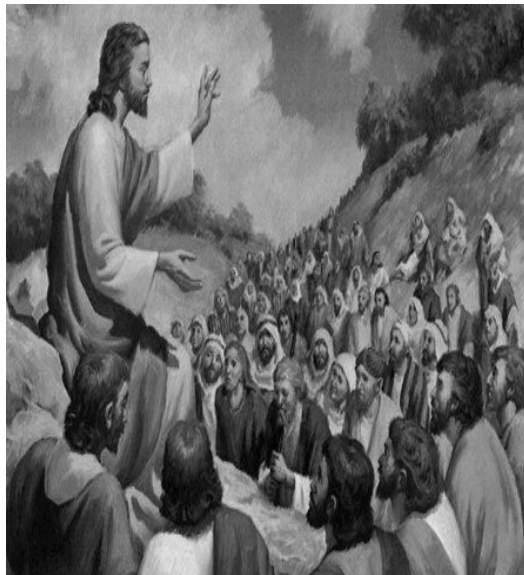


Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19th, 2015

1st Reading: *Jeremiah 23:1-6(107B)*

2nd Reading: *Ephesians 2:13-18*

Gospel: *Mark 6:30-34*



But people saw them going, and many recognized them; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length. MK 6:33-34

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday: Exodus 14:21-15:1; Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday: Exodus 16:1-5,9-15; John 20:1-2,11-18

Thursday: Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b;

Matthew 13:10-17

Friday: Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23 Saturday:

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28

Sunday: 2Kings 4:42-44(110B); Ephesians 4:1-6;

John 6:1-15

Stewardship

Totals as of Sunday - July 12, 2015

Sunday Offering	\$1,767.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$2,612.00
Short	\$845.00

LAST WEEKEND ATTENDANCES

July 11-12 116

LAY MINISTRIES

Saturday July 25
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Diane Begic

Lector:

Minister of the Cup: Mary Rose

Sunday July 26
7:00 a.m. Mass

Denise Gelinas

Roger Gelinas

Sunday July 26
11:15 a.m. Mass

Janet Menefee

Jeanette Coleman

Saturday August 1
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Tami Schaeffer

Lector:

Minister of the Cup: Jerry Schaeffer

Sunday August 2
7:00 a.m. Mass

Mary Kay L'Esperance

Gerard L'Esperance

Sunday August 2
11:15a.m. Mass

Patricia Hayes

Jacqueline Brown

Refreshments

July 26th Open

Counters

*July 26th Nancy Durden
and Mary Rose*



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.

Rich Borst will be holding a Virtus Training Session on July 24th at 9:30 AM. The location is St. Gerard. If you plan to attend you will need to register on line at www.virtus.org. This training is necessary for anyone involved with children and/or vulnerable adults, through a church activity. Sign up in hallway and online.

Ministries

Installation of ministries will be held August 2nd at the Masses that the individuals normally attend. Please inform the office if you will be present for the installation 803 649-3203 or email stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net.

Father needs to know how many will be present.

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 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 8th from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm and

Sunday, August 9th 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!



**July 19th 11:15 AM for Camilla Batung:
from The Cadeks**

We are in the process of up dating the bullion and making a brochure. Part of growing and getting our church out there is appearance and advertising our selves. We now have a Facebook page. Every one please log on and like our page. Also we need ideas for the page and the brochure. Pictures also. Please contribute to the effort and let us know what you love about St. Gerard. Email all info to stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net

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I know we have a shortage of youths in the parish but we need altar servers for all three Masses. We have young people that will serve if they are here but we need regular servers on a schedule that is a commitment on the part of the families. We also need more training of those servers and installation just like the adult ministries. Please sign up and commit to being here on the day and time for which you sign up. Call or sign up in hallway. Thanks

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If you are tired of envelopes consider having your bank automatically cut a check and mailing it directly to St. Gerard each week or month. I know some you like to do it yourself but think about some of the hassle with envelopes. For instance if you are out of town. Most banks don't charge a dime for this service. It might make it easier for you.

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

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Father Don address is Carter May Home/St. Joseph Residence, Room 201, 1660 Ingram Rd., Charleston, SC 29407 Cell # 843 599-1620.