

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26th, 2015



JESUS MULTIPLIES THE FIVE LOAVES AND TWO SMALL FISHES.

1st Reading: 2Kings 4:42-44(110B)

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'Here is a small boy with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that among so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were sitting there; he then did the same with the fish, distributing as much as they wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing is wasted.' So they picked them up and filled twelve large baskets with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Exodus 32:15-24,30-34; Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday: Exodus 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28; Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday: Exodus 34:29-35; John 11:19-27

Thursday: Exodus 40:16-21,34-38; Matthew 13:47-53

Friday: Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37;

Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday: Leviticus 25:1,8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15(113B);

Ephesians 4:17,20-24; John 6:24-35

Stewardship

Totals as of Sunday - July 19, 2015

Sunday Offering	\$2,061.55
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$2,612.00
Short	\$550.45

LAST WEEKEND ATTENDANCES

July 18-19 133

LAY MINISTRIES

Saturday August 1

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday August 2

7:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday August 2

11:15a.m. Mass

Lector:

Tami Schaeffer

Mary Kay L'Esperance

Patricia Hayes

Minister of the Cup: Jerry Schaeffer

Gerard L'Esperance

Jacqueline Brown

Saturday August 8

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday August 9

7:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday August 9

11:15 a.m. Mass

Lector:

Diane Begic

Denise Gelinis

Richardean Paige

Minister of the Cup: Mary Rose

Roger Gelinis

Jeanette Coleman



Refreshments

August 2nd Open

Counters

August 2nd Nancy Durden
Anna Marie Key

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.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 11th at 6:30 PM you are welcome to be a guest.

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

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

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. The Finance and Pastoral Councils will be installed at an 11:15 Mass (date to be determined later).

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 Gilbert, 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.**

**Knights of Columbus, and Sheppard 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

Sunday, August 9th from 7:45am -2:00 pm

Blood cannot be harvested it can only be donated!

Healthy donors are the only source.

This means you can save a life by becoming a donor.

One out of every Seven-hospital patients

Are in need of blood

Will you Choose 2 Give?

THE NEED IS CONSTANT &

THE GRATIFICATION IS INSTANT!

Each donor will receive a free T-Shirt and free Lipid Profile

After your 3rd donation in a calendar year.

Bring a picture ID, Drivers license or donor card!

Donors should drink plenty of water prior to donating.

Thank you,

We are in the process of up dating the bulletin 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

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Jackie Cobbs volunteers at Our Lady of the Valley for The Benefit Bank. The Benefit Bank's online service simplifies and centralizes the process of applying for programs and resources such as food assistance, health coverage, FAFSA, home energy assistance and much more. Through it's eligibility screening tool, TBB can ensure that people are fully aware of the benefits for which they are eligible and as an expert system it helps maximize the benefits. TBB is unique because it functions as a benefits eligibility screener and a benefits application filler. (Thebenefitbank.org)

Basically, TBB is a go-between for Social Services and the public. Instead of going to the offices for their initial application they just go to a TBB counselor. The counselor will apply for them online and send their form/forms electronically. Jackie is at OLV on Mondays and Fridays. As a member of St. Gerard's Outreach Committee she is available to assist members of our parish. She can be reached anytime at 803 617-9532 and arrangements can be made for an appointment.